

Transfer of experience for the development of solar thermal products

Common Information Package



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Technical description, sizing and calculations methods of large scale combined solar systems

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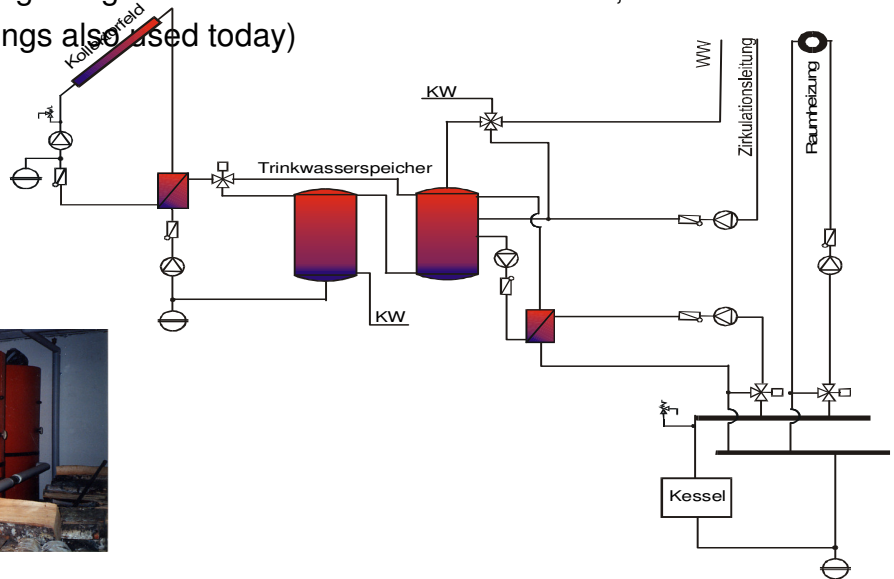
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State of the art



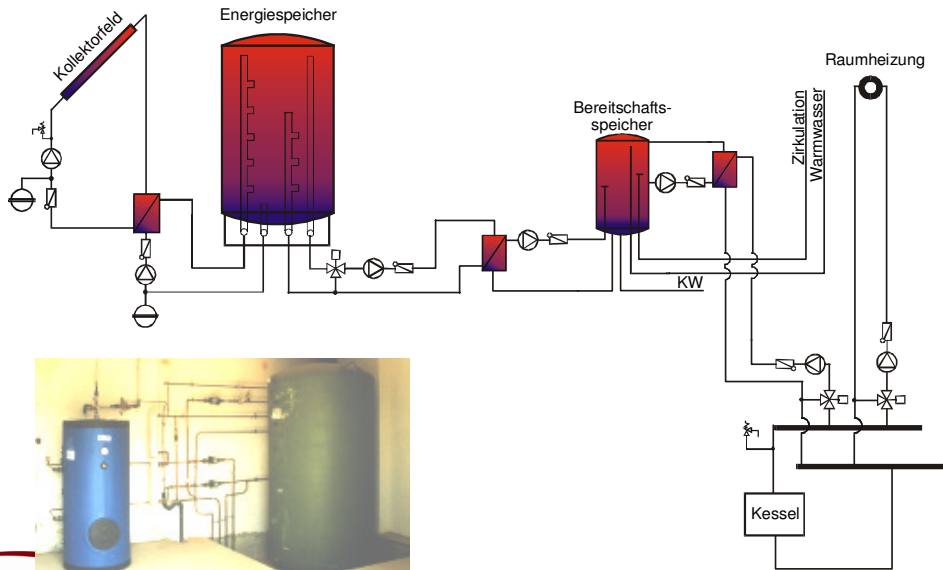
Development of combined solar systems

- Combined solar systems of the 1st generation in Austria
(Started at the beginning of the 90's until the end of the 90's, at a small number of dwellings also used today)



Development of combined solar systems

- Combined solar systems of the 2nd generation in Austria
(Started in the middle of the 90's until today)



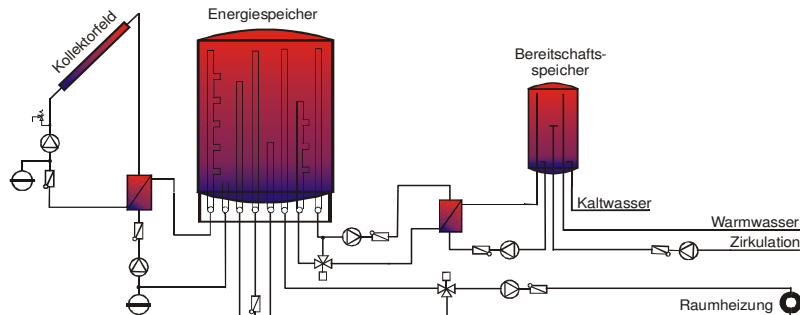
Numerous results of measurement showed....

- Solar supported distribution nets of the 1st and 2nd generation are not always working as efficiently as they should (losses!)
- Return temperatures are usually very high

Heat producer up to 20%

Heat storage up to 30% of the total heat demand

Heat distribution up to 40%



⇒ low annual system performance (often 30 to 40%)

⇒ low specific solar gains and covering degrees

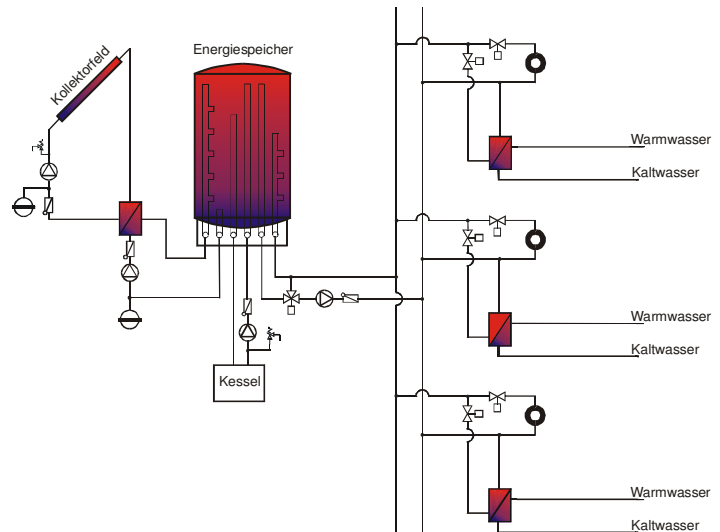
Requirements of solar supported heat nets of the 3rd generation

- Holistic systems
- Adapted basic conditions for the use of solar systems
- Conceptual reduction of calorific losses
- Highest comfort for occupants
- Hygienically harmless drinking water heating up
- Economically meaningfully
- Modern control of operating
- Apart from the employment in new buildings an employment in existing buildings must be possible

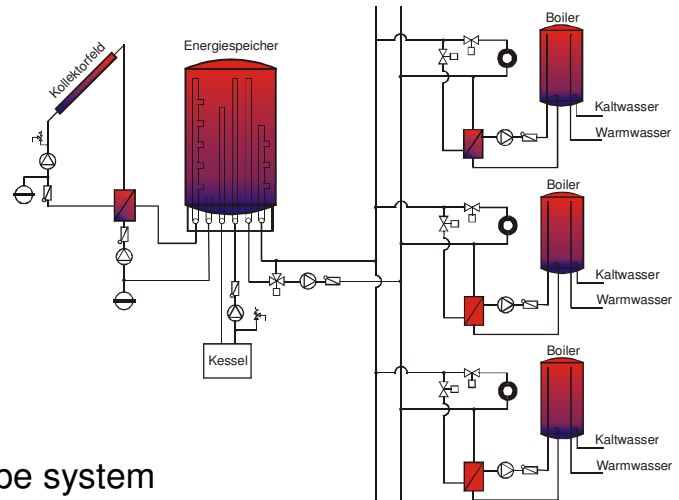


2-pipe nets can absolutely fulfill these requirements!

Plant hydraulics of combined solar systems in large applications

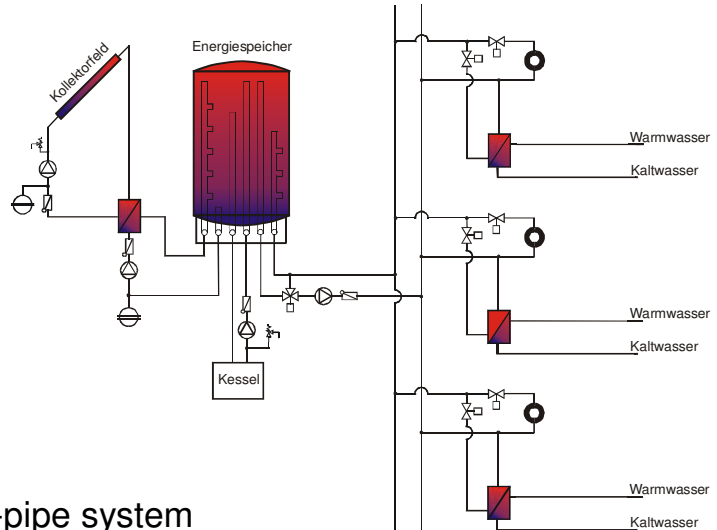


Solar supported heat systems of the 3rd generation in Austria



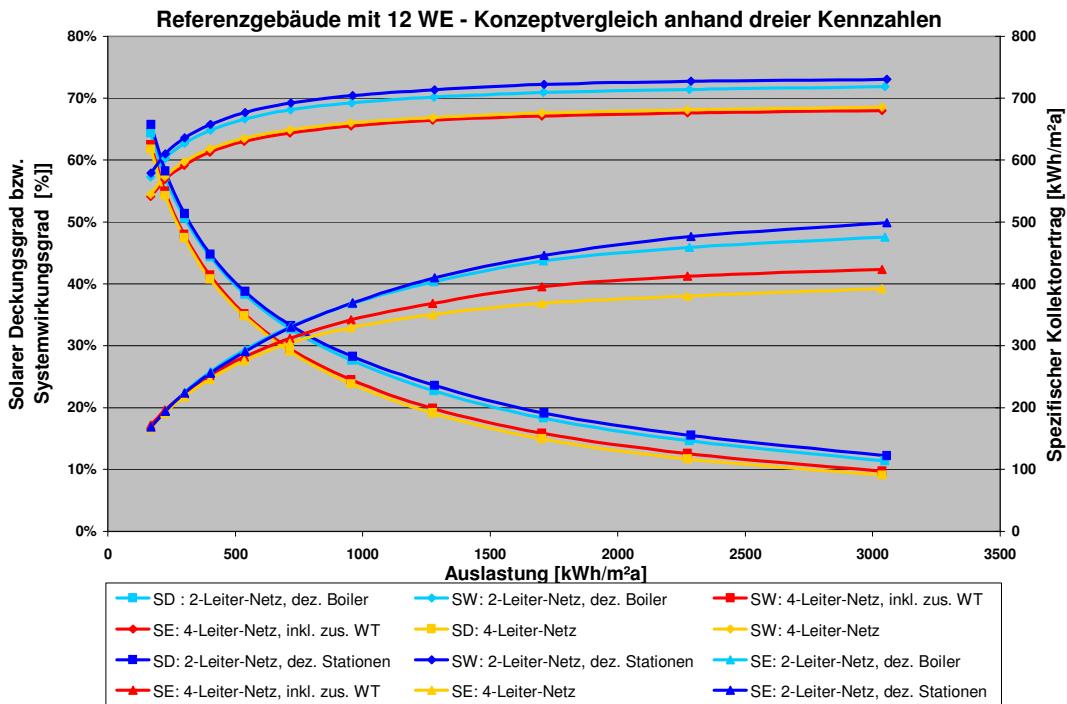
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- Hot water heating with a decentralised storage
- Meaningful employment with small energy densities (dwellings, etc.)

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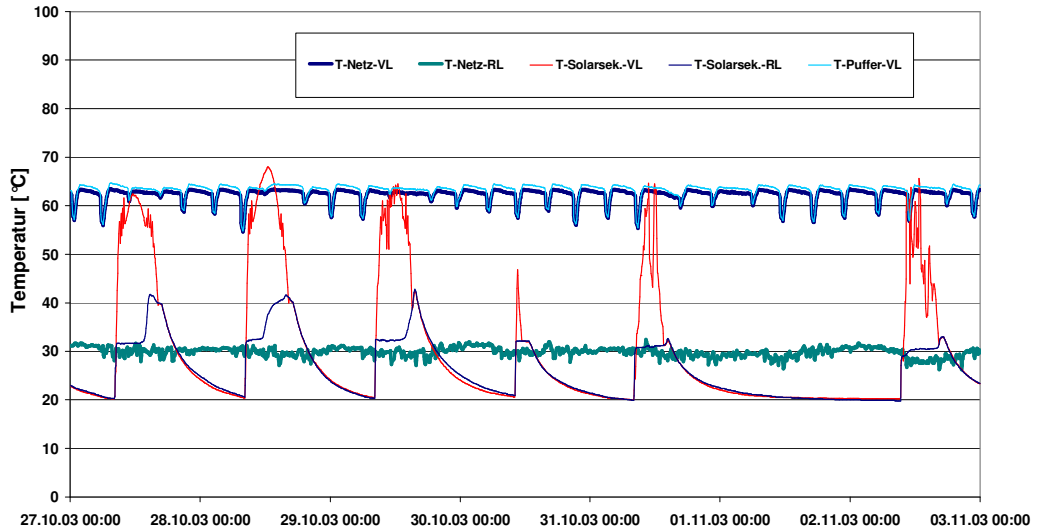
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Advantages of 2-pipe systems



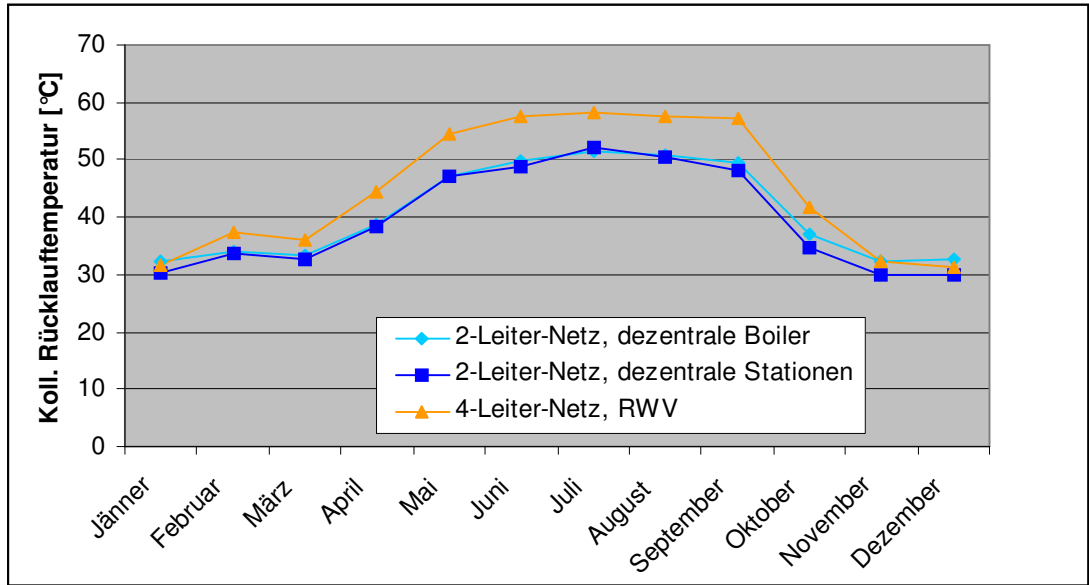
Advantages of 2-pipe systems

- Return is nearly constant at 30°C and offers best conditions for the use of solar thermal systems



Advantages of 2-pipe systems

- Comparison of annual return temperatures of three different systems, 12 units, 20% solar covering degree

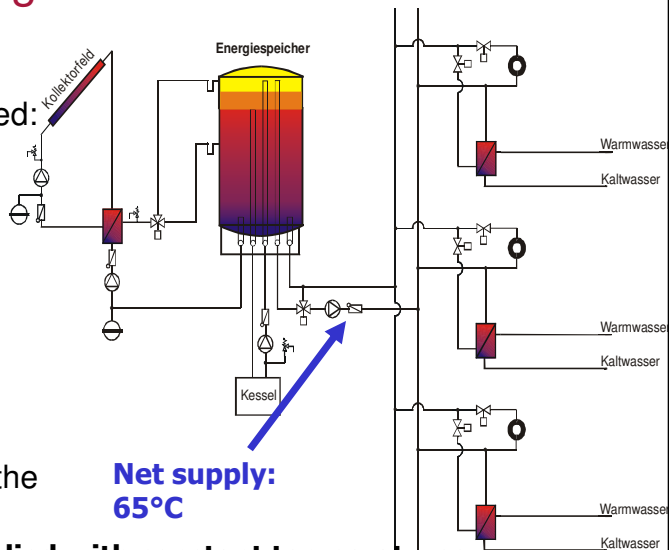


Advantages of 2-pipe systems

- Distribution losses are set to a minimum
- Because of the system a automatically heat support can be achieved
- Extensive tests show cheaper heat prices compared to 4-pipe systems
- A gain in comfort and absolutely harmless water hygiene
- Reduction of the error frequency in industrial manufactured housing stations and no auxiliary energy is needed

Solar supported energy nets: 2-pipe systems with decentralised district heating substations

- Solar system
 - If an energy storage is integrated:
 - > Operational mode: Low (Matched) Flow
- Conventional boiler:
 - Feeds into the energy storage
- Heat distribution:
 - With a pair of pipes (2 pipes)
- Hot water preparation:
 - Decentralised flow principle in the flat



**Net supply:
65°C**

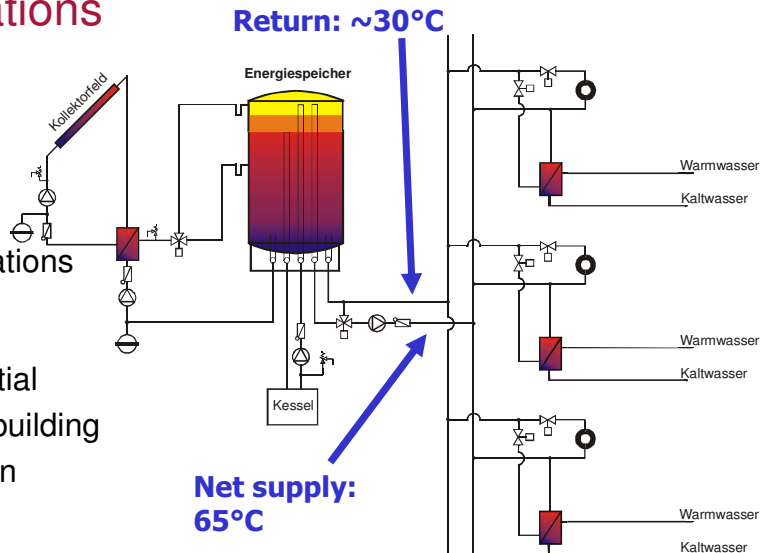
Important: The distribution net is supplied with constant temperatures (approximately 65 °C) during summer and winter

Important: the upper part of the storage needs to be kept on a minimum temperature (65°C) → security of supply

Important: Heater dimensioning 65/40

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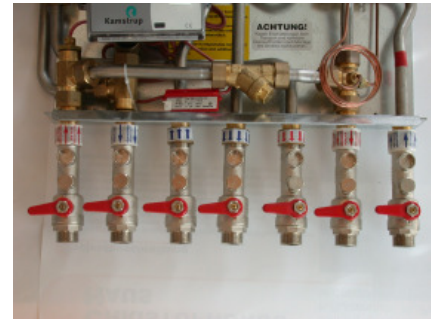
- Important components:
 - Mixing valve
 - Pump
 - District heating substations
- Application:
 - New building, residential buildings in compact building method, reconstruction



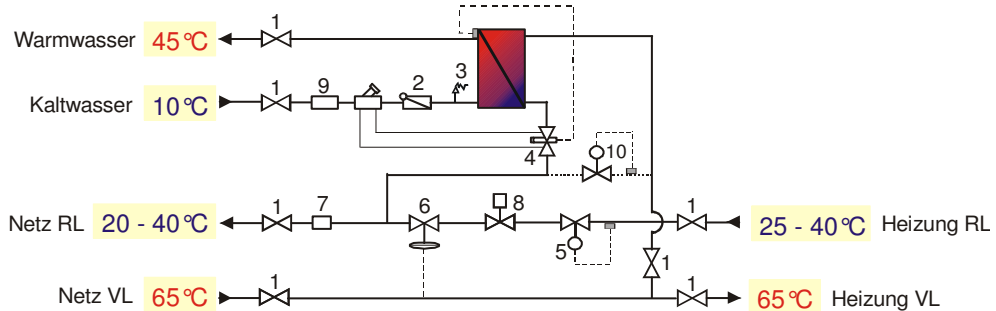
Advantage: The hole year low return temperatures of approximately 30°C \rightarrow few distribution net losses

Substations

- Advantages of substations:
 - Industrial manufacturing
 - Highest quality criteria
 - No external energy requirement
 - Low investment costs
 - Individual design (finery, in the wall, different geometry)



Construction of substations

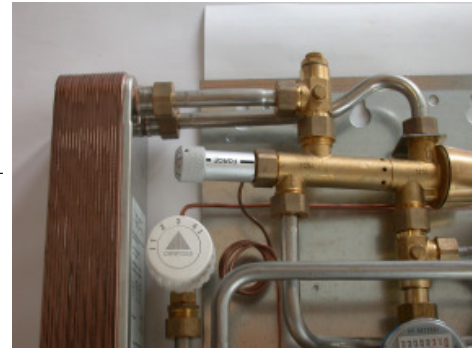
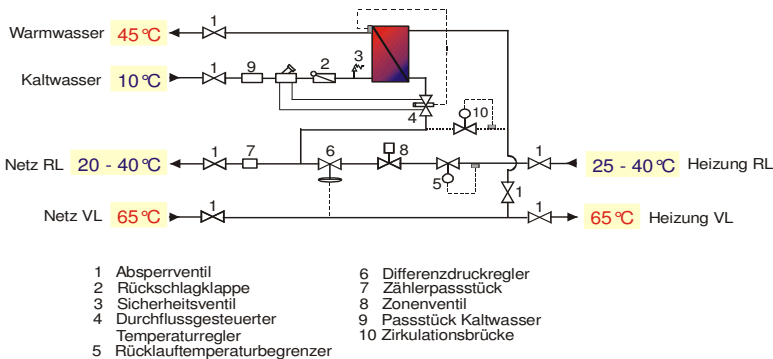


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| 2 Rückschlagklappe | 7 Zählerpassstück |
| 3 Sicherheitsventil | 8 Zonenventil |
| 4 Durchflussgesteuerter Temperaturregler | 9 Passstück Kaltwasser |
| 5 Rücklauftemperaturbegrenzer | 10 Zirkulationsbrücke |

- Functions⁵
 - Hot water preparation
 - Heat supply

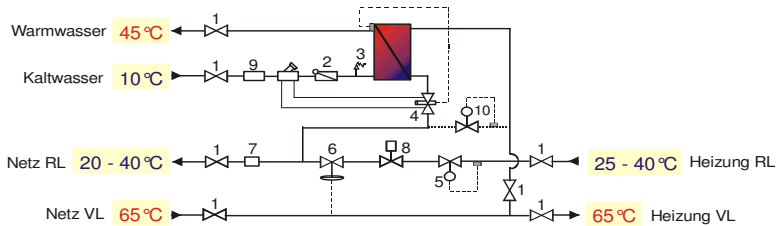
All components for decentralized hot water heating and space heating are contained

Functions of substations



- Important components for hot water preparation:
 - Plate heat exchanger: hot water is produced when its needed
 - > Small risk of legionella
 - > Highest hygiene
 - Proportional controller: regulates the hot water temperature and adapts the flow rate to the hot water consumption
 - > No calcification because of the temperature limit

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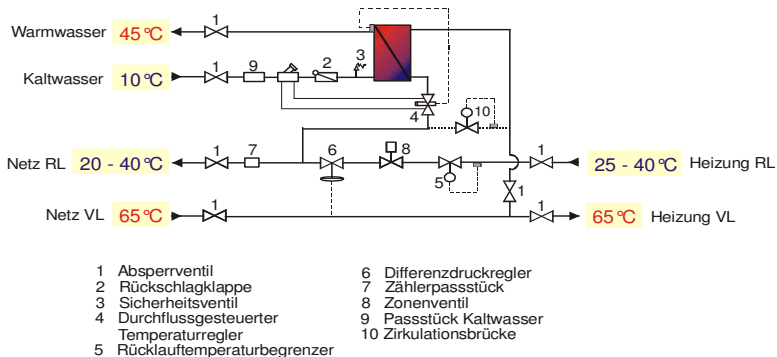


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- Important components for heat preparation:
 - Differential pressure regulating valve: hot water is produced when its needed
 - > Provide a constant mass flow in individual units of the dwellings
 - > Inappropriate adjusting can be prevented by fixed pre-setting
 - Return controller: are used in the return and fixed on 40°C
 - Thermostatic valve: control the temperature in the units

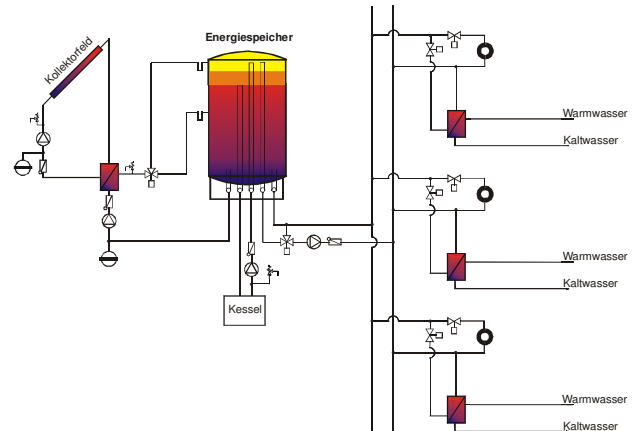
Measuring devices of substations



- Important components for measuring the demand:
 - Water meter
 - > measures the total amount of hot water used in a unit
 - Heat meter
 - > measures the total amount of hot water and heat used in a unit
 - Can be read out manually or via a bus-system

Distribution net

- Characteristics of 2-pipe systems with substations
 - Strongly varying flow due to the decentralized hot water preparation
 - Constant flow temperatures over an entire operational year



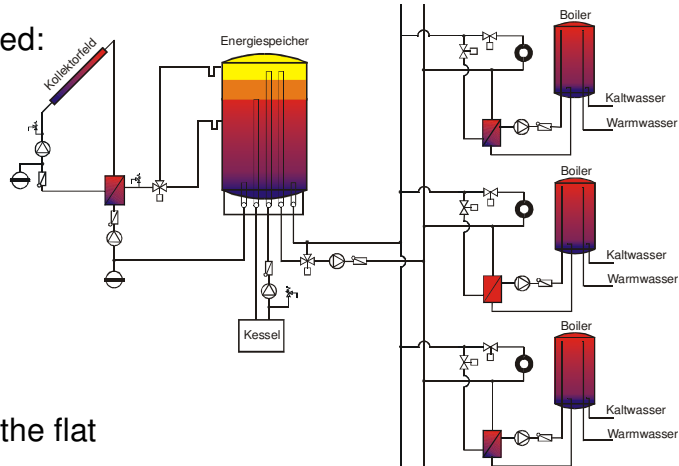
Distribution net

- Volume flow
 - Between summer and winter varying volume, usage of two pumps:
 - > Pump for summer
 - > Pump for winter
 - > Reduction of the needed electricity
 - Ascending pipe needs to be regulated correctly, usage of a differential pressure regulating valve
 - Mixing valve: temperatures up to 95 °C during summer mean highest requirements on the mixing valve



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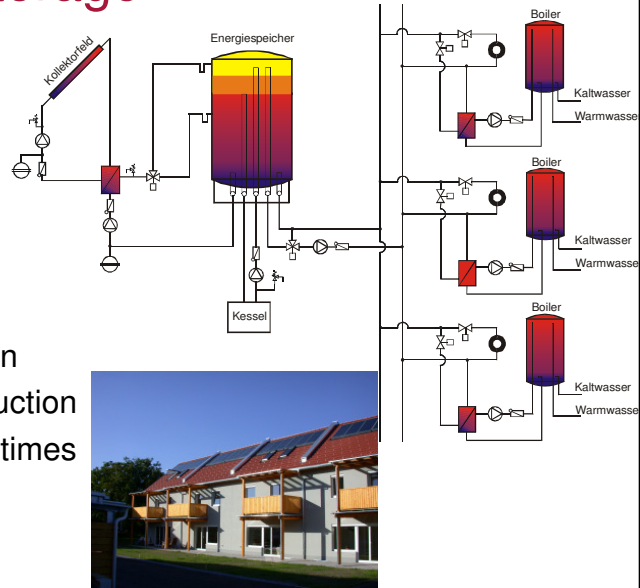
Important: The distribution net is used 22h to 23h for the heat supply and just 1h to load the boiler

Important: the upper part of the storage needs to be kept on a minimum temperature (65°C) → security of supply

Important: Heater dimensioning 65/40

Solar supported energy nets: 2-pipe systems with decentralised hot water storage

- Important components:
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- Application:
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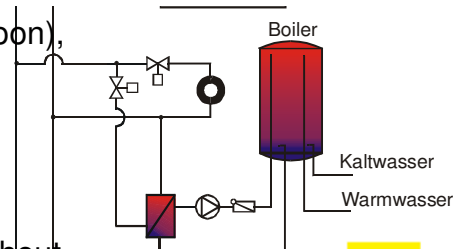


Advantage: Low return temperatures from the beginning of the boiler load

Advantage: Distribution losses are reduced during summer (pipes are heated up just once/day)

Hot water preparation / Space heat supply

- Hot water storage:
 - Dimensioning on a daily use of 150-200 litres
 - Placement: storage, toilet, bath, possibly cellars
 - > Importantly: short ways to the taps
- Loading of the hot water storage:
 - external heat exchangers
 - > Deep return temperatures can be obtained
 - > Importantly: hydraulic uncoupling
- Loading:
 - Low loads, irradiation-strong time periods (at noon), load duration (1h)
- Space heat supply:
 - Dimensioning of radiators on a max. 65/40 °C



Usage of low temperature systems possible without

Summary

2 pipe systems with substations

Application:

- new buildings
- reconstruction
- dwellings and terraced houses

Advantages:

- low investment costs
- hygienical hot water preparation
- compact
- low required space
- low distribution losses
- amount of hot water is unlimited
- comfort

Disadvantages:

- pump is used the whole year
- operating current

2 pipe systems with decentralized hot water storage

Application:

- new buildings
- residential buildings in compact building method
- reconstruction

Advantages:

- heats up the distribution net just once a day (low distribution losses)
- hygienical hot water preparation

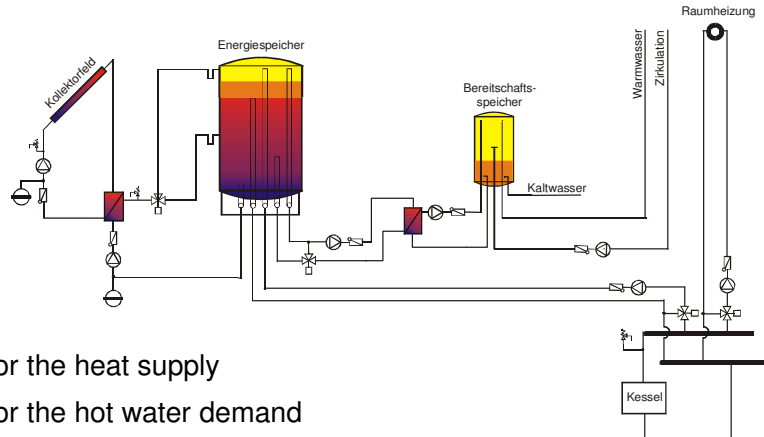
Disadvantages:

- higher investment cost because of the decentralized hot water storage
- more space is needed

Solar supported 4-pipe systems

- Application

- Reconstruction of buildings with already existing central hot water distribution



- Functions:

- One pair of pipes for the heat supply
- One pair of pipes for the hot water demand

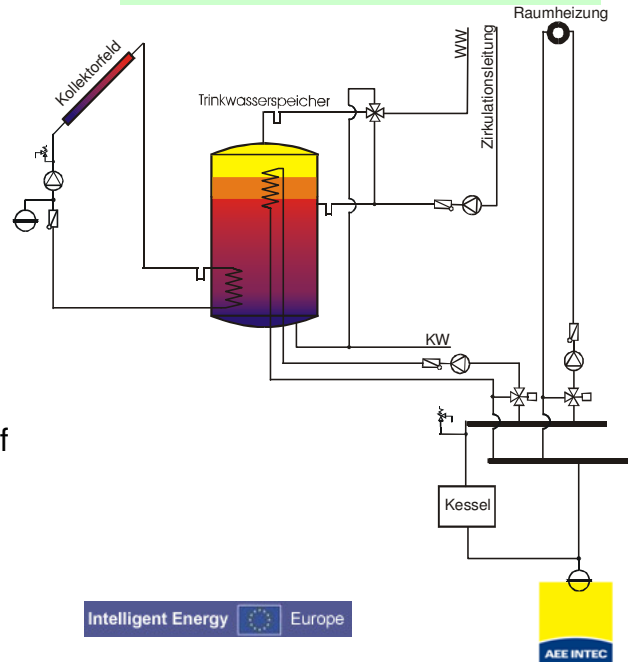
- Separation in:

- Systems with one storage (max. 10 units)
- Systems with two storages (larger dwellings)

4-pipe system with hot water storage

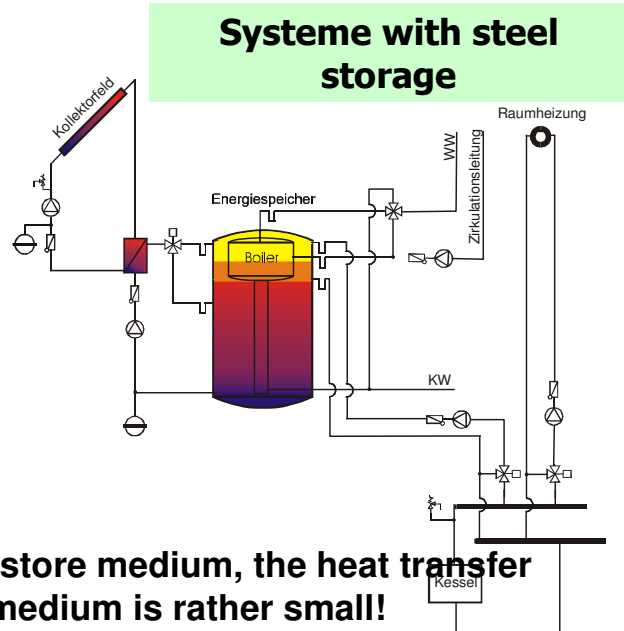
- Application: for a maximum of 10 flats
- Hot water storage
 - Cost-intensive by interior coating or high-grade steel
 - high requirements on water hygiene
- Integration of the solar system
 - Internal heat exchanger
 - Plate heat exchanger
- Temperature delimitation of the storage on 60 °C: Calcifying danger of the external heat exchanger

Systeme with hot water storage



4-pipe system with one steel storage

- Steel storage
 - Is used as energy storage
- Integration of the solar system
 - Internal heat exchanger
 - Plate heat exchanger
- Hot water preparation
 - Internal water storage
 - Internal tube heat exchanger



Because of the standing energy store medium, the heat transfer between hot water and storage medium is rather small!

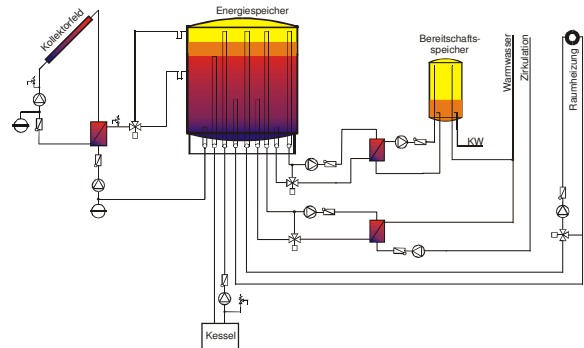
Supply security is ensured by the provision of a large amount of hot water and large container or tube heat exchanger area

4-pipe system with two-storage systems

- Application
 - For large hot water consumption



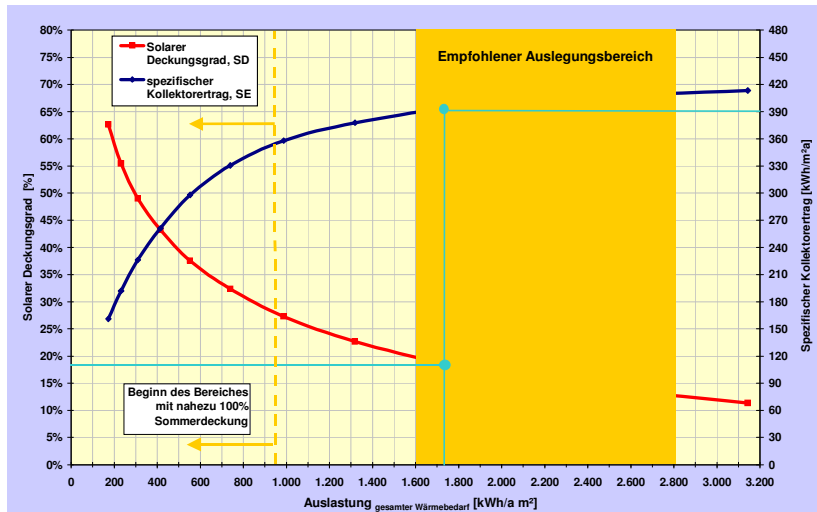
- Layout
 - Central energy storage (steel), Central hot water storage to cover peak loads
 - Conventional heat generator feeds exclusive in the energy storage
 - Energy storage supplies the space heating



Increased solar results up to 10% compared to solar systems for the hot water preparation → should be included in heat heating system!

Sometimes old storages can be used!

Dimensioning of combined systems in dwellings



Dimensioning of combined systems in dwellings

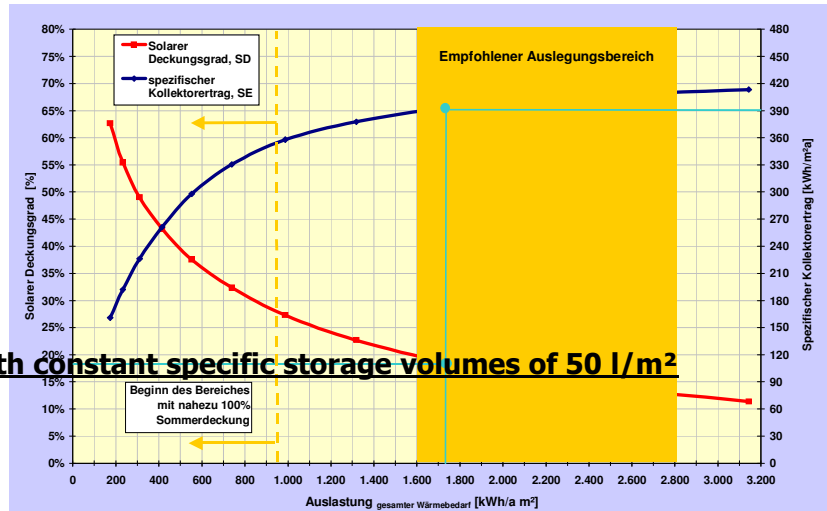
- Dimensioning of the characteristics:
 - collector surface [m²]
 - Storage volume [litre]
- Are considered:
 - Energetic and economical aspects
 - Dimensioning with easy understandable nomographs
- Distinction between:
 - Dimensioning nomographs for combined systems / hot water systems
- Possible results:
 - Gross collector surface [m²]
 - Solar storage volume [litre]
 - Solar covering degree at the total energy need [%]
- Conditions for the dimensioning; knowledge of:
 - Annual hot water and heat demand
 - Introduce an auxiliary characteristic number: load



$$\text{load} = \frac{\text{total demand of heat and hot water}}{\text{net collector area}} = \frac{\text{kWh/ year}}{\text{m}^2}$$

Distinction of the dimensioning strategy

- Most important factors on investment and solar fraction – storage and collector area
- 1. Dimensioning in the cost/use optimum
 - Recommended collector area with a solar fraction of 12% appr. $0,9\text{m}^2/\text{person}$ - 20% appr. $1,4\text{m}^2/\text{person}$
- 2. Dimensioning on almost 100% summer covering
 - Recommended collector area with a solar fraction of 28% appr. $2\text{m}^2/\text{person}$
- Fixed surface



The nomograph works with constant specific storage volumes of 50 l/m² gross collector area!

Dimensioning example

Residential building with 21 accommodation units

Heat demand: appr. 120.000 kWh/a

Hot water demand: appr. 32.000 kWh/a

Complete demand: 152.000 kWh/a

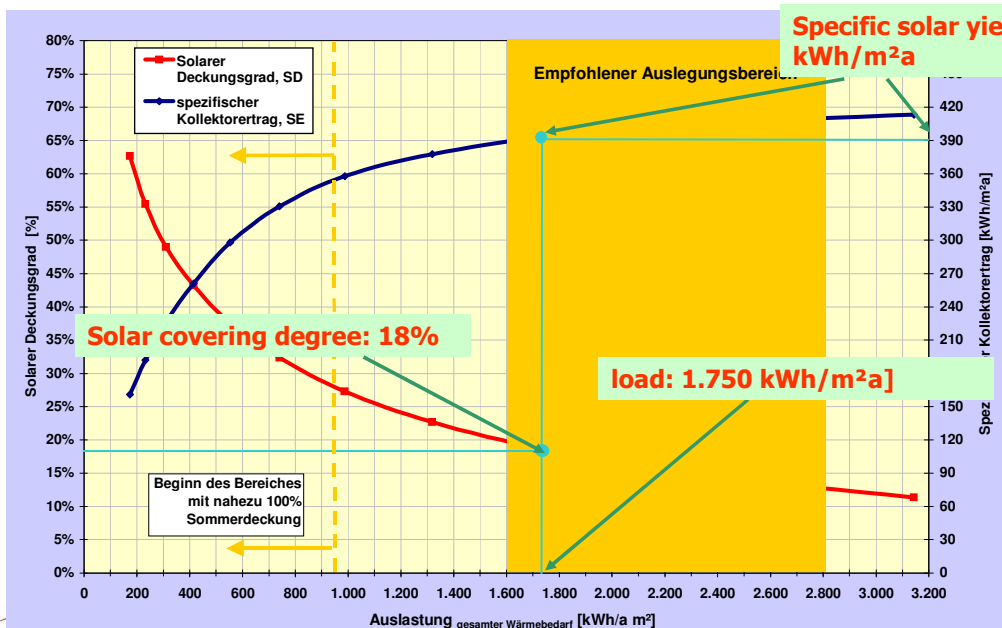
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Wanted data:

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Storage volume [litre]

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- **1.step: determination of the load -> 1.750 kWh/m²a**
- **2.step: determination of the collector area**

$$\text{collector area} = \frac{\text{total demand of heat and hot water [kWh / a]}}{\text{load [kWh / m}^2 \cdot \text{a]}} = \text{area [m}^2\text{]}$$

$$\text{collector area} = \frac{152.000 \text{ kWh / a}}{1.750 \text{ kWh / a}} = 87 \text{ m}^2$$

- **3. Step: storage volume: 87m²x50l/m² = 4.350l**
- **4. Step: annual solar yield**

$$\text{solar yield} = \text{specific solar yield [kWh / m}^2 \cdot \text{a]} * \text{gross collector area [m}^2\text{]} = \text{solar yield [kWh / a]}$$

$$\text{solar yield} = 390 \text{ [kWh/m}^2 \cdot \text{a]} \times 87 \text{ [m}^2\text{]} = 33.930 \text{ kWh/a}$$

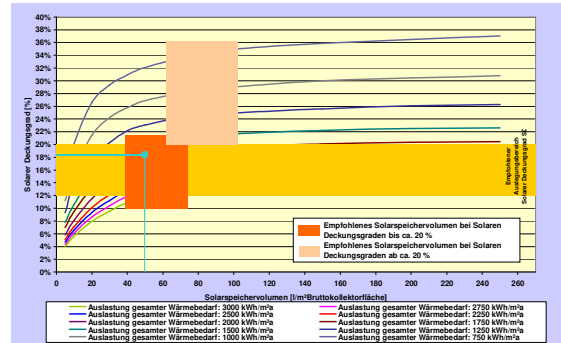
The previous dimensioning nomograph works with constant specific solar storage volumes [50 Liter/m² Bruttokollfl.]



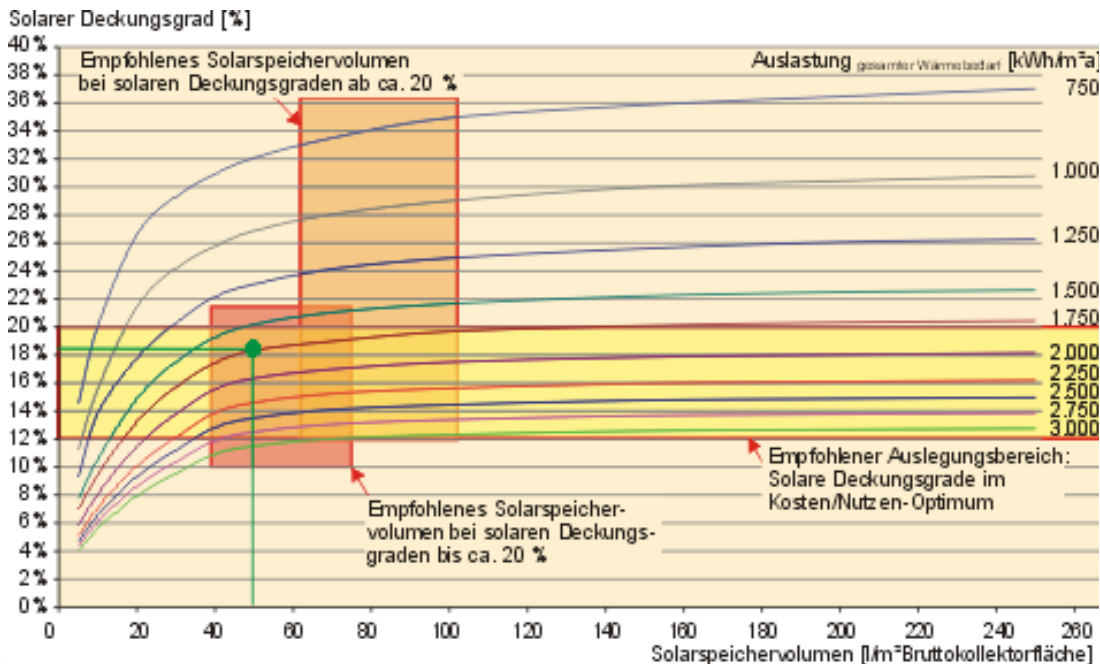
Valid with dimensioning in cost/use optimum (solar covering degrees between 12% and 20%)



If you want to dimension solar systems with higher solar covering degrees, you need use the following dimensioning nomograph!



Specific dimensioning nomograph - suitably even for higher solar covering degrees



9.1 Solarunterstützte Wärmeversorgungskonzepte - Dimensionierung BW+RH

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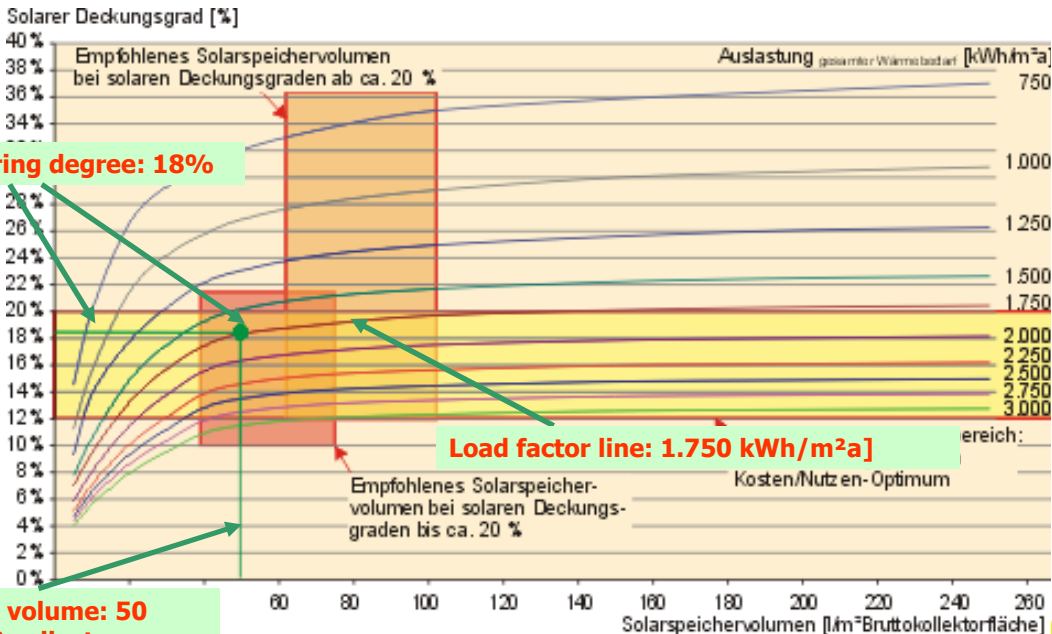
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Storage volume [litre]

Annual solar yield [kWh/a]



Solar covering degree: 18%

Load factor line: 1.750 kWh/m²a

Storage volume: 50
litre/m² collector area

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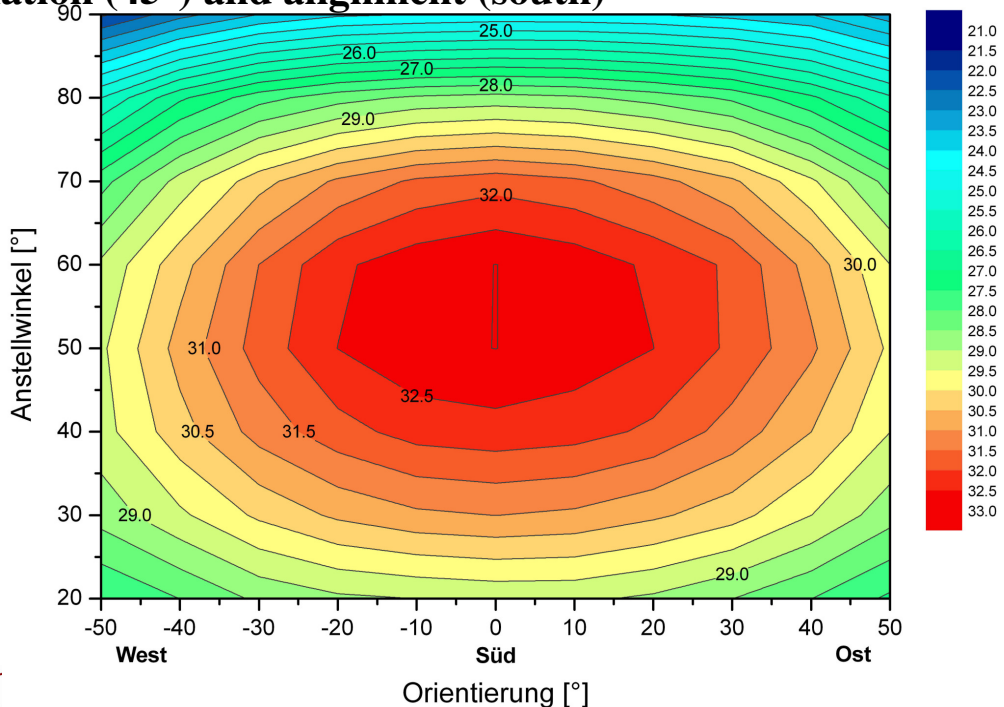
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This is a nomograph to correct the previous dimensioning nomographs which is based on a fixed defined collector inclination (45°) and alignment (south)



Ranges of recommended angles of inclination and alignment of collector surfaces in dependence of the solar covering degree

| Desired dimensioning | Solar covering degree | Recommended collector angle of inclination | Recommended collector alignment |
|--|-----------------------|--|---|
| Dimensioning in cost/use optimum | appr. 12% | 25 to 40° | preferable South, tolerable deviation eastward 45° and the west 45° |
| | appr. 20% | 30 to 45° | preferable South, tolerable deviation eastward 45° and the west 45° |
| Dimensioning with 100% summer covering | appr. 28% | 40 to 55° | preferable South, tolerable deviation eastward 45° and the west 45° |
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Connection of large collector fields



Requirements on collector connections

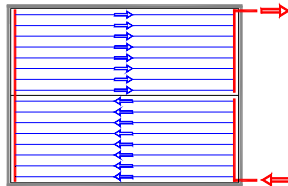
- Heat transfer between absorbers and heat distribution media as good as possible
- Pressure losses by the collector flow as small as possible
- Standard dimensions from the manufacturers should be used
- To reduce the calorific losses, the material and assembly costs a small cross section of pipes is needed

Serial connection is desired

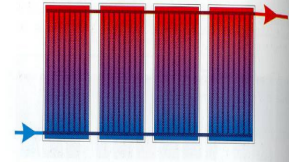
Flow principle: „Low flow“

Advantages of large-scale installations compared to single collectors

- Large-scale installation



- Single collector

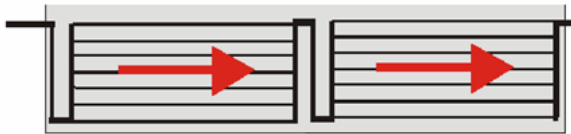


- Reduction in installation time by crane
- Reduction in connection number
- Daily performance of over 300m² collector surface (100m² inclusive elevation)
- Quality increase by process and locally reduced connection expenditure

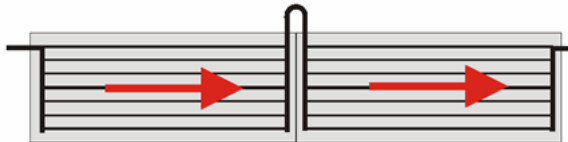
Expansion Compensation

Copper with 200 K ΔT :
expansion: **3,5 mm/m**

- Expansion loops in the collector



- External expansion loop with flexible pipe



- Collector manufacturer must indicate the maximum number of single collectors in series and/or the use of expansion loops

General Aspects

- Connect as much as possible collectors in series
- Turbulent flow in the collector should be achieved -> optimal efficiency
- Use of insulation valves in parallel collector fields -> separate purging of the collector fields
- In unequal parallel collector fields
 - Alignment of the different mass flows
 - Use of circuit control valves
 - Highest temperature-resistance
 - Positioning of valves so far as possible from the collector (mostly in the return)



Thank you for your attention!

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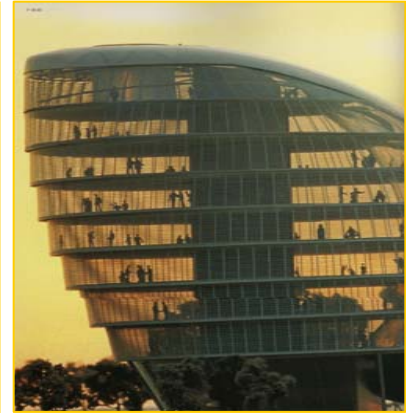
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1. Primary energy demand

- **Energy consumption in commercial and residential buildings:**
 - 40% of Europe's energy bill.
 - 435 Mtoe in 2002.
- **Increased demand for air conditioning in buildings:**
 - Higher living and working standards
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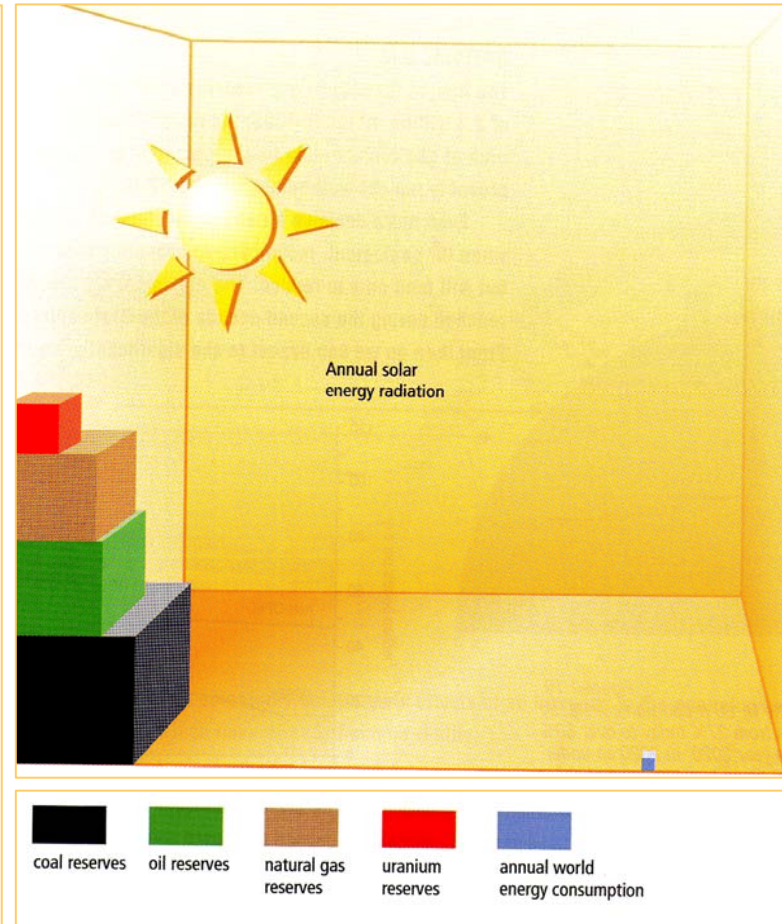


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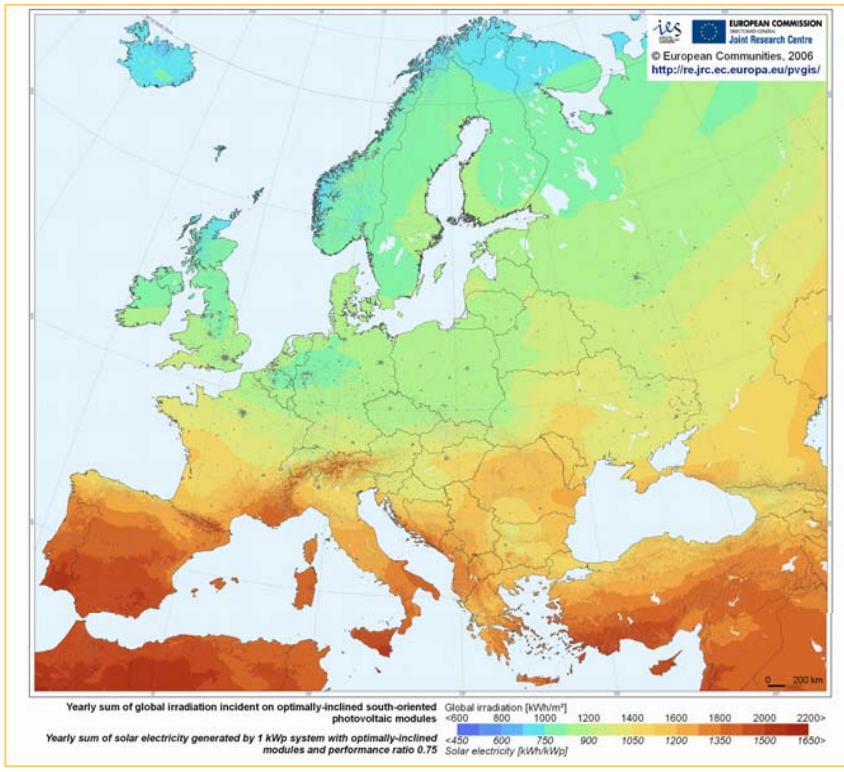
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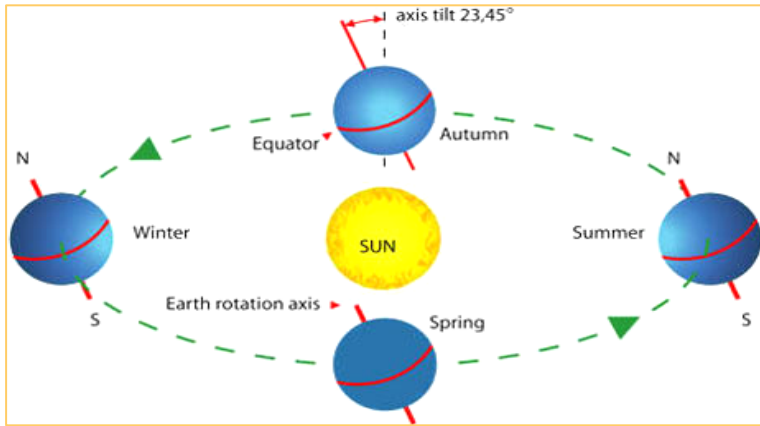


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Average annual solar irradiance is an important value for designing a solar plant. It depends on the geographical location, i.e. Saharan desert has 2.2 times higher radiation that Europe.

The **average solar irradiance is higher at lower latitudes**, since the rotation axis of the earth forms an angle of 23.45° with the perpendicular.



2. Solar Collectors Optimum Angle

Geographical location

- **Winter use:** geographical latitude of area + 15°
- **Summer use:** geographical latitude of area - 15°
- **Annual use:** collector angle = geographical latitude

RESULTS OF INCIDENT RADIATION ON COLLECTORS (FROM TSOL)

Place: Athens

Azimuth: 0

G Inclined, Specific[kWh/m²]
according to collectors inclination (in degrees °)

| From: | To: | 0 | 10 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 75 | 80 | 85 | 90 |
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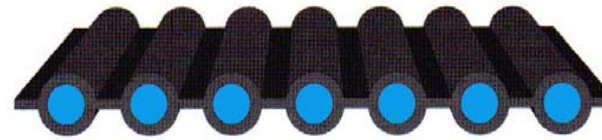
Unglazed collectors

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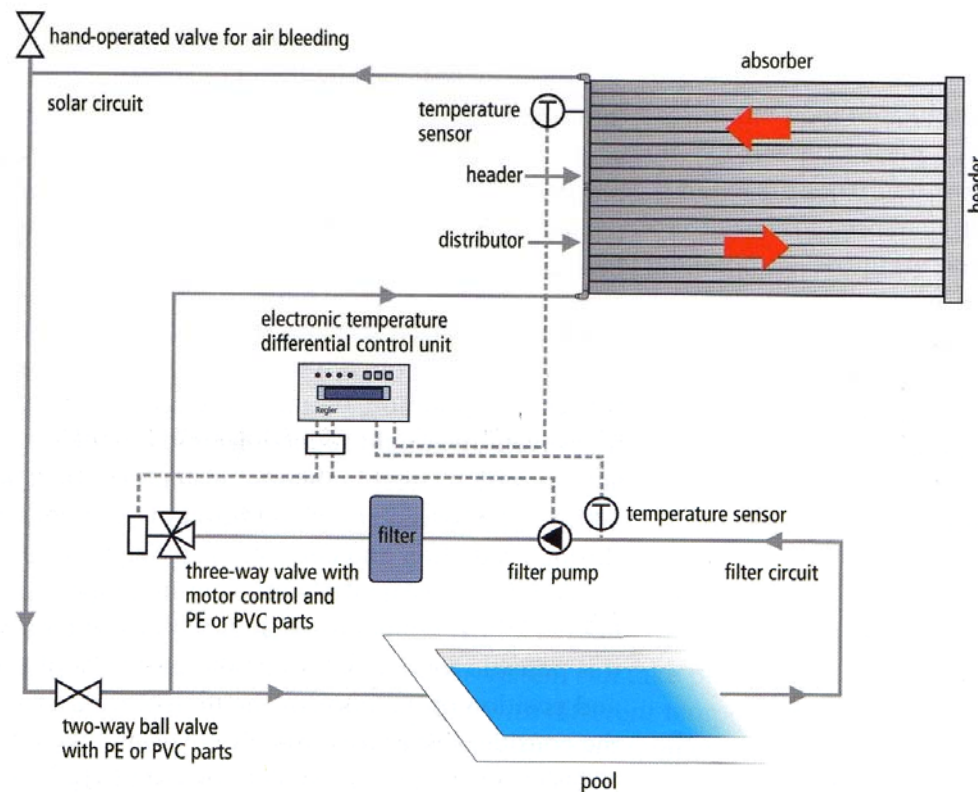
- No glazing, no insulation
- Low operation temperature
- Low cost, average payback time 1-5 years
- High thermal losses, low performance

Applications

- Pool heating only. Warm climates: to extend the swimming period from April-October.



unglazed collector, absorber

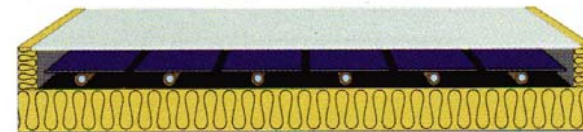


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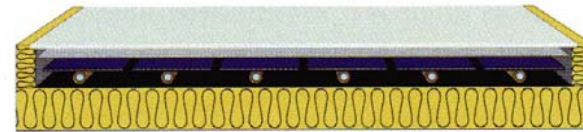
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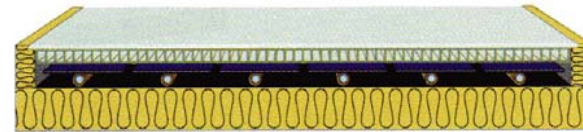
- DHW
- Space heating
- Solar air conditioning (selective coating)



standard flat collector



collector with limited convection



collector with transparent heat insulation



| Collector type | Cost | Performance (kWh/m ² a) | Application |
|--------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Unglazed | Low | 300 | Pool heating |
| Flat plate (black paint) | Middle | 650 | Pool heating, Hot water |
| Flat plate (selective coating) | Middle | 700 | Hot water, space heating, solar a/c |

3. Solar Thermal Systems

The solar collector converts the light that penetrates its glass into heat. The generated heat flows then to the hot water store.

- **Thermosyphon**

No pumps, since gravity is used for liquid transport

- **Forced circulation**

Circulating pumps required, in Northern - Central Europe

- **Direct (drainback) system**

Direct circulation of domestic water through the collector, heat transfer medium: water. When the collector pump is switched off, the collector drains completely.

- **Indirect (filled) system**

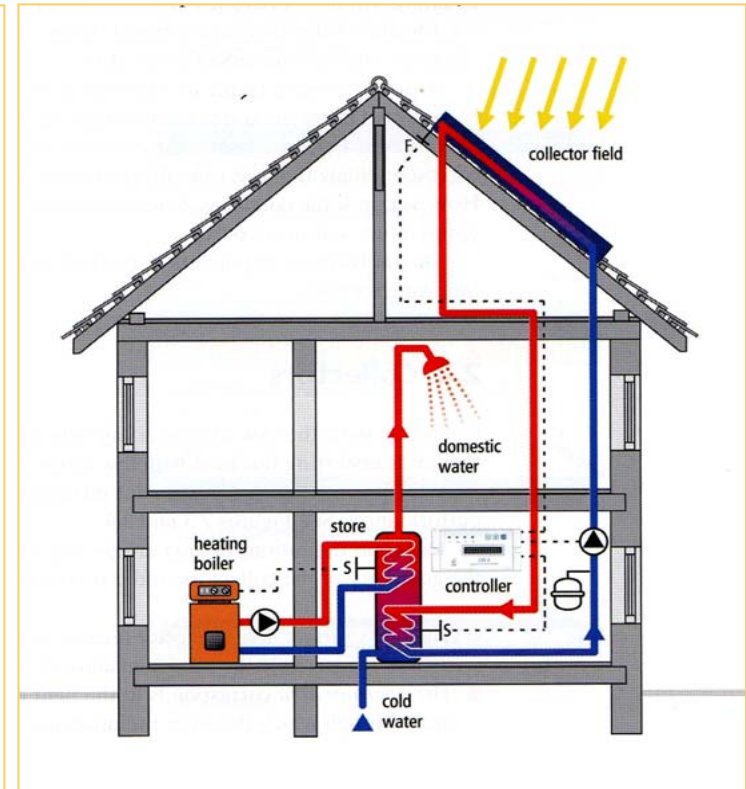
Solar circuit is separate from domestic water circuit, heat transfer medium: water-glycol. The collector circuit is partially or completely filled.

- **Open system**

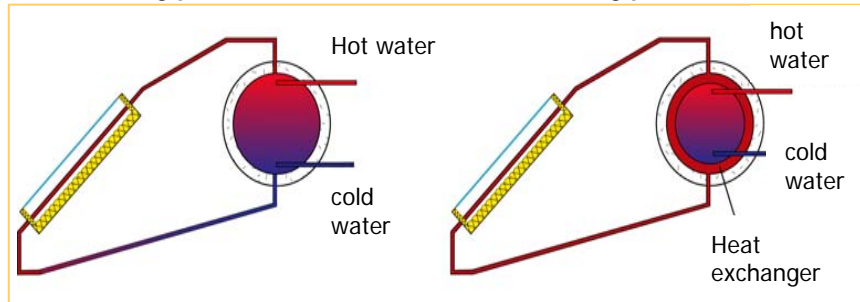
Open container at the highest point of solar circuit, which absorbs the volumetric expansion of the liquid caused by T changes

- **Closed system**

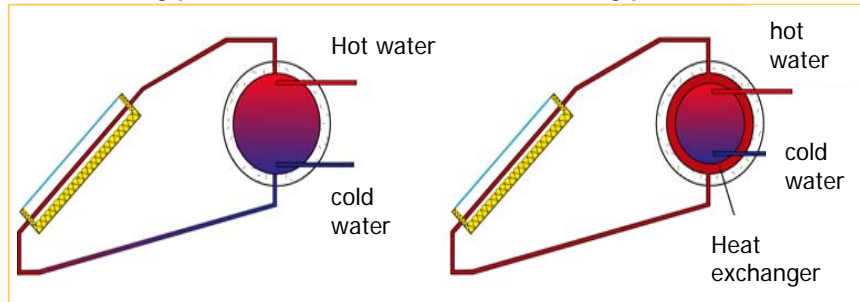
Operate at high pressures (1.5-10 bar), which influences the $T_{\text{evaporation}}$ of the liquid.



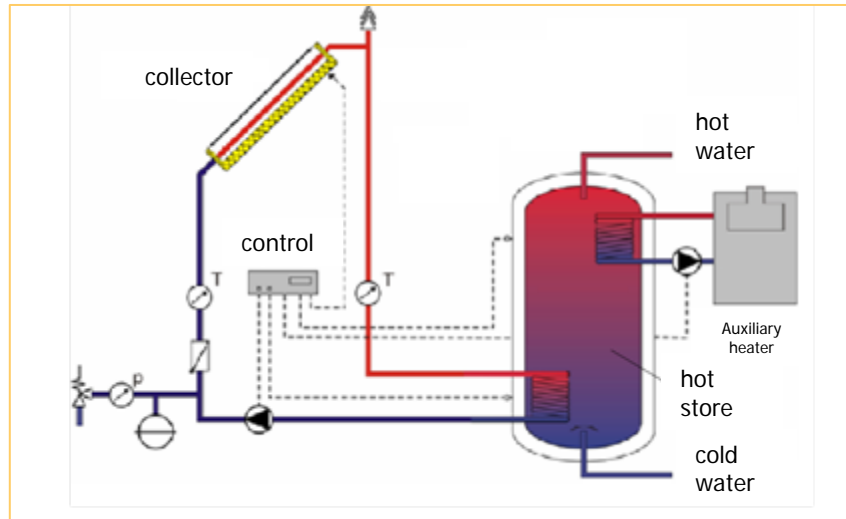
Thermosyphon direct

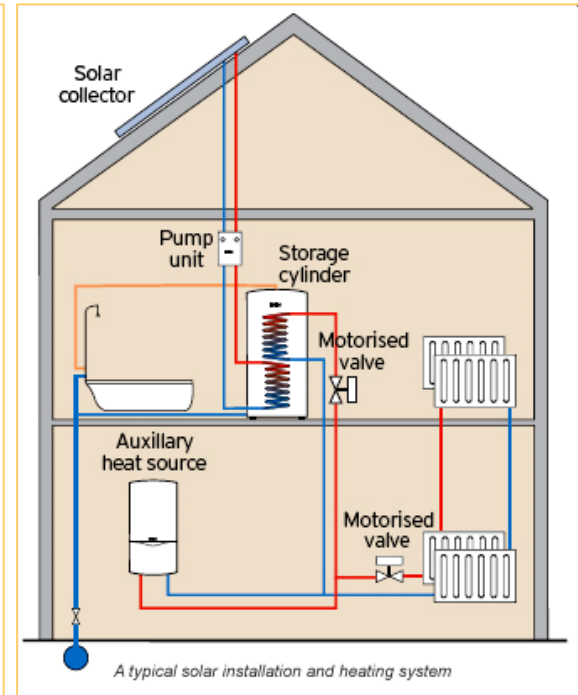
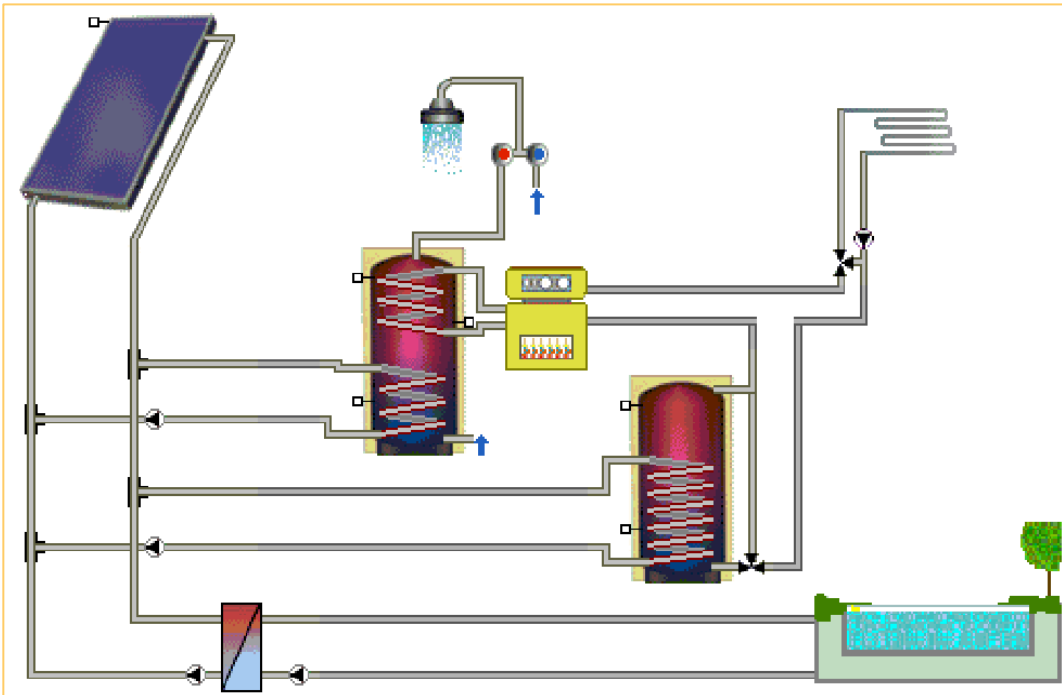


Thermosyphon Indirect



Forced circulation, indirect



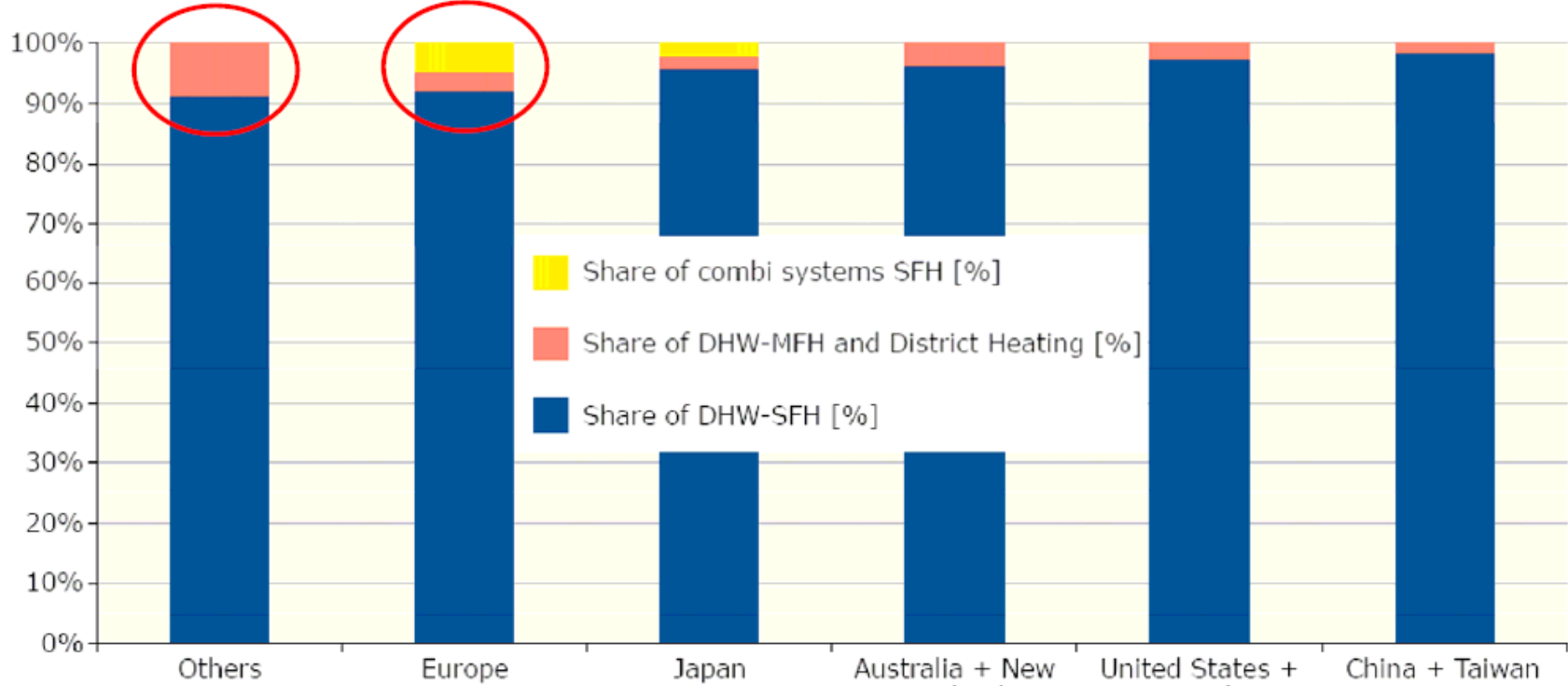


- Pool heating, hot water and space heating
- Integration into existing fan coil units
- High energy saving potential
- Required collectors: 20% of space for 40-50% covering
- 100% covering with solar collectors & biomass

2008

| System | Use | Cost (incl. installation) | Characteristics |
|--------------|--|--|---|
| Pool heating | Pool heating | 100 € /m ² collector | Uncovered collectors, m ² collector ≈ m ² pool |
| Thermosyphon | Hot water | 1,400 € | 150 lt boiler, 2.5 m ² flat plate collector |
| | Hot water | 1,600 € | 150 lt boiler, 2.5 m ² selective flat plate |
| Combi | Hot water, Heating | 500-750 € /m ² collector | 1000 lt boiler, 15 m ² selective flat plate |
| | Professional: Pool heating, Hot water, heating & air- conditioning | 400-650 € /m ² collector | 30.000 lt boiler, 500 m ² selective flat plate |

Distribution of solar thermal systems by application



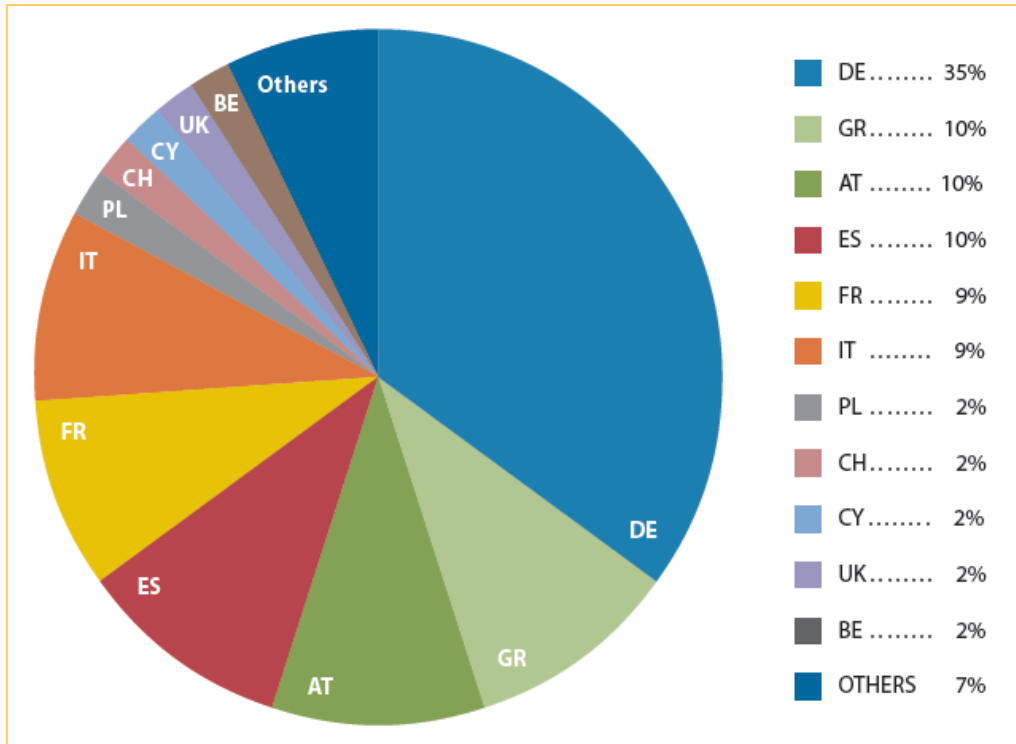
DHW: Domestic hot water systems
 SFH: Single family houses
 MFH Multi-family houses
 Combisystems: Systems for DHW and space heating

Source: IEA-SHC, Solar Heat Worldwide Edition 2008, www.iea-shc.org

Others: Barbados, Brazil, India, Israel, Jordan, Mexico, Namibia, South Africa, Tunisia and Turkey

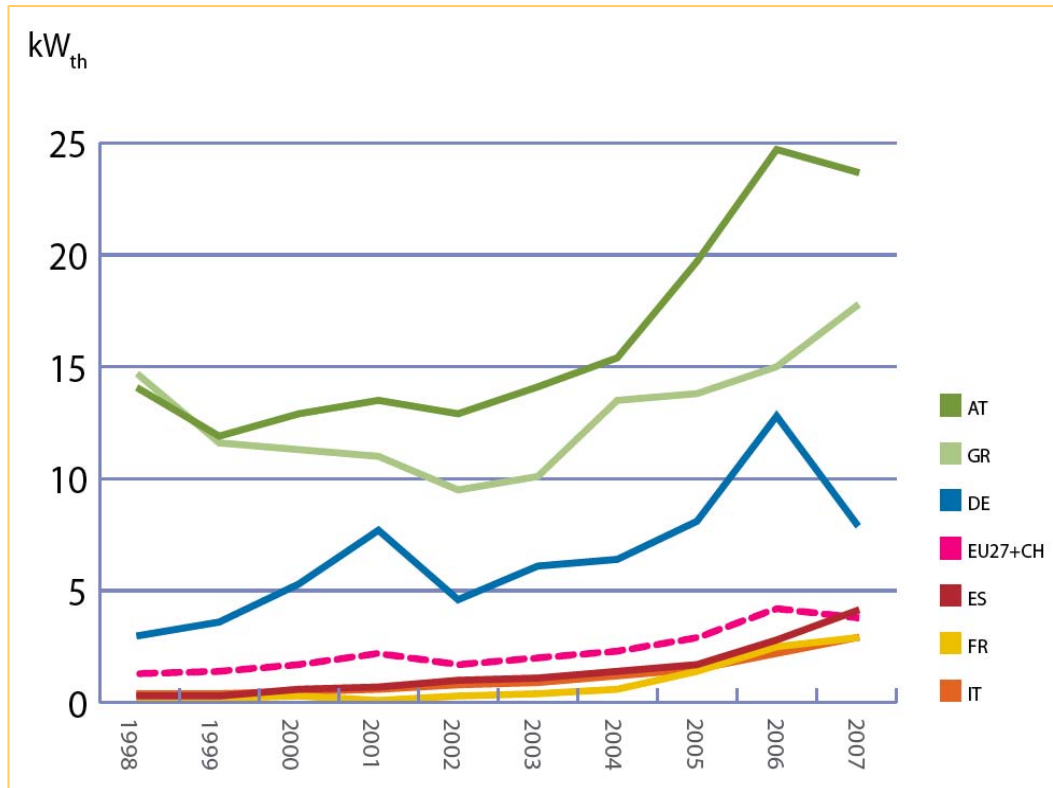
4. Solar Thermal Market in Europe, 2007

Breakdown per country, 2007



- Concentration in the European market is decreasing
- 5 countries account for ¾ of the total** – just a few years ago the same share was held by Germany, Austria and Greece only
- Greece accounts for 9-10% of European sales.**

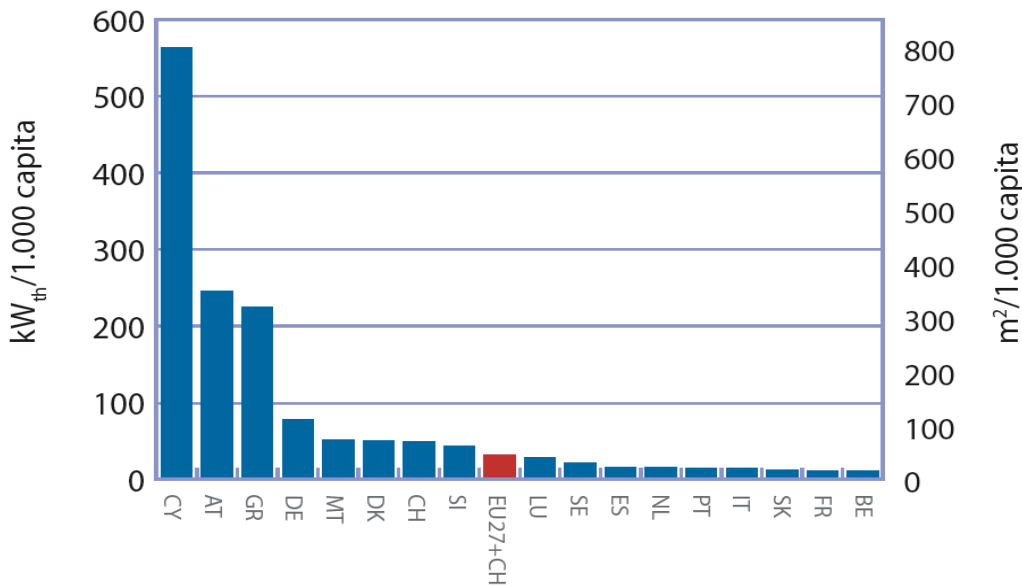
Newly Installed Capacity per Capita in Europe, 2007



- Big advance of **Austria: 23,7 kWth per 1.000 capita**, almost 3 times than Germany and more than 6 times than EU average (3,8 kWth per 1.000 capita)
- **Greece** has slowly and quietly increased its per capita market since 2002. Their **17,7 kWth per 1.000 capita** is 4,5 times as big as the Eu average.
- **France and Italy**: Strong growth in recent years, but only **2,9 kWth installed per 1.000 capita** each.

Solar Thermal Capacity in Operation, 2007

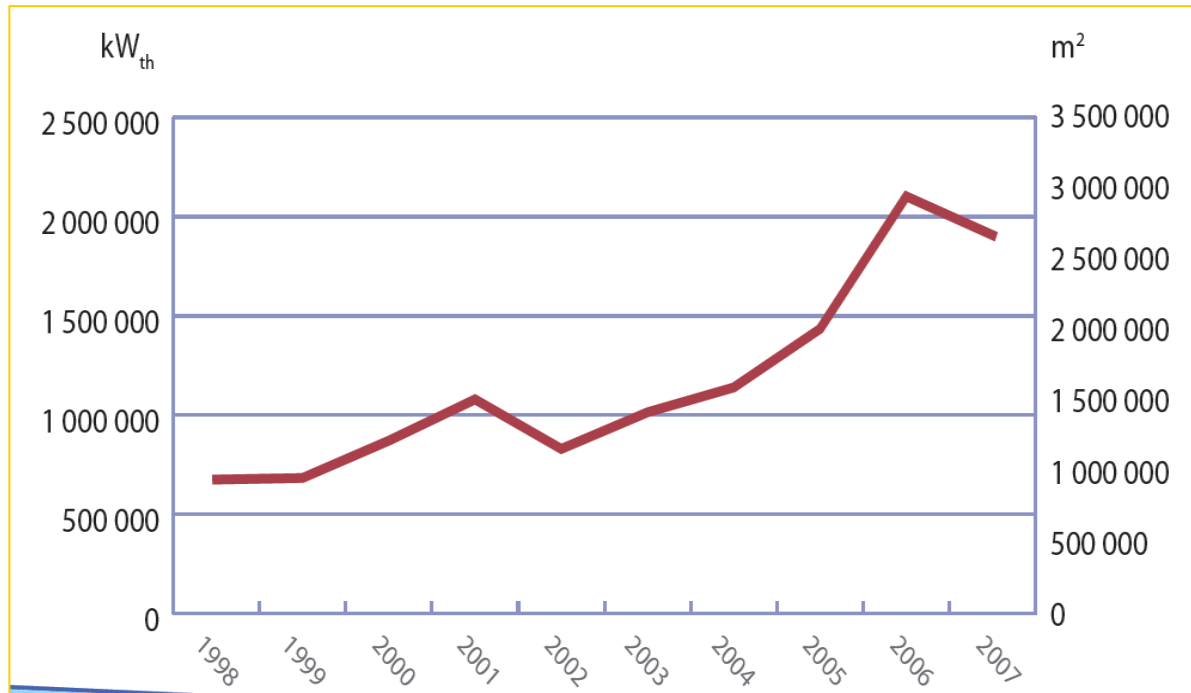
Solar thermal capacity in operation per 1.000 capacity in 2007



- **Cyprus is 1st: 562 kWth** in operation per 1.000 capita
- **Greece is 3rd**
- **EU average: 30,7 kWth /1,000** capita.
- Austria shows the rest what is possible: 244 kWth/1.000 capita, 8 times the EU average

The figures relate to all installations built in the past and deemed to be still in operation (ESTIF assumes a life-time of 20 year for systems installed after 1989) and to today's size of the population.

Solar Collectors area in operation, 2007



- **2001: 12.3 million m² glazed collectors in operation**
 - 11,7% increase collector in operation
 - 13,6% increase new collector area
 - 1.6 million m² glazed collectors for pools
- **2007: 21.9 million m² glazed collectors in operation**

- **Large market growth potential**

In Greece only 25% of the buildings are equipped with a solar thermal system (>90% of the owners are satisfied)

- **Seasonal storage**

For transferring the energy from low heating season to high heating season.

- **Solar Cooling**

Better utilization of solar energy throughout the year



Law modernization

solar thermal system project study compulsory for every large building

Financial incentives

to cover part of investment & construction costs

Thank you for your attention!



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The problem

- **Ozone layer depletion**

CO₂ higher now than in last 400,000 years

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- **IPCC predicts temperature rise of 1.5 - 5.8 degrees**

Humans: 150,000 deaths directly attributable to climate change in 2000

Climatic zones shifting 7 times quicker than plants can follow

- **New directives on air quality**

2008/50/EC, '*Ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe*'

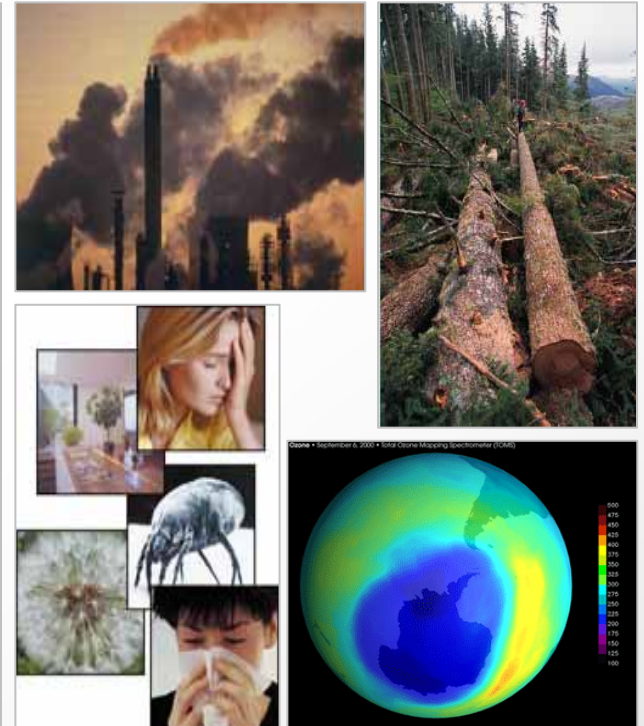
2008/1/EC, '*Integrated pollution prevention and control*'

- **Inefficient conventional a/c units**

- **VCS** operate at a temperature colder than the supply air dew-point temperature, so **the air is overcooled** and needs reheating before entering indoors

- **Energy consumption** in commercial and residential buildings: **40% of Europe's energy bill**

- **Global increase in air-conditioning demand**



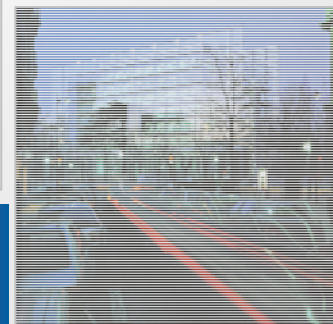
Global sales of air conditioning units, 2000-2008

| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Japan | 7.791 | 8.367 | 7.546 | 7.307 | 7.679 | 7.500 | 7.500 | 7.500 | 7.500 |
| Asia | 13.897 | 16.637 | 17.761 | 23.650 | 26.430 | 28.312 | 30.340 | 32.524 | 34.881 |
| Europe | 1.673 | 1.730 | 1.804 | 2.218 | 2.366 | 2.515 | 2.604 | 2.660 | 2.717 |
| M. East | 2.907 | 2.918 | 3.412 | 4.359 | 4.799 | 5.087 | 5.382 | 5.694 | 6.118 |
| N. America | 12.322 | 11.894 | 12.910 | 13.075 | 12.876 | 12.881 | 12.889 | 12.897 | 12.905 |
| S. America | 2.109 | 1.939 | 2.036 | 2.243 | 2.331 | 2.418 | 2.473 | 2.530 | 2.592 |
| Africa | 664 | 758 | 700 | 814 | 850 | 885 | 915 | 944 | 978 |
| Australia | 512 | 593 | 671 | 712 | 815 | 825 | 868 | 913 | 963 |
| Total | 41.874 | 44.834 | 46.840 | 54.379 | 58.147 | 60.422 | 62.970 | 65.663 | 68.654 |

JRAIA (Japan Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Industry Association)

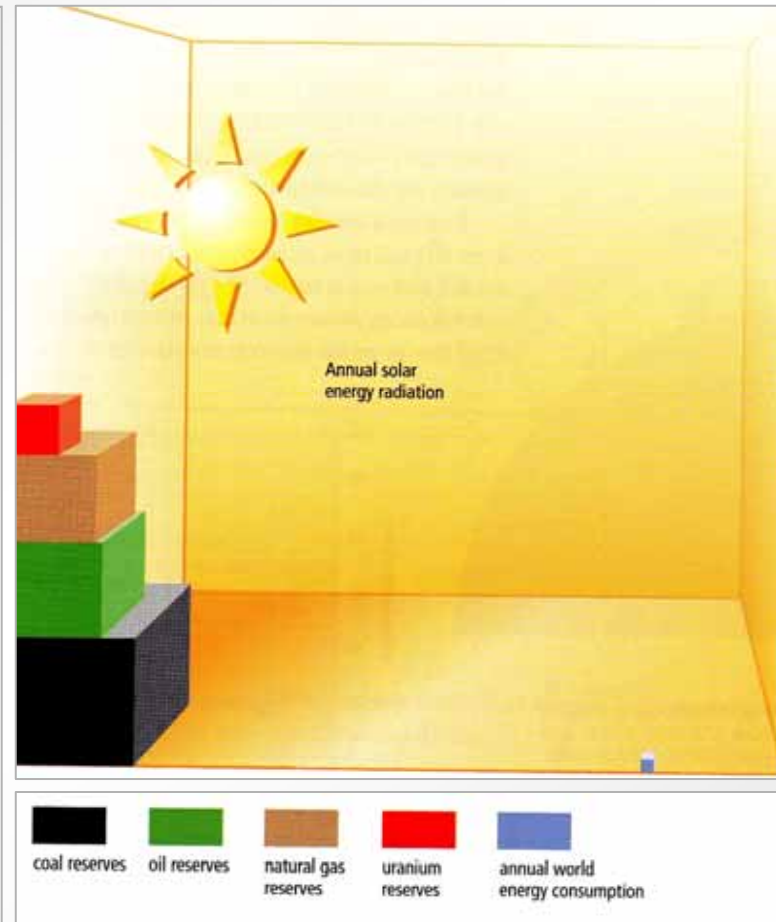
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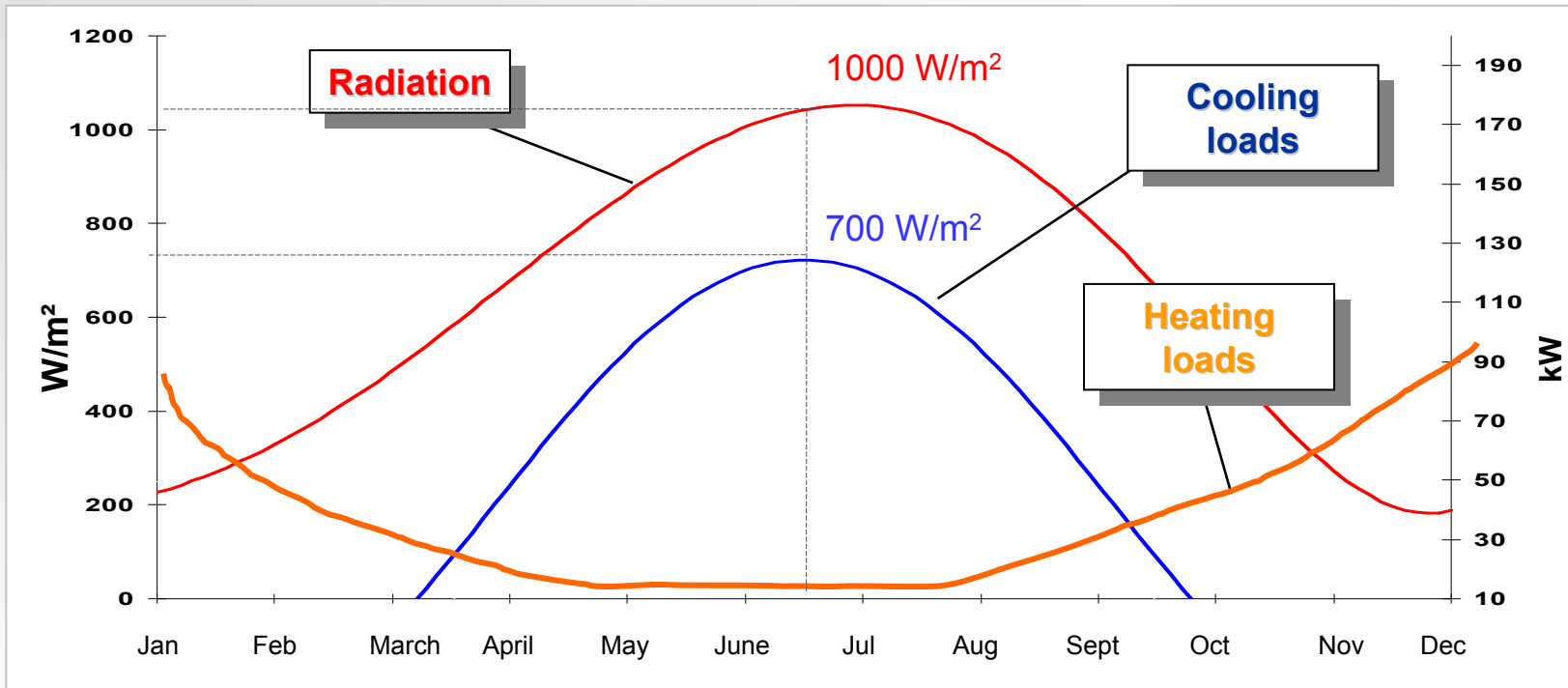


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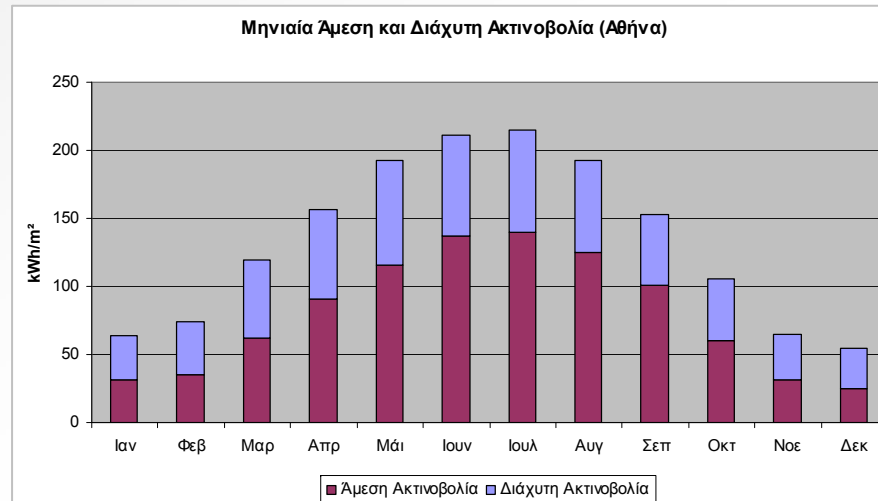
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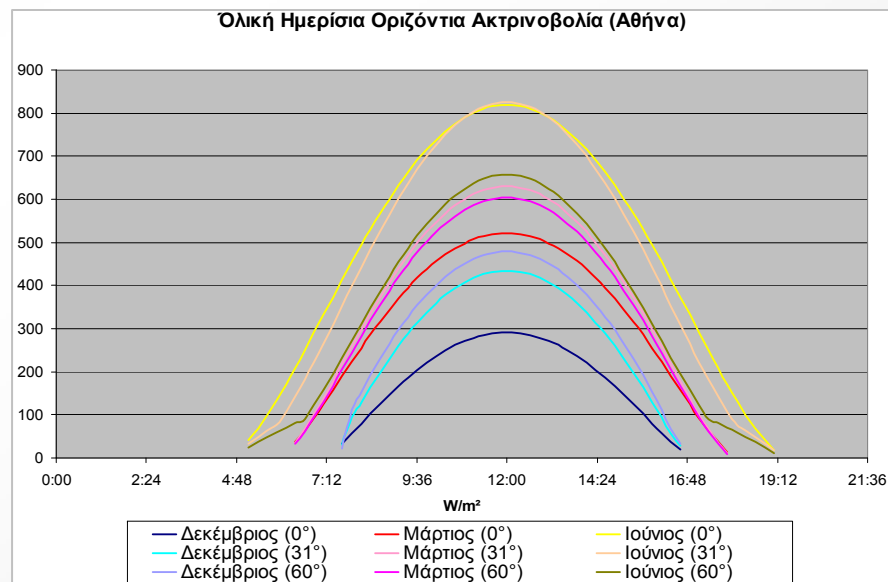
Solar radiation is in tune with air conditioning demand

Source : TECSOL for SOLAIR project

- Annual solar irradiance (sum of direct and diffuse) in Greece is approximately **1,600 kWh/m²**.
- This amount of energy, corresponds to **160 lt oil**.



- Daily solar irradiance for 3 representative dates (in winter, summer and spring) is shown in the next diagram.
- The area that receives the biggest amount of radiation has an inclination of **60° in December** and **0° in June**.



Source : CRES, PVGIS

Optimum collector angle: depends on the geographical location and the system's type of use.

- **Winter use:** geographical latitude of area + 15°
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- **Annual use:** collector angle = geographical latitude

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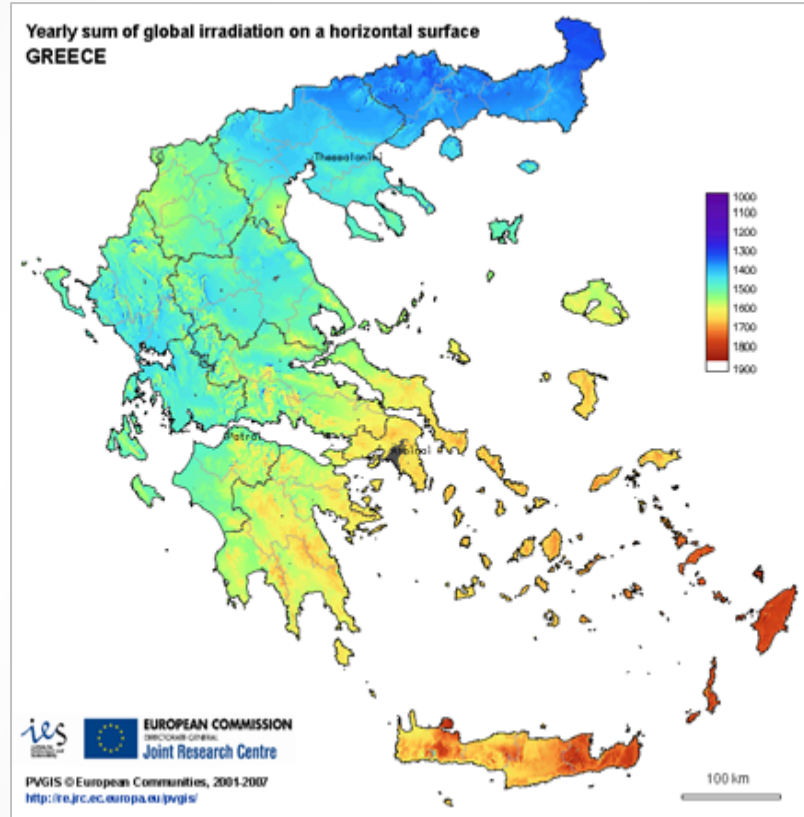
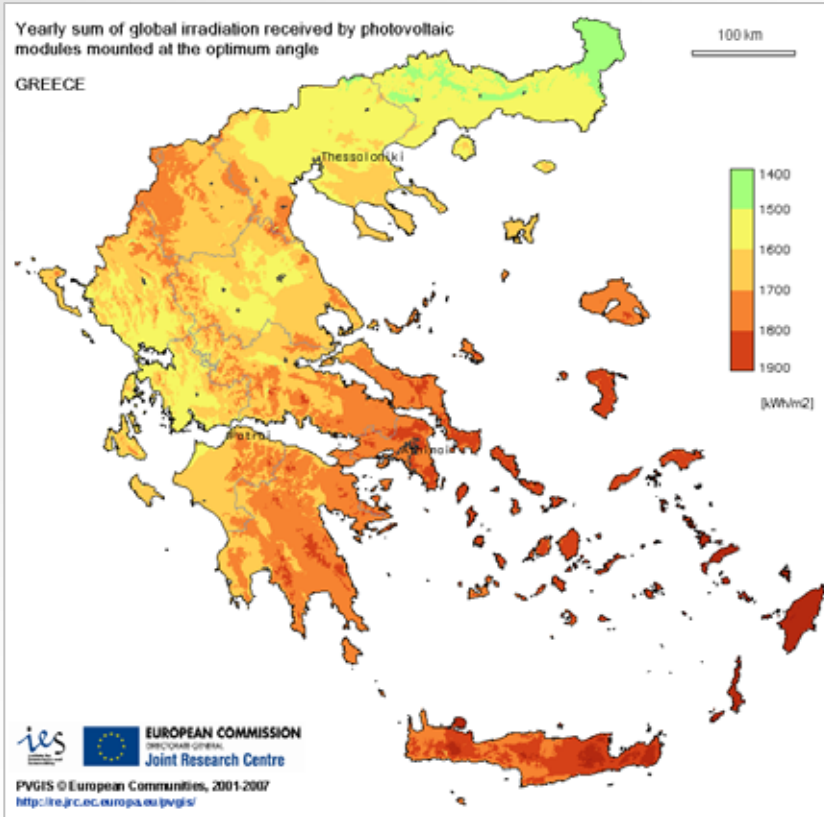
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Energy yield

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Horizontal surface: 1300-1400 kWh/m²



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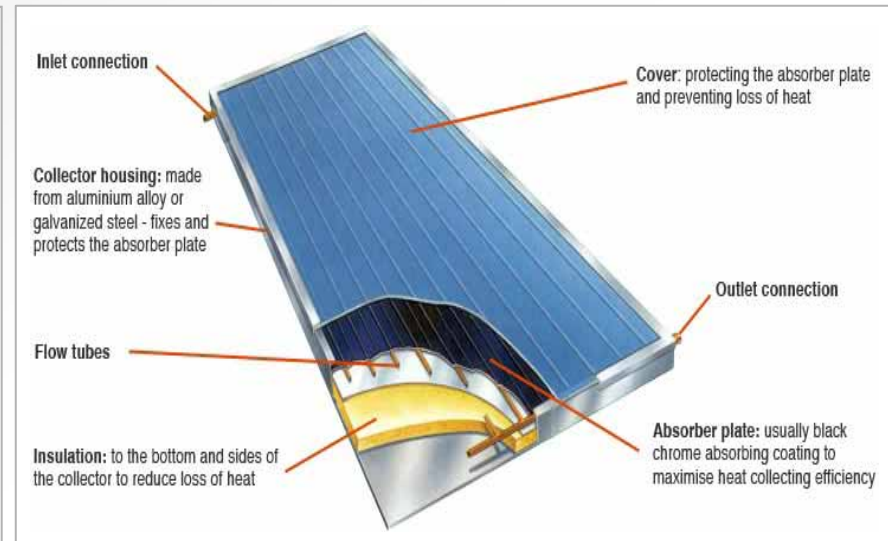
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Vacuum collectors

Properties

- High cost
- Minimal convection thermal losses (tube pressure $< 10^{-5}$ bar)
- Low radiation losses
- High efficiency, even with low radiation
- Low weight
- Average annual efficiency 45-50% (with $1000\text{kWh}/\text{m}^2$ irradiation, the energy yield is $450\text{-}500\text{kWh}/\text{m}^2\text{a}$)
- Stagnation temperature: $200\text{-}350^\circ\text{C}$

Applications

- Solar air conditioning
- Industrial applications (steam generation)



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Vacuum types

- **Direct-flow:** Internal U-tube, South-oriented.

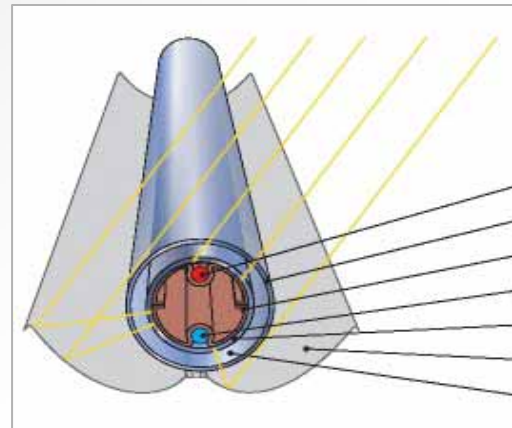
Concentrated: Double tube (external tube: absorber surface, internal tube: U-type), 2 external reflector surfaces

- Heat-pipe:

Horizontal absorber area placed inside a vacuum tube. The tube is connected to an evacuated heat pipe with a solution inside. The solution evaporates ($T_{\text{evaporation}} = 250^{\circ}\text{C}$) and its heat is transferred through a heat exchanger in the medium.

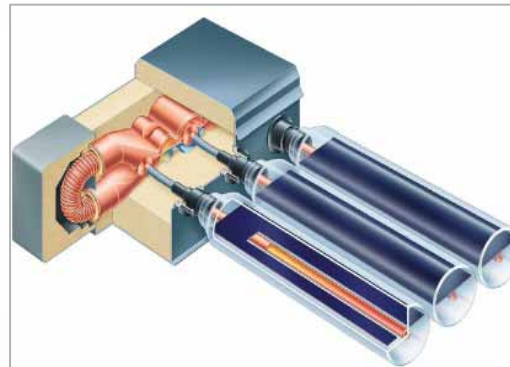
Dry connection: the heat transfer takes place from the condenser via the tube wall to the medium, so defective tubes are replaced without emptying the solar circuit)

Wet connection: the condenser is immersed in the medium, so defective tubes are replaced by emptying the solar circuit.



Concentrated vacuum collector

Flow
External glass tube
Metallic wafer for heat transfer
Return
Internal glass tube
Reflector
Vacuum area



Cross section of heat pipe dry connection



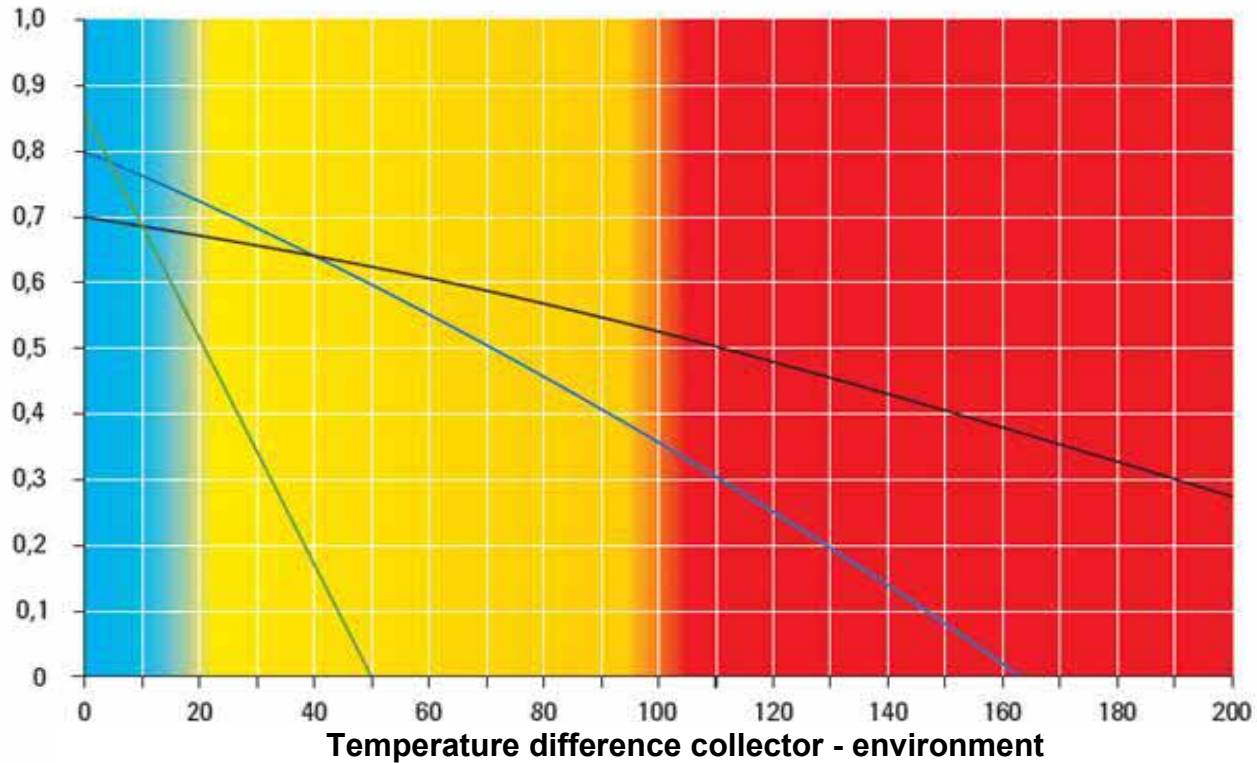
Cross section of heat pipe wet connection

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Collectors comparison

| Collector type | Application | Performance (kWh/m ² a) |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unglazed | Pool heating | 300 |
| Flat plate (black paint) | Pool heating, Hot water | 650 |
| Flat plate (selective coating) | Hot water, space heating, solar a/c | 700 |
| Vacuum | Solar a/c, industry | 850 |

Performance



— Unglazed

— Vacuum

— Flat plate



0 - 20 K Pool heating



20 - 100 K DHW & space heating



> 100 K Industrial applications

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Solar-driven air-conditioning systems

Systems

▪ Open cycle DEC

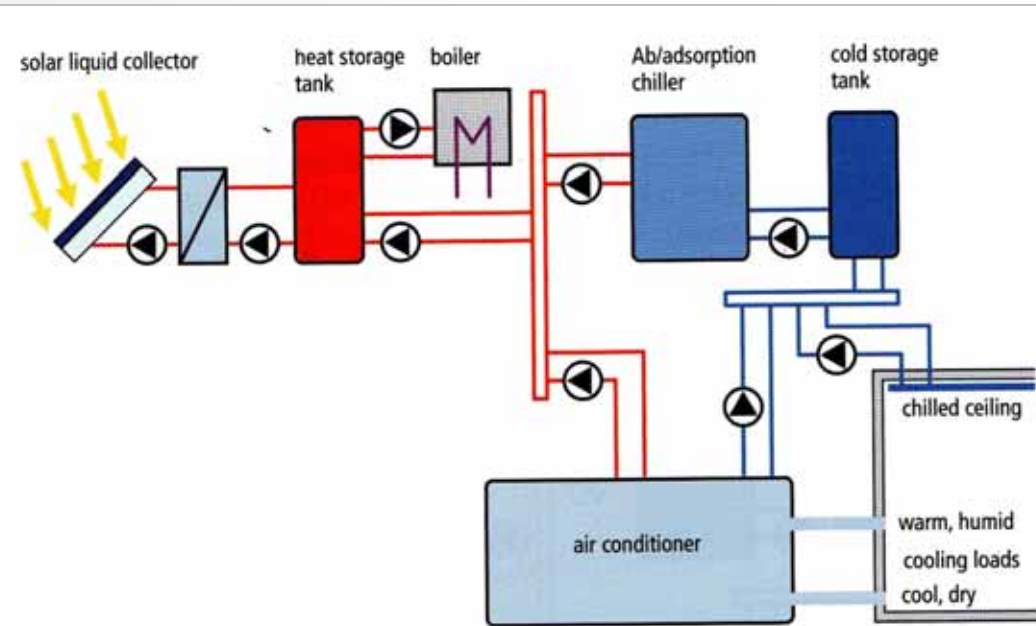
Production of air conditioned air
Dehumidification and evaporative cooling

▪ Closed cycle

Production of chilled water for space cooling through fan coil, chilled ceiling, floor heating





Absorption (liquid)

Adsorption (solid)

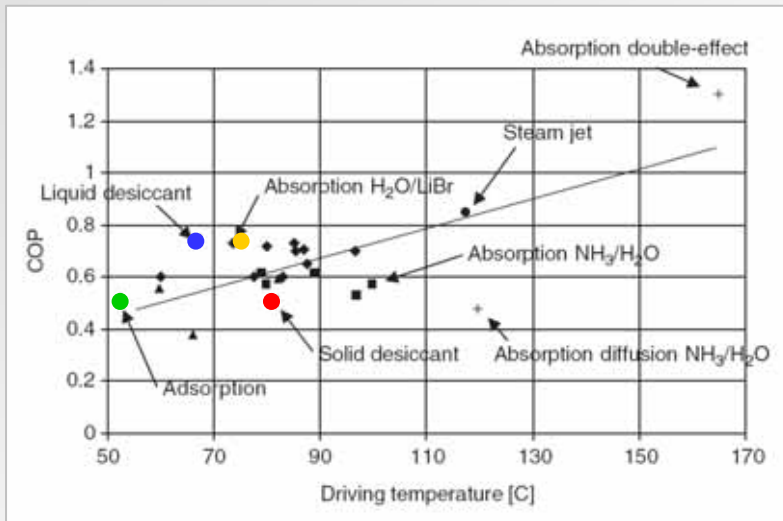


Characteristics

- ✓ Air conditioning load in tune with the solar radiation
- ✓ Solar systems can be integrated in existing air-conditioning units (fan coils, floor heating systems)
- ✗ Small scale solar a/c systems: under research
- ✗ Small scale chillers (<30kW): High initial cost, 2,000 €/kW.

| Method | Closed cycle | | Open cycle | |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Refrigerant cycle | Closed refrigerant cycle | | Refrigerant (water) is in contact to the atmosphere | |
| Principle | Chilled water | | Dehumidification of air and evaporative cooling | |
| Phase of sorbent | solid | liquid | solid | liquid |
| |  |  |  |  |
| Typical material pairs | water - silica gel | water - lithium bromide ammonia - water | water - silica gel, water - lithium chloride | water - calcium chloride, water - lithium chloride |
| Market available technology | Adsorption chiller | Absorption chiller | Desiccant cooling | Close to market introduction |
| Typical cooling capacity (kW cold) | 50 – 430 kW | 15 kW – 5 MW | 20 kW – 350 kW (per module) | |
| Typical COP | 0.5 – 0.7 | 0.6 – 0.75 (single effect) | 0.5 – >1 | > 1 |
| Driving temperature | 60 – 90 °C | 80 – 110 °C | 45 – 95 °C | 45 – 70 °C |
| Solar collectors | Vacuum tubes, flat plate collectors | Vacuum tubes | Flat plate collectors, solar air collectors | Flat plate collectors, solar air collectors |

Source : EU Altener Project Climasol



Efficiency – Operational temperature, 2007

Open systems

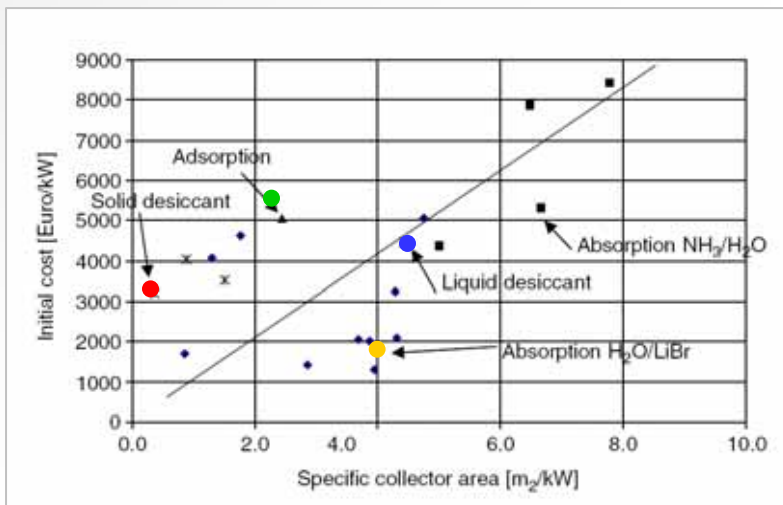
Liquid DEC: $T = 60C$, $COP = 0.7$

Solid DEC: $T = 80C$, $COP = 0.5$

Closed systems

Absorption: $T = 75C$, $COP = 0.7$

Adsorption: $T = 55C$, $COP = 0.5$



Initial cost – Collector area needed, 2007.

Open systems

Liquid DEC: 4500 €/kW , $5 \text{ m}^2/\text{kW}$

Solid DEC: 3500 €/kW , $0.5 \text{ m}^2/\text{kW}$

Closed systems

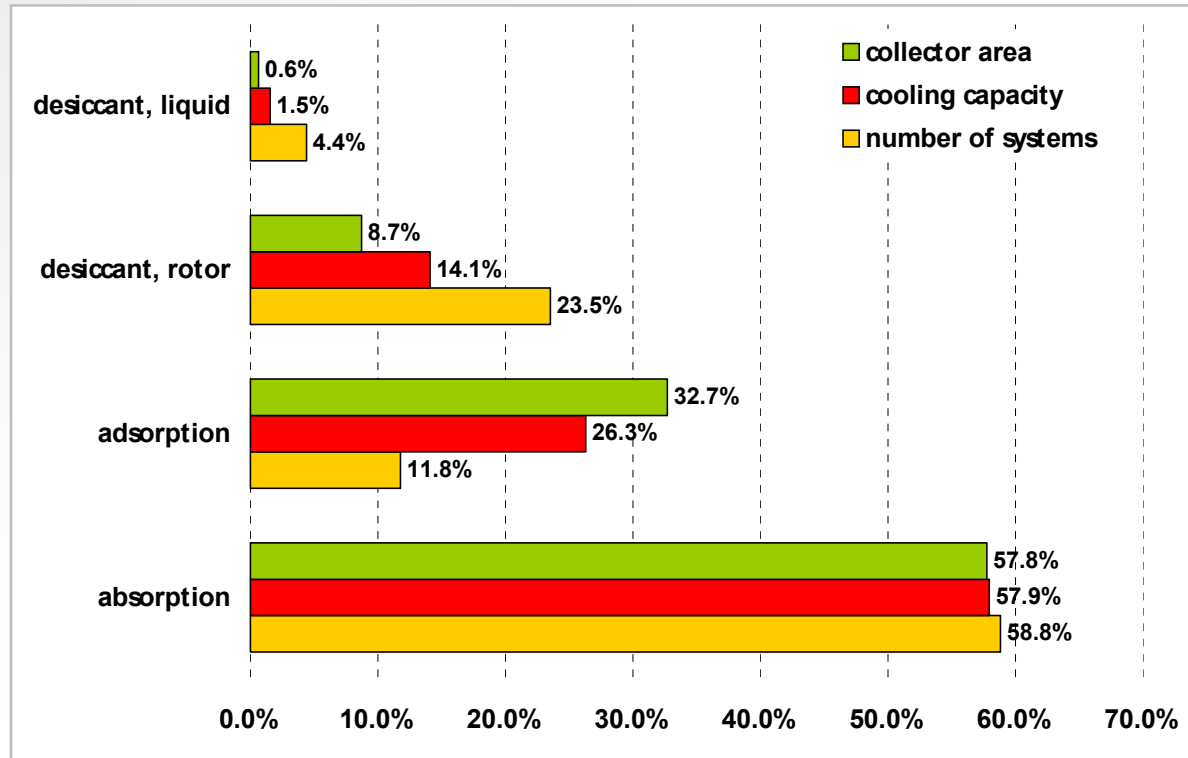
Absorption: 2000 €/kW , $4 \text{ m}^2/\text{kW}$

Adsorption: 5500 €/kW , $2.5 \text{ m}^2/\text{kW}$

Source : CA Balaras, G Grossman, HM Henning, *Solar Air-Conditioning in Europe - an overview*, Renewable Energy & Sustainable Energy Reviews, 11, 2007, 299-314

Solar Cooling Systems installed in Europe

- Absorption: 58%
- Solid DEC: 23%
- Adsorption: 12%
- Liquid DEC: 4%



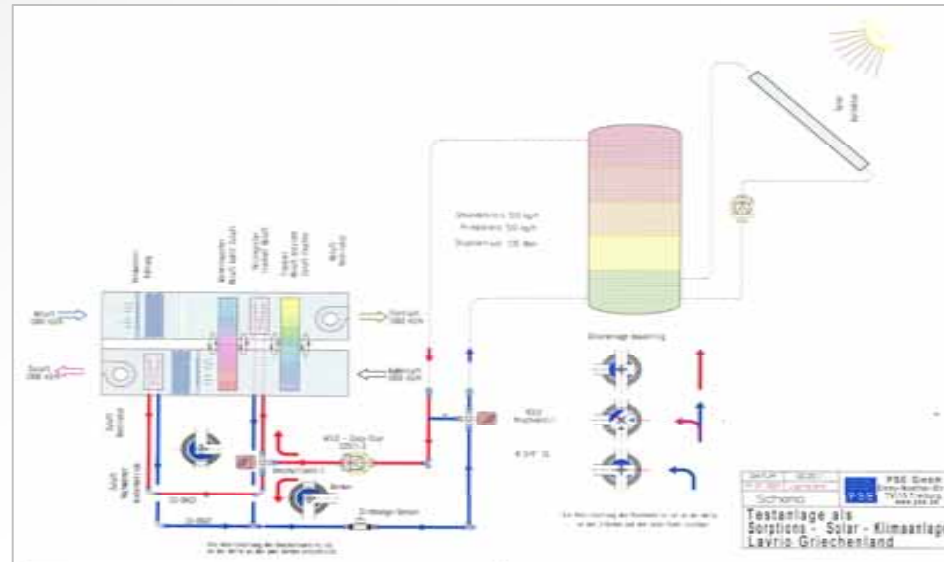
Source : HM Henning, *Solar Assisted air conditioning of buildings – an overview*, Applied Thermal Engineering, 27, 2007, 1734-1749.

CRES, demo project, Lavrio, Athens

PENA, Lavrio
 Solar cooling **Solid DEC system**
 Demo & research application for CRES

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| In operation since | 2007 |
| Air conditioned area | 84m ² |
| Collector type | 10 m ² , Calpak flat-plate |
| Collector fluid | water-glycol |
| Operation temperature | 60°C |
| Nominal air flow rate | 1100 m ³ /h |
| Min. air volume flow rate | 373 m ³ /h |
| Desiccant cooling system | solid LiCl |
| Brand of desiccant unit | Klingenburg |

Source : CRES

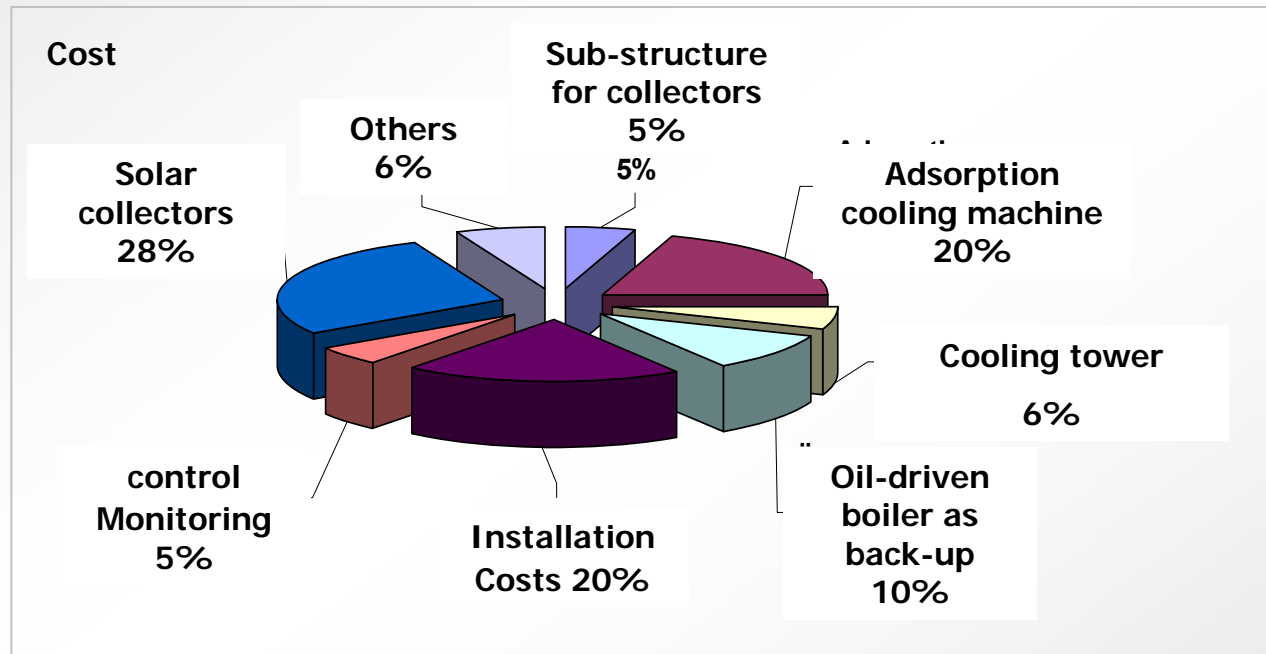


SARANTIS, Industry, Inofita Viotias

Solar cooling of a production site for cosmetics

- In operation since 1999
- One of the largest installations in the world
- 2,700 m² flat plate collectors (SOLE)
- 2 **adsorption cooling machines**, with 350 kW cooling power each
- 3 compression cooling machines with 350 kW air cooling and fan-coils
- Concept: economisation of electricity (Power and Work)

Source : CRES



Rethimno Village Hotel, Crete

In operation since 20/08/00
Solar air-conditioning system, fan coils
Air-conditioned area 1000 m²
450m² flat plate collectors (SOLE)
Absorption chiller LiBr, 105 kW_c
Performance: COP_{thermal} =0.6,
COP_{electrical} =0.52
Initial cost: 146,000 € (2000)
Annual electrical energy savings:
70,000 kWh (7,000€)
Annual oil savings: 20,000 lt (8,000€)
Payback in 10 years, without incentives.
870,000 kg less CO₂ annually

Source : SOLE



Conclusions

- **Solar Cooling is not yet widespread** in Greece
 - 8% of the solar thermal market
 - lack of real incentives
- However, there is **large growth potential**, because
 - only 25% of the buildings are equipped with a solar thermal system (>90% of the owners are satisfied)
 - steady increase in demand for a/c units



Law modernization

solar cooling system project study compulsory for every large building

Financial incentives

to cover part of investment & construction costs

Thank you for your attention!



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New application fields by solar thermal systems

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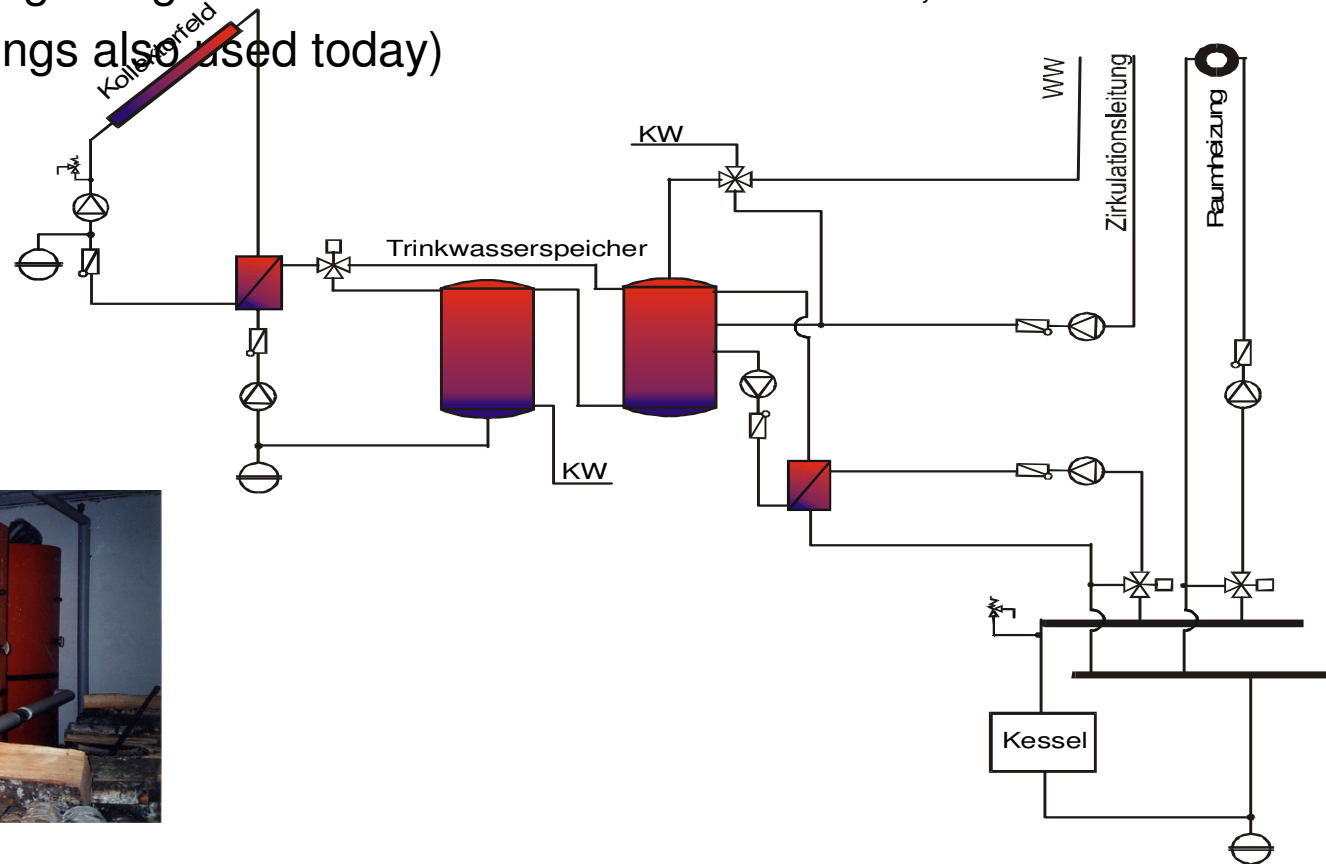
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State of the art



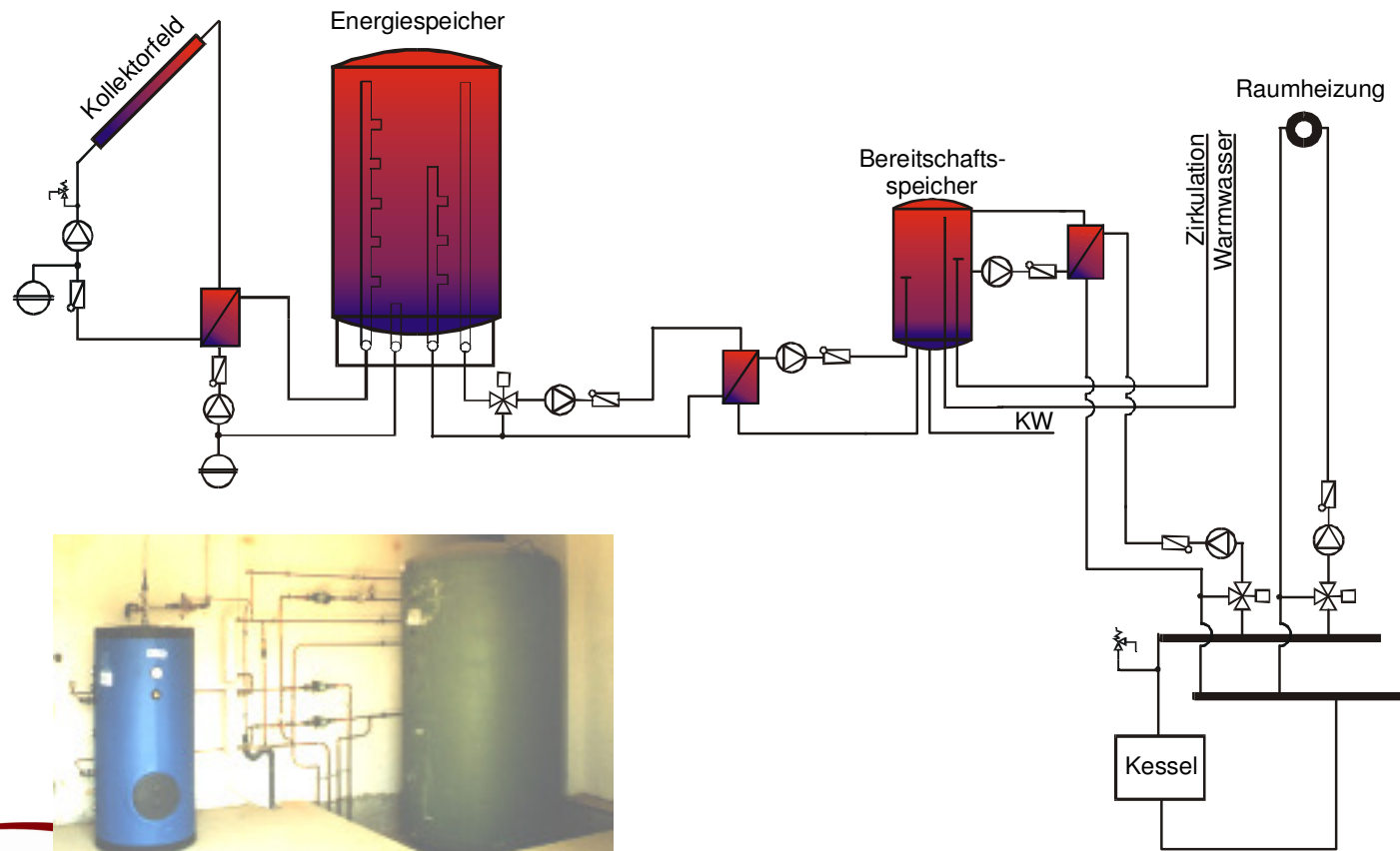
Development of combined solar systems

- Combined solar systems of the 1st generation in Austria
(Started at the beginning of the 90's until the end of the 90's, at a small number of dwellings also used today)



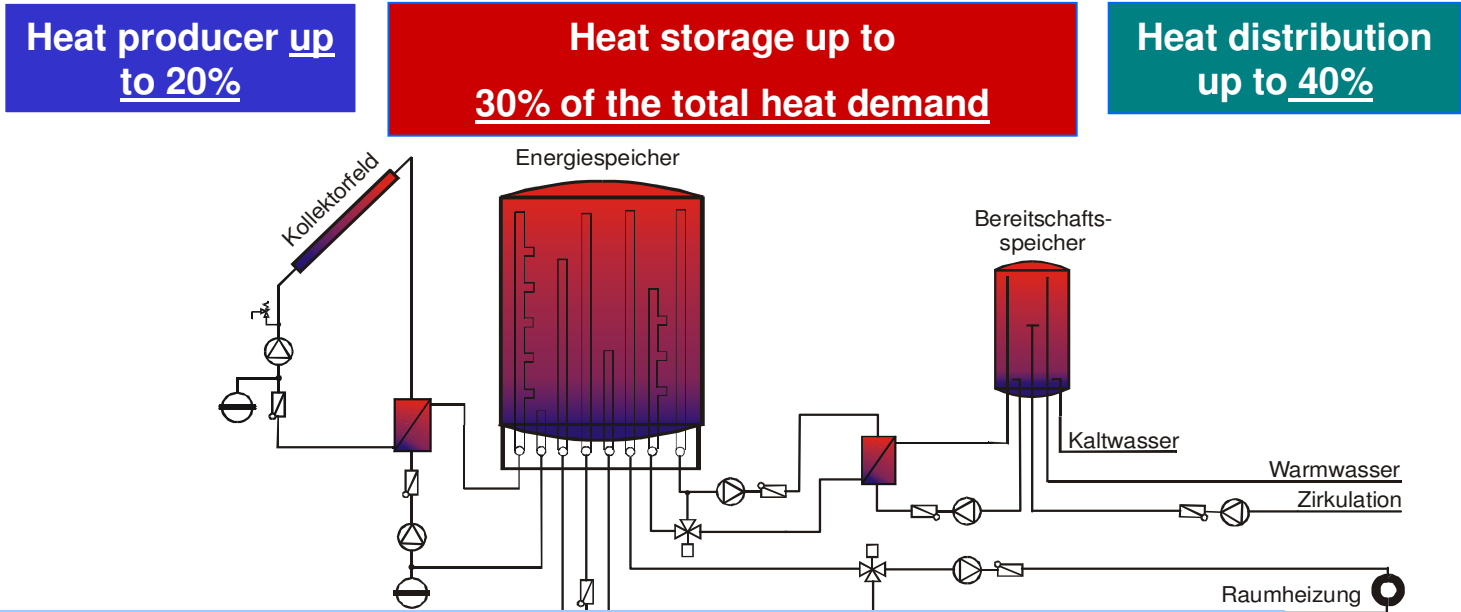
Development of combined solar systems

- Combined solar systems of the 2nd generation in Austria
(Started in the middle of the 90's until today)



Numerous results of measurement showed....

- Solar supported distribution nets of the 1st and 2nd generation are not always working as efficiently as they should (losses!)
- Return temperatures are usually very high



⇒ low annual system performance (often 30 to 40%)
⇒ low specific solar gains and covering degrees

Requirements of solar supported heat distribution nets of the 3rd generation

- Holistic systems
- Adapted basic conditions for the use of solar systems
- Conceptual reduction of calorific losses
- Highest comfort for occupants
- Hygienically harmless drinking water heating up
- Economically meaningfully
- Modern control of operating
- Apart from the employment in new buildings an employment in existing buildings must be possible



2-pipe systems can absolutely fulfill these requirements!

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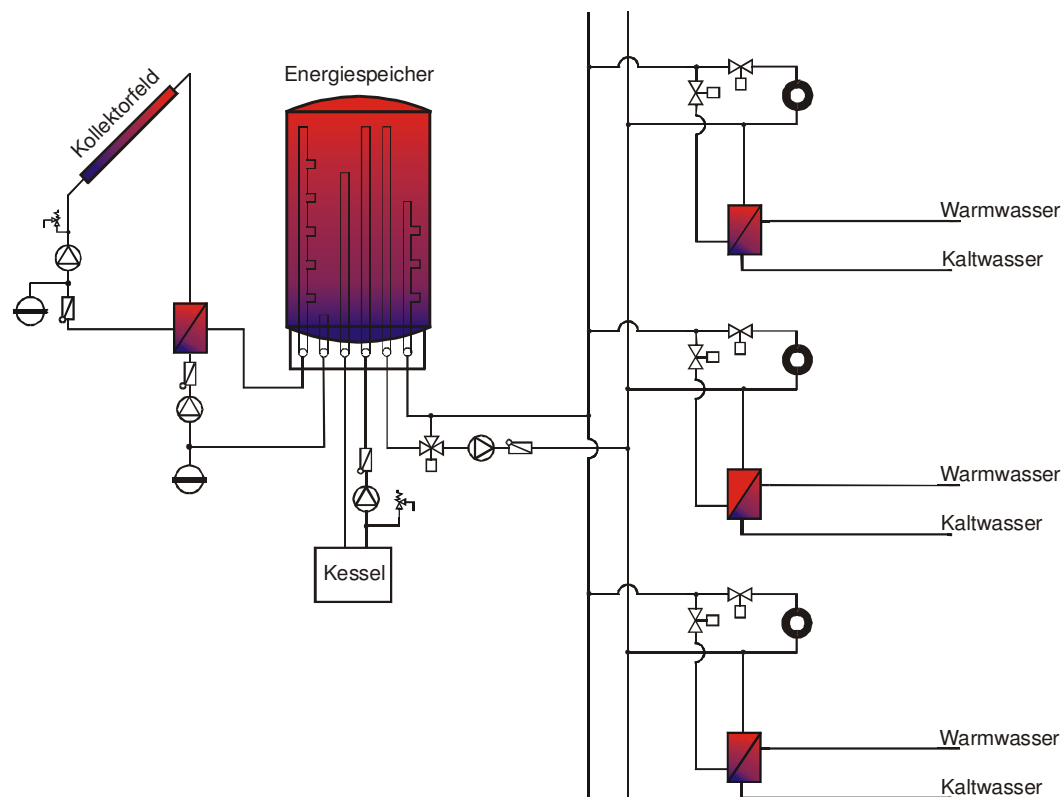
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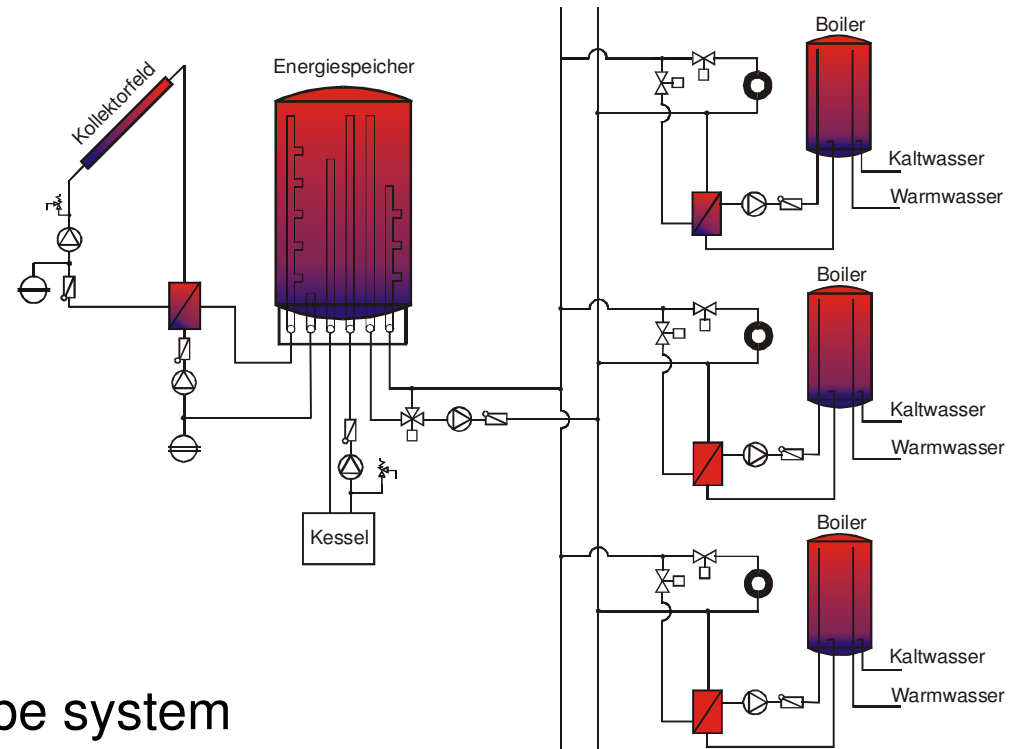
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Plant hydraulics of combined solar systems in large applications

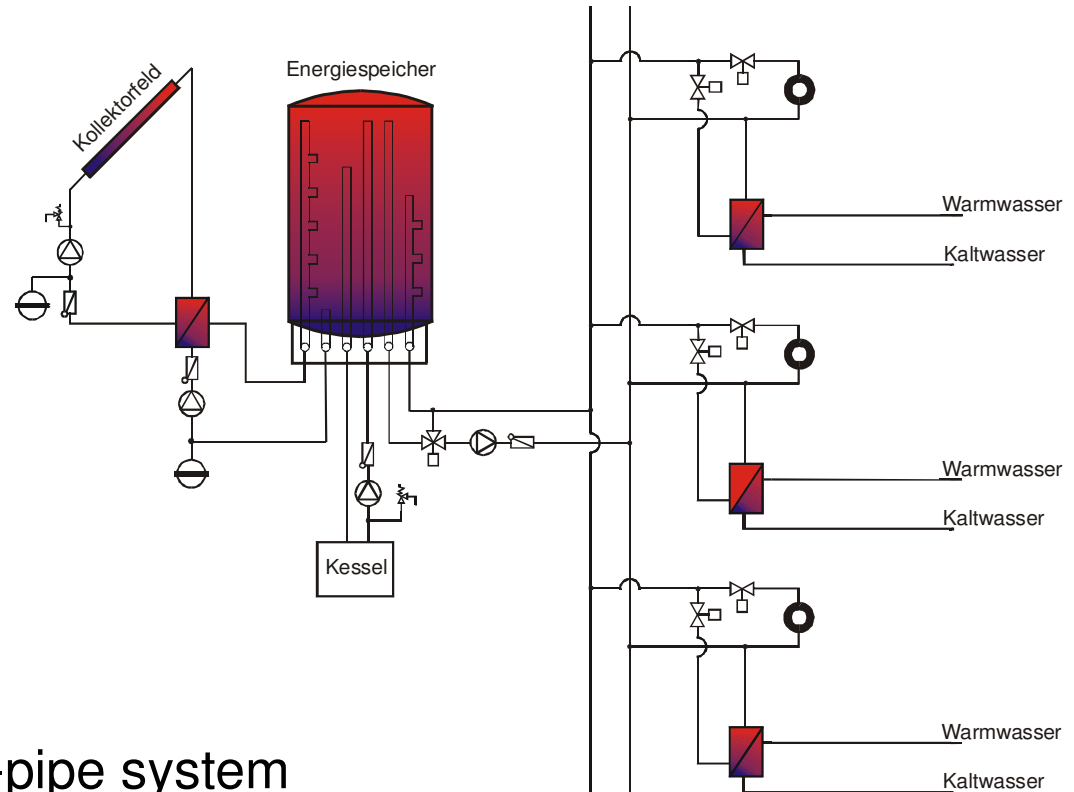


Solar supported heat systems of the 3rd generation in Austria



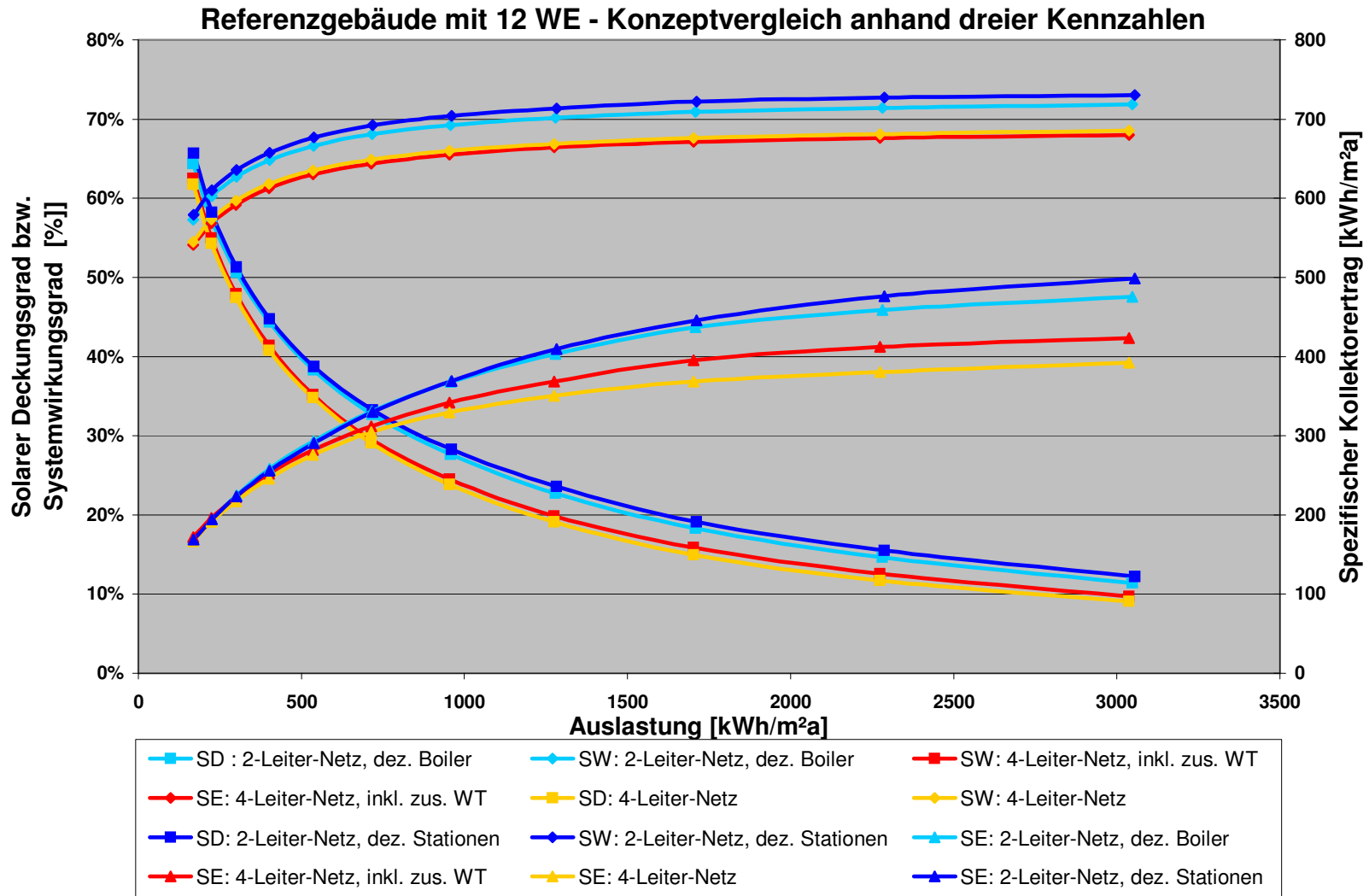
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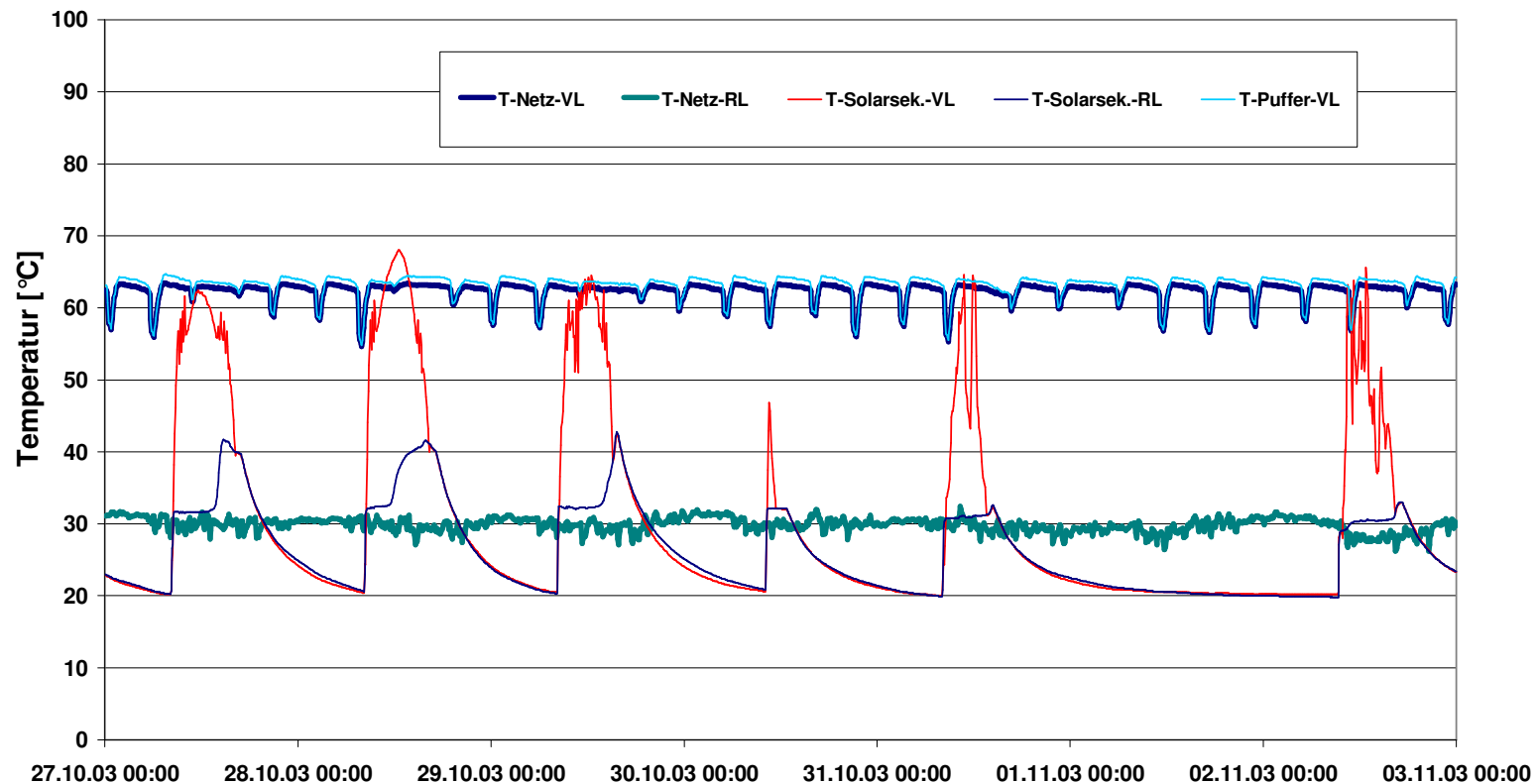
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- Meaningful employment with small and high energy densities

Advantages of 2-pipe systems



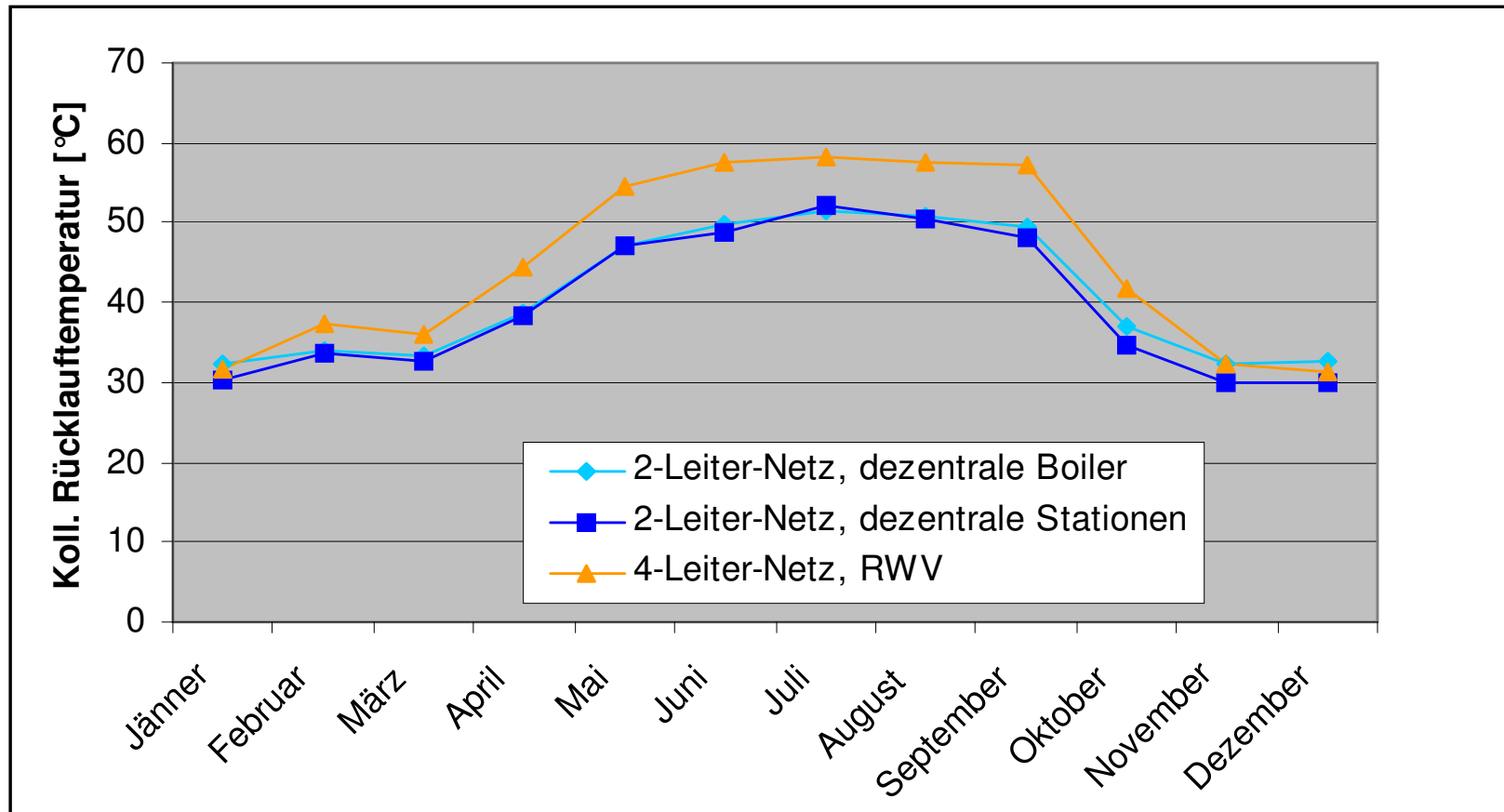
Advantages of 2-pipe systems

- Return is nearly constant at 30 °C and offers best conditions for the use of solar thermal systems



Advantages of 2-pipe systems

- Comparison of annual return temperatures of three different systems, 12 units, 20% solar covering degree

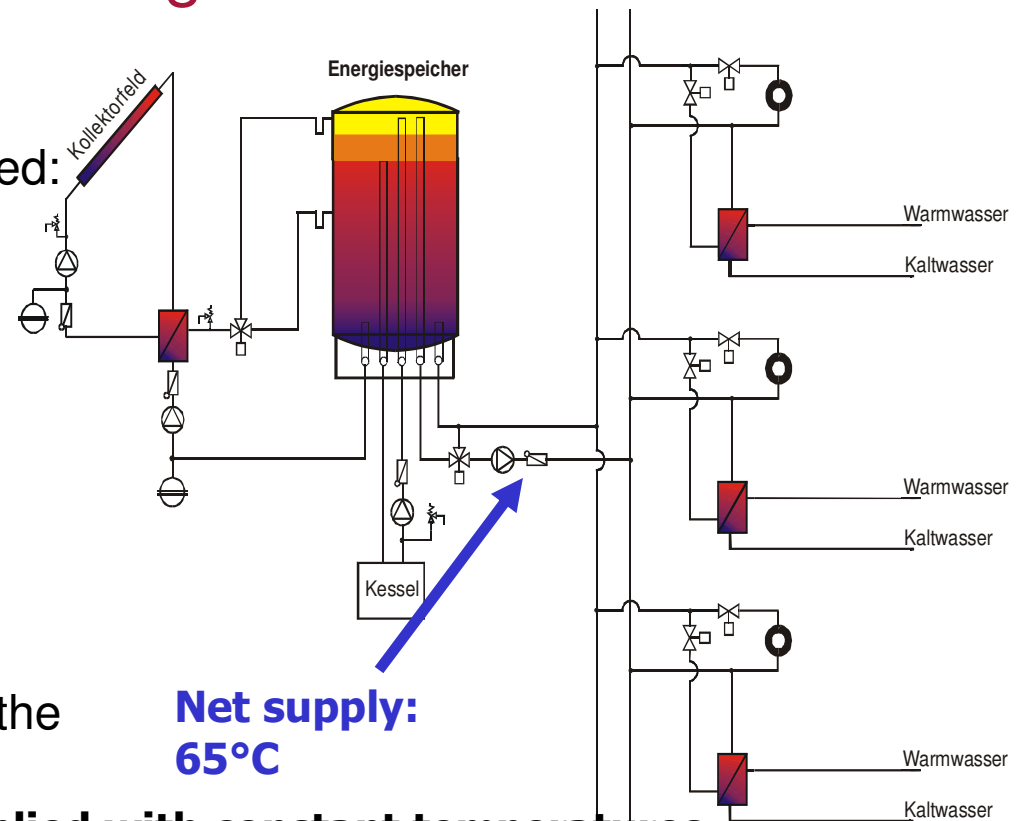


Advantages of 2-pipe systems

- Distribution losses are set to a minimum
- Because of the system a automatically heat support can be achieved
- Extensive tests show cheaper heat prices compared to 4-pipe systems
- A gain in comfort and absolutely harmless water hygiene
- Reduction of the error frequency in industrial manufactured substations and no auxiliary energy is

Solar supported energy distribution nets: 2-pipe systems with decentralised district heating substations

- Solar system
 - If an energy storage is integrated:
 - > Operational mode: Low (Matched) Flow
- Conventional boiler:
 - Feeds into the energy storage
- Heat distribution:
 - With a pair of pipes (2 pipes)
- Hot water preparation:
 - Decentralised flow principle in the flat



Important: The distribution net is supplied with constant temperatures

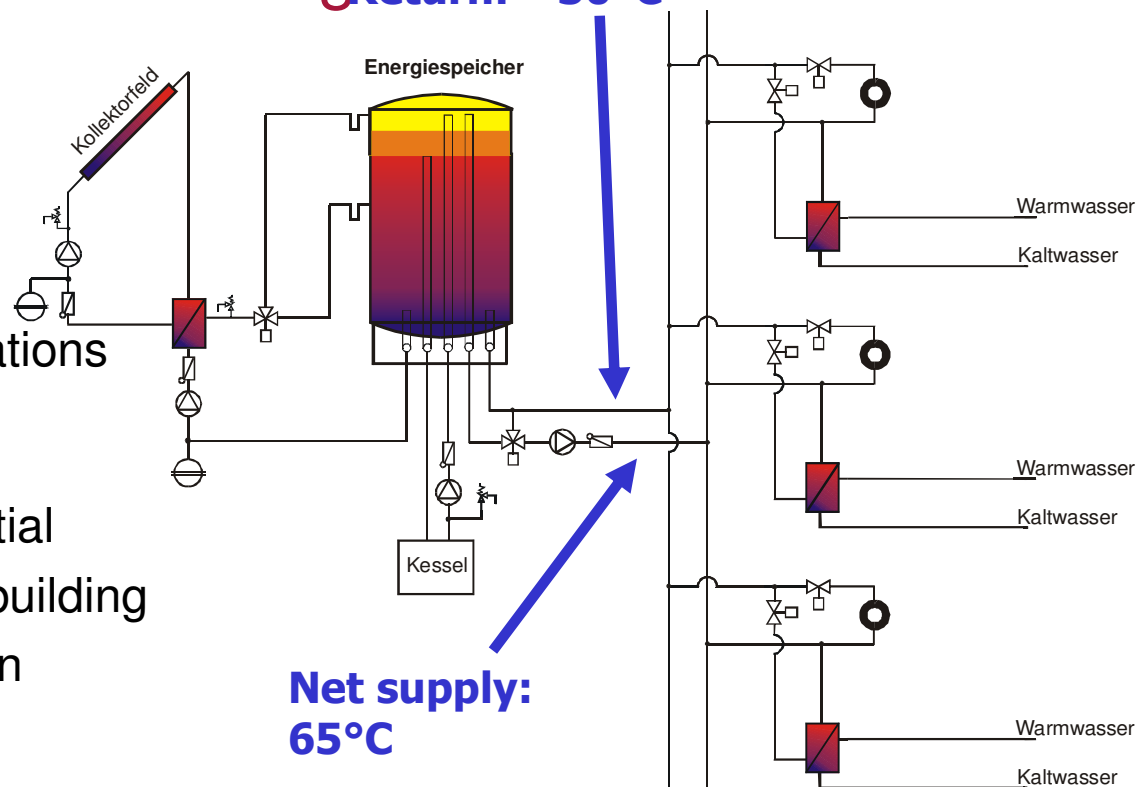
(approximately 65 °C) during summer and winter

Important: the upper part of the storage needs to be kept on a minimum temperature (65°C) → security of supply

Important: Heater dimensioning 65/40

Solar supported energy distribution nets: 2-pipe systems with decentralised district heating substations

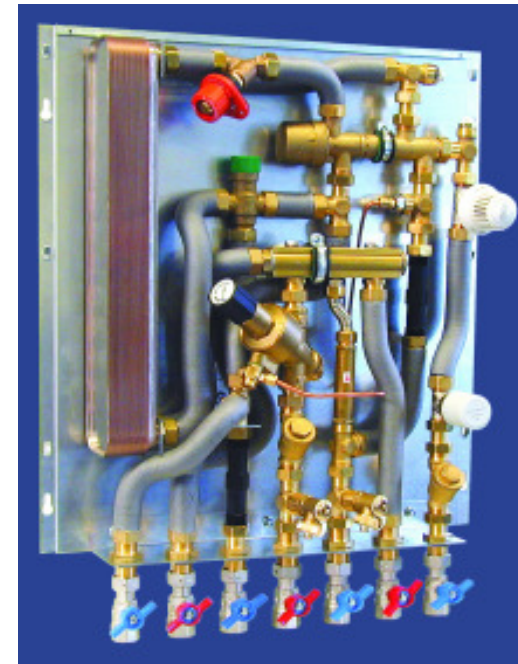
- Important components:
 - Mixing valve
 - Pump
 - District heating substations
- Application:
 - New building, residential buildings in compact building method, reconstruction



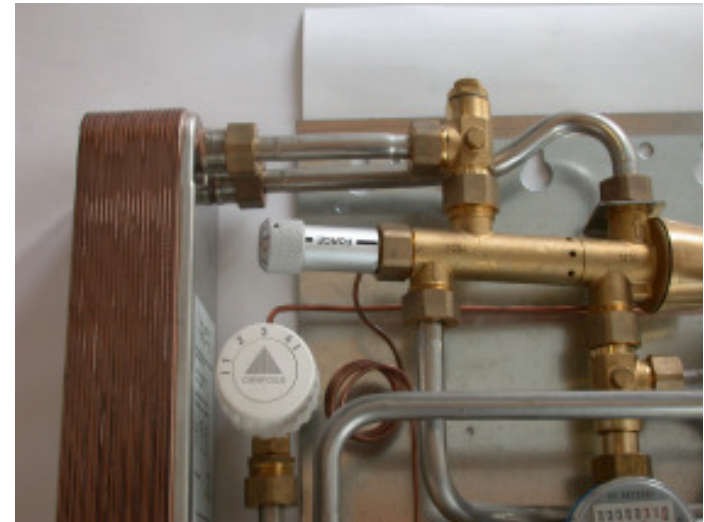
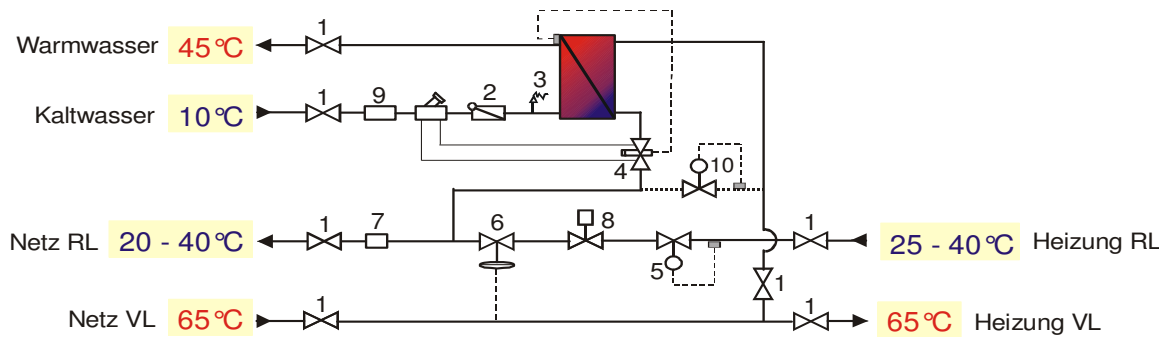
Advantage: The hole year low return temperatures of approximately 30°C → few distribution net losses

Substations

- Advantages of substations:
 - Industrial manufacturing
 - Highest quality criteria
 - No external energy requirement
 - Low investment costs
 - Individual design (finery, in the wall, different geometry)



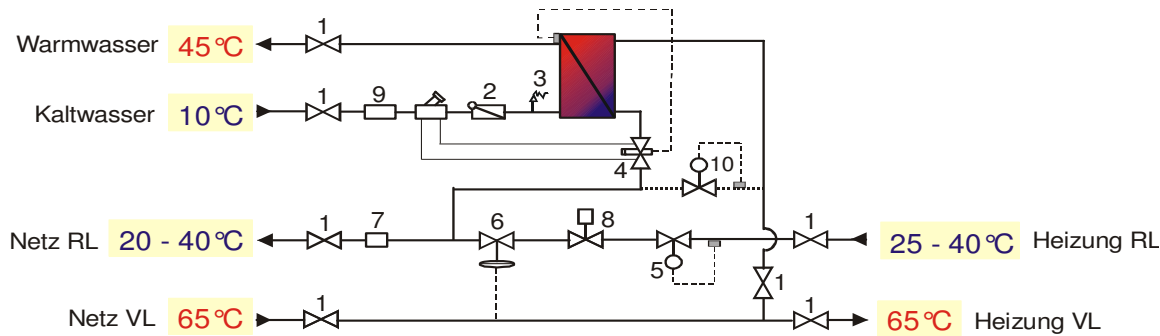
Functions of substations



All components for decentralized hot water heating and space heating are contained

- Important components for hot water preparation:
 - Plate heat exchanger: hot water is produced when its needed
 - > Small risk of legionella
 - > Highest hygiene
 - Proportional controller: regulates the hot water temperature and adapts the flow rate to the hot water consumption

Functions of substations

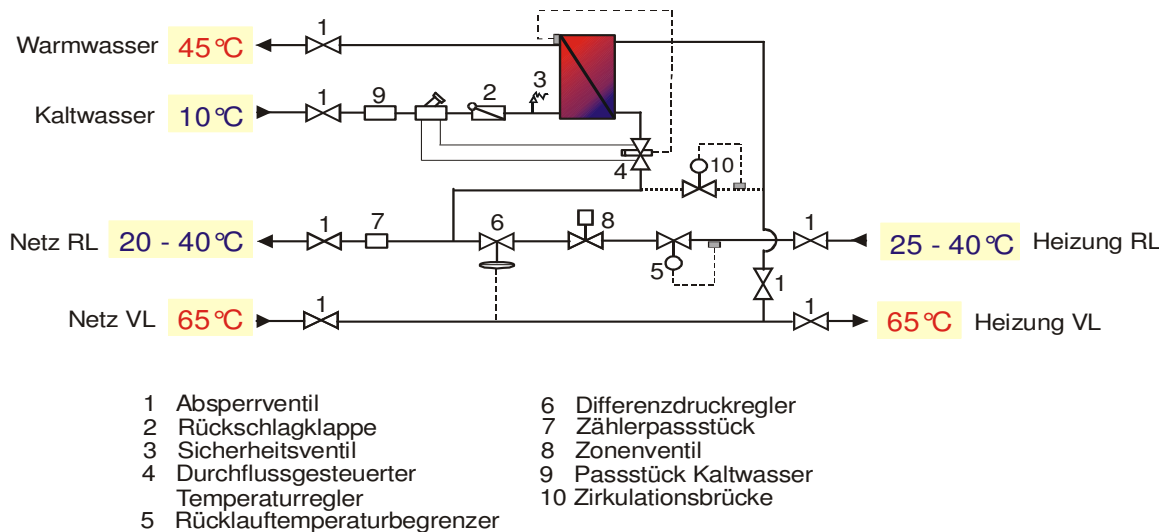


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|--|------------------------|
| 1 Absperrventil | 6 Differenzdruckregler |
| 2 Rückschlagklappe | 7 Zählerpassstück |
| 3 Sicherheitsventil | 8 Zonenventil |
| 4 Durchflussgesteuerter Temperaturregler | 9 Passstück Kaltwasser |
| 5 Rücklauftemperaturbegrenzer | 10 Zirkulationsbrücke |



- Important components for heat preparation:
 - Differential pressure regulating valve: hot water is produced when it is needed
 - > Provide a constant mass flow in individual units of the dwellings
 - > Inappropriate adjusting can be prevented by fixed pre-setting
 - Return controller: are used in the return and fixed on 40°C
 - Thermostatic valve: control the temperature in the units

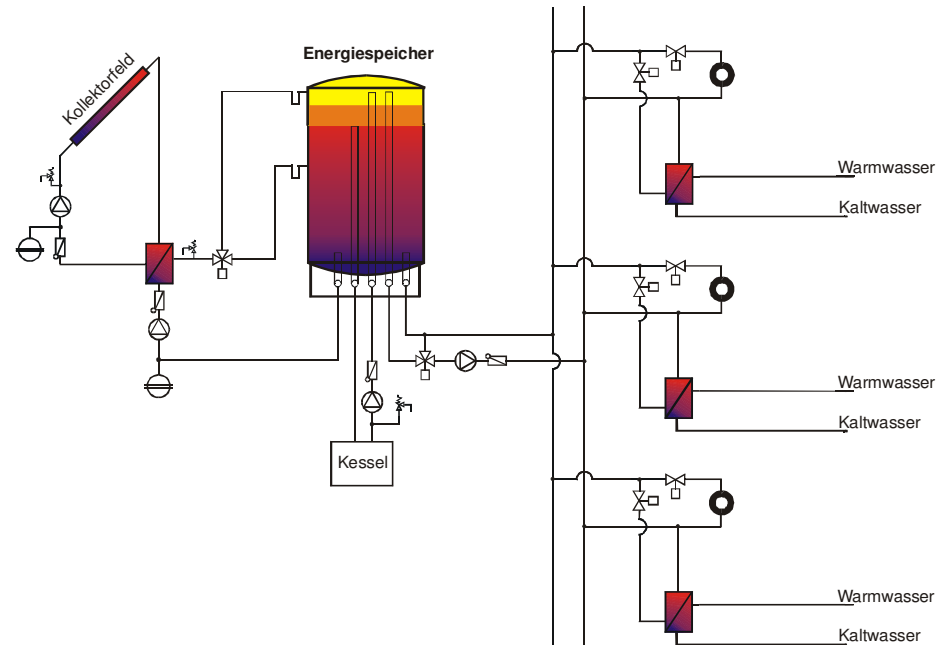
Measuring devices of substations



- Important components for measuring the demand:
 - Water meter
 - > measures the total amount of hot water used in a unit
 - Heat meter
 - > measures the total amount of hot water and heat used in a unit
 - Can be read out manually or via a bus-system

Distribution net

- Characteristics of 2-pipe systems with substations
 - Strongly varying flow due to the decentralized hot water preparation
 - Constant flow temperatures over an entire operational year



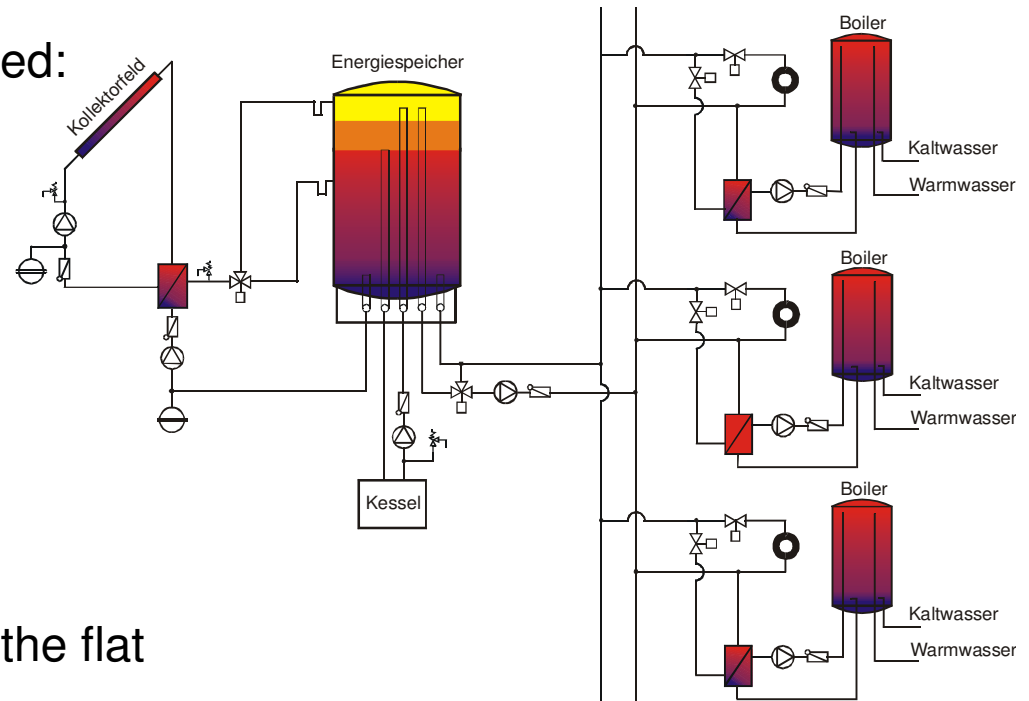
Distribution net

- Volume flow
 - Between summer and winter varying volume, usage of two pumps:
 - > Pump for summer
 - > Pump for winter
 - > Reduction of the needed electricity
 - Ascending pipe needs to be regulated correctly, usage of a differential pressure regulating valve
 - Mixing valve: temperatures up to 95 °C during summer mean highest requirements on the mixing valve



Solar supported energy nets: 2-pipe systems with decentralised hot water storage

- Solar system
 - If an energy storage is integrated:
 - > Operational mode: Low (Matched) Flow
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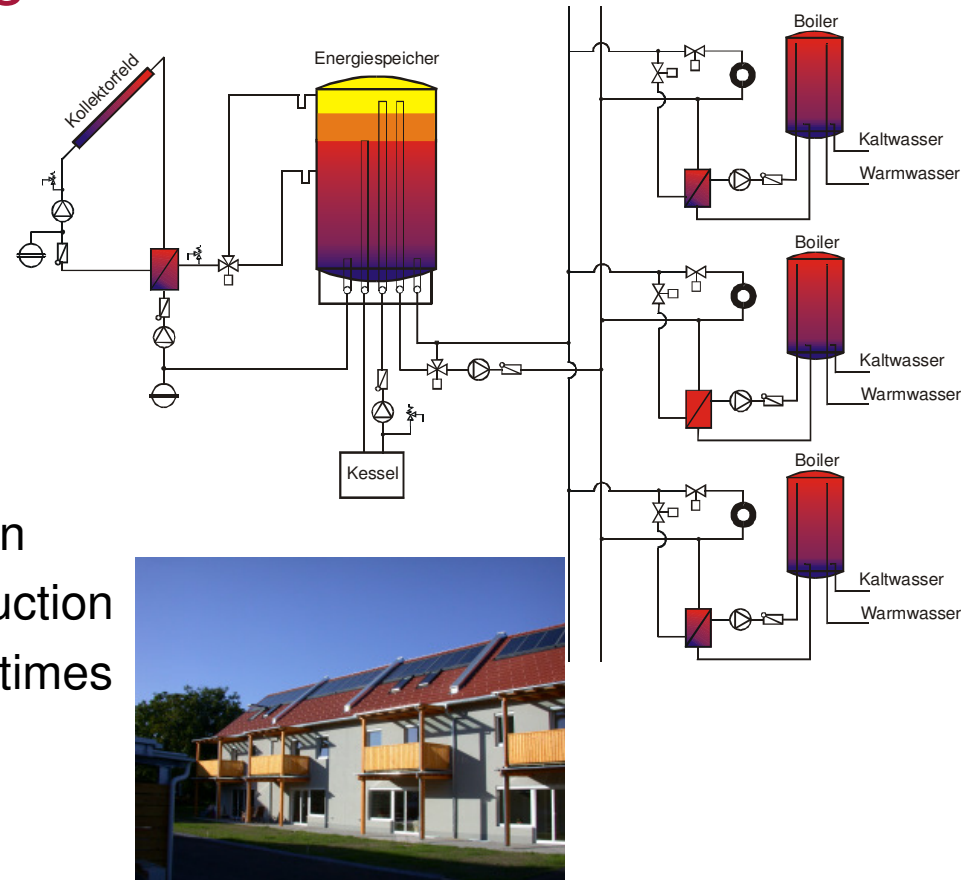
Important: The distribution net is used 22h to 23h for the heat supply and just 1h to load the boiler

Important: the upper part of the storage needs to be kept on a minimum temperature (65°C) → security of supply

Important: Heater dimensioning 65/40

Solar supported energy nets: 2-pipe systems with decentralised hot water storage

- Important components:
 - Mixing valve
 - Pump
 - Decentralized load substations
- Application:
 - New building, residential buildings in compact building method, reconstruction (already existing devices can sometimes be further used)

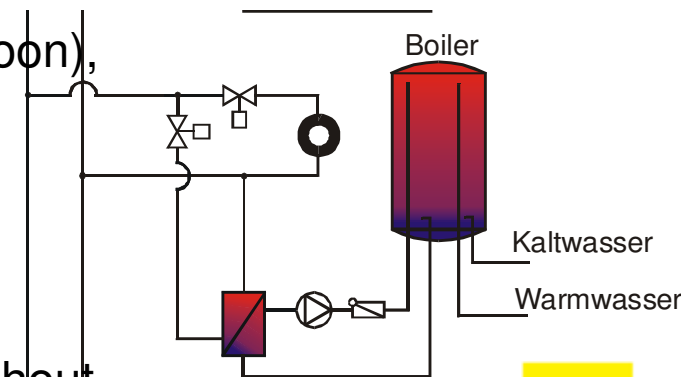


Advantage: Low return temperatures from the beginning of the boiler load

Advantage: Distribution losses are reduced during summer (pipes are heated up just once/day)

Hot water preparation / Space heat supply

- Hot water storage:
 - Dimensioning on a daily use of 150-200 litres
 - Placement: storage, toilet, bath, possibly cellars
 - > Importantly: short ways to the taps
- Loading of the hot water storage:
 - external heat exchangers
 - > Deep return temperatures can be obtained
 - > Importantly: hydraulic uncoupling
- Loading:
 - Low loads, irradiation-strong time periods (at noon), load duration (1h)
- Space heat supply:
 - Dimensioning of radiators on a max. 65/40 °C



Summary

2 pipe systems with substations

Application:

- new buildings
- reconstruction
- dwellings and terraced houses

Advantages:

- low investment costs
- hygienical hot water preparation
- compact
- low required space
- low distribution losses
- amount of hot water is unlimited
- comfort

Disadvantages:

- pump is used the whole year
- operating current

2 pipe systems with decentralized hot water storage

Application:

- new buildings
- residential buildings in compact building method
- reconstruction

Advantages:

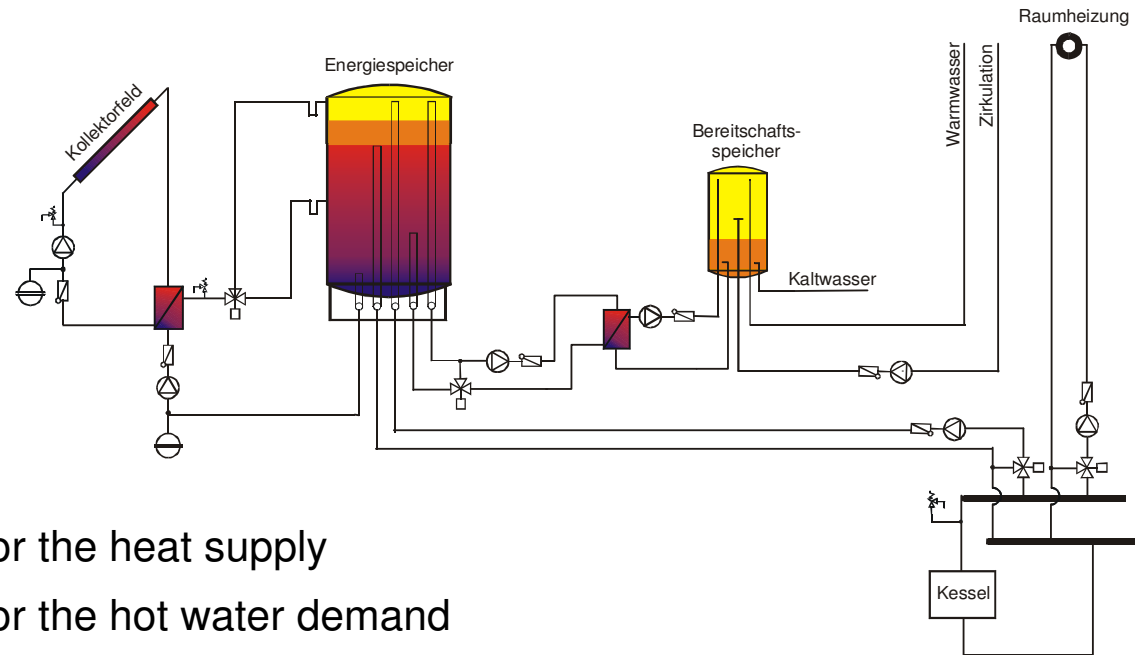
- heats up the distribution net just once a day (low distribution losses)
- hygienical hot water preparation

Disadvantages:

- higher investment cost because of the decentralized hot water storage
- more space is needed

Solar supported 4-pipe systems

- Application
 - Reconstruction of buildings with already existing central hot water distribution

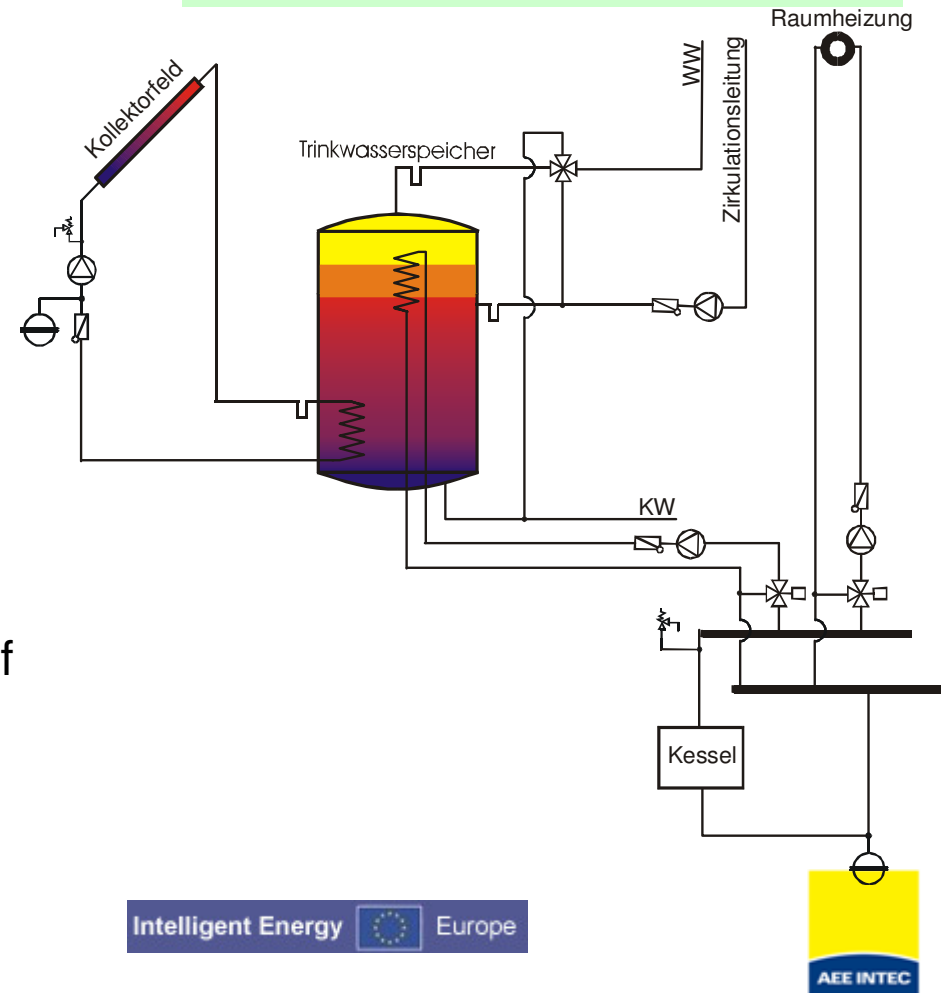


- Functions:
 - One pair of pipes for the heat supply
 - One pair of pipes for the hot water demand
- Separation in:
 - Systems with one storage (max. 10 units)
 - Systems with two storages (larger dwellings)

4-pipe system with hot water storage

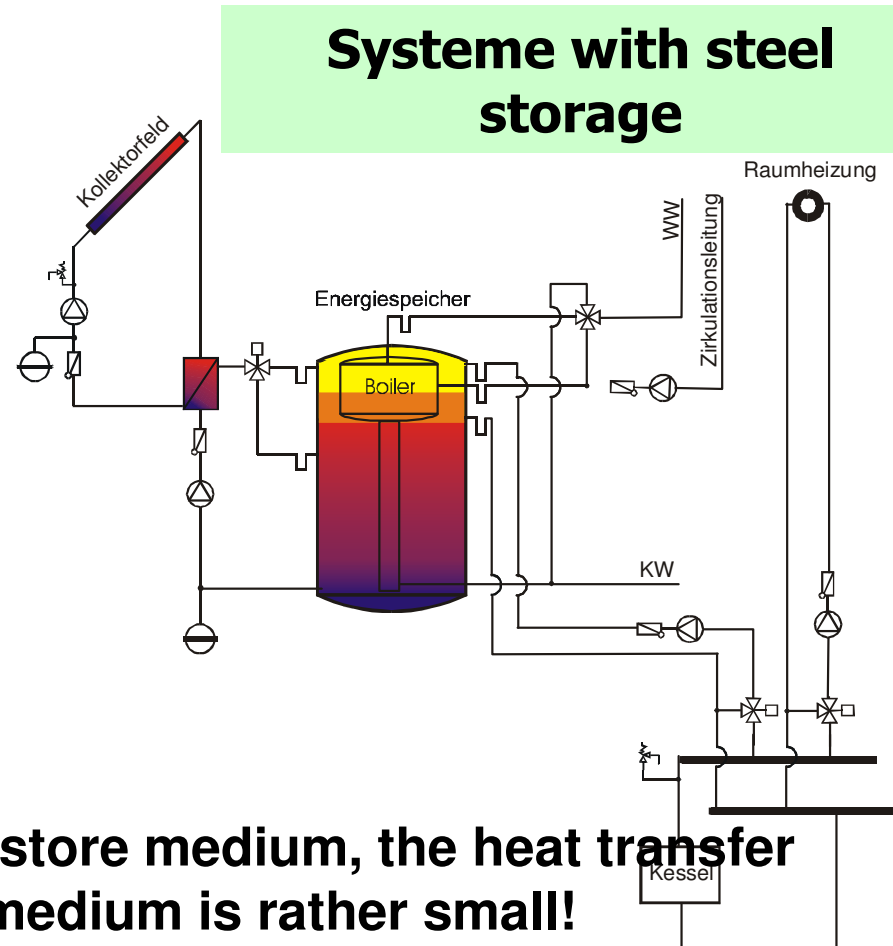
- Application: for a maximum of 10 flats
- Hot water storage
 - Cost-intensive by interior coating or high-grade steel
 - high requirements on water hygiene
- Integration of the solar system
 - Internal heat exchanger
 - Plate heat exchanger
- Temperature delimitation of the storage on 60°C: Calcifying danger of the external heat exchanger

Systeme with hot water storage



4-pipe system with one steel storage

- Steel storage
 - Is used as energy storage
- Integration of the solar system
 - Internal heat exchanger
 - Plate heat exchanger
- Hot water preparation
 - Internal water storage
 - Internal tube heat exchanger

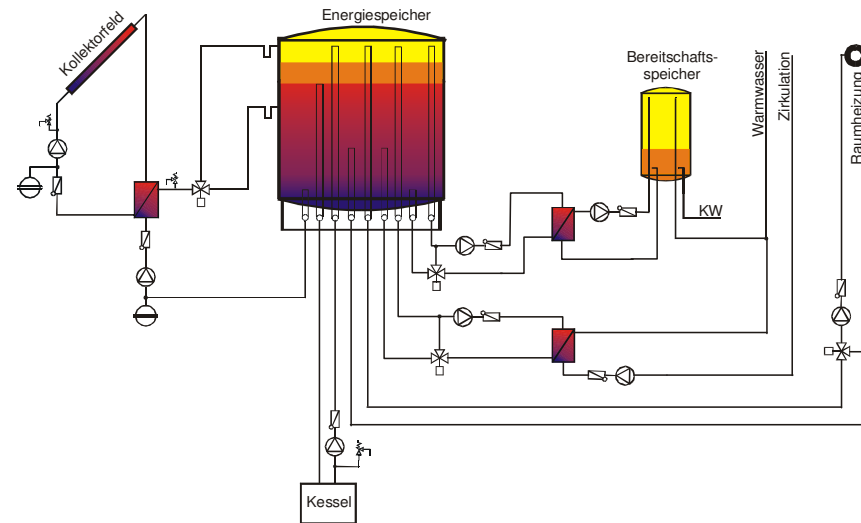


Because of the standing energy store medium, the heat transfer between hot water and storage medium is rather small!

Supply security is ensured by the provision of a large amount of hot water and large boiler or tube heat exchanger area

4-pipe system with two-storage systems

- Application
 - For large hot water consumption



- Layout
 - Central energy storage (steel), Central hot water storage to cover peak loads
 - Conventional heat generator feeds exclusive in the energy storage
 - Energy storage supplies the space heating

Increased solar results up to 10% compared to solar systems for the hot water preparation -> should be included in heat heating system!

Sometimes old storages can be used!

Ranges of recommended angles of inclination and alignment of collector surfaces in dependence of the solar covering degree

| Desired dimensioning | Solar covering degree | Recommended collector angle of inclination | Recommended collector alignment |
|--|-----------------------|--|---|
| Dimensioning in cost/use optimum | appr. 12% | 25 to 40° | preferable South, tolerable deviation eastward 45° and the west 45° |
| | appr. 20% | 30 to 45° | preferable South, tolerable deviation eastward 45° and the west 45° |
| Dimensioning with 100% summer covering | appr. 28% | 40 to 55° | preferable South, tolerable deviation eastward 45° and the west 45° |
| | | | |

- Building Integration



Potential

- New buildings
- Old buildings / redevelopment
- Requirements for architects



Architecture – New buildings

- design flexibility
 - Integration
 - Presentation



Architecture – Old buildings / redevelopment

- design flexibility
 - „After war buildings“ of the 50ties to the 70ties
 - Combination with a redevelopment of the facade
- Monumental protection
 - In the city
 - old part of town



Architecture - requirements

- Standard sizes
- Special sizes available
- Colored absorbers
- Colored cover strip
- Large surfaces



Collector integration

- To take care of:
 - Variations in temperature (particularly by construction units closely linked to other parts of the building)
 - Bird-ate
 - Note!
 - > Life span of the roofing and/or the roof framing
 - > Weight - collectors 20-30 kg/m²
 - > Wind and suction forces



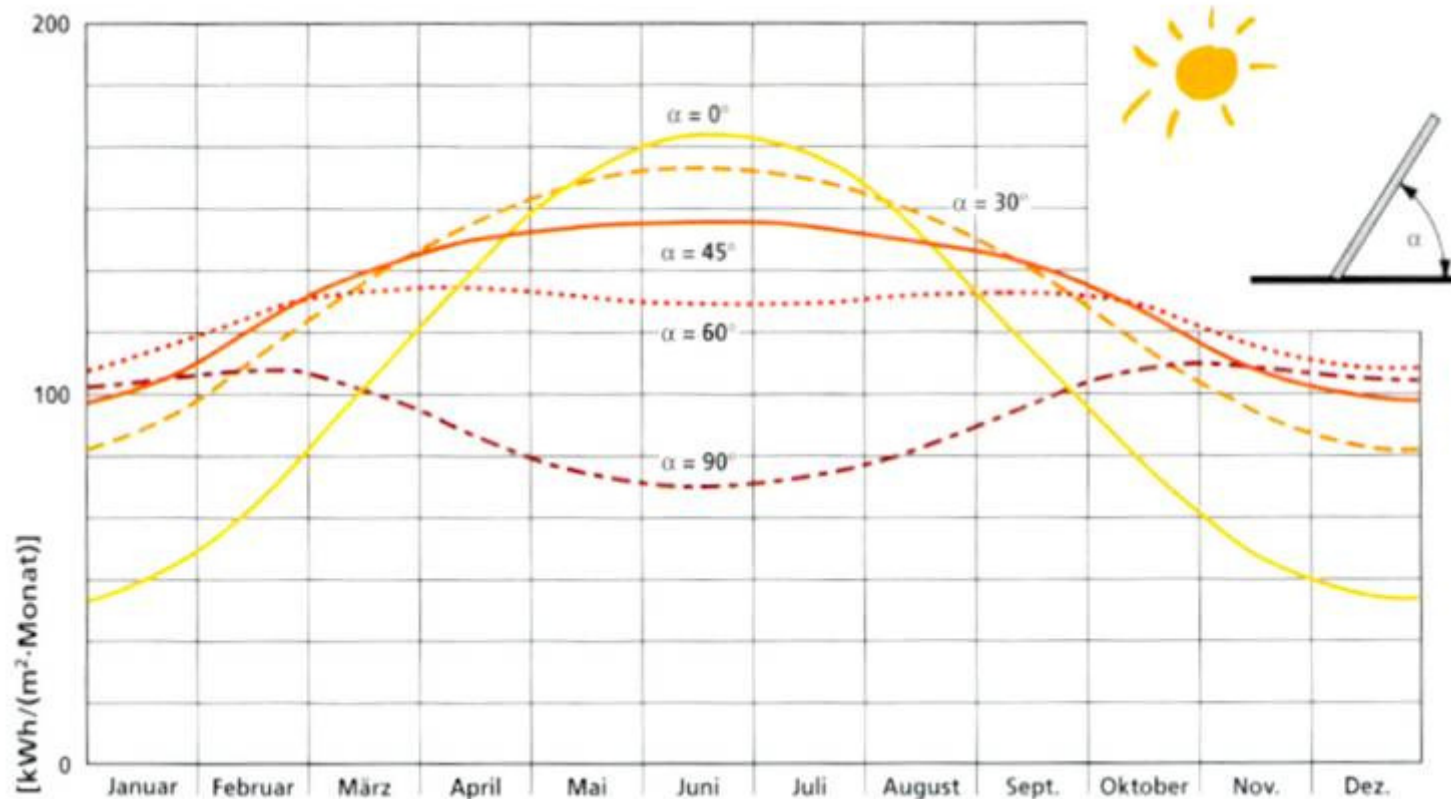
Facade integration

- Multiple use of facade collectors
 - Solar collector
 - Weather protection of the front
 - Design element
 - Noise control
- facade collectors with backing ventilation
 - no problems from the building design aspect
- facade collectors without backing ventilation
 - brings auxiliary use to thermal insulation
 - passive-solar element
- Advantages
 - Reduction of calorific losses
 - Cost saving by multiple use
 - small/no preservation work
 - Old building and new building-suited



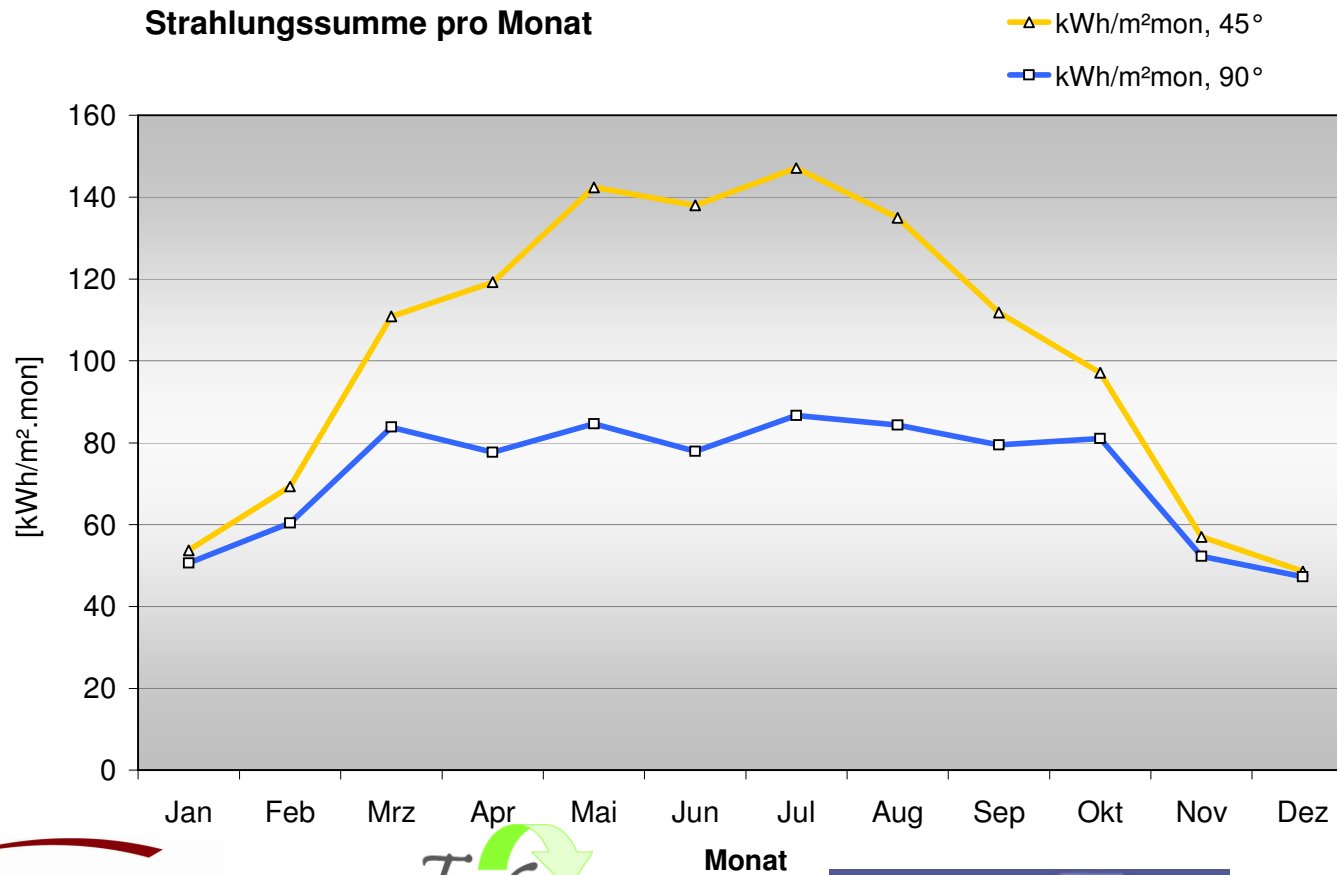
Adjustment and inclination of collectors

Yearly variation of the global radiation on inclined surface in kWh/m², month



Irradiation in the facade

- Irradiation approx. 30% smaller than on inclined surface



Colored absorbers

- smaller selective layer
- larger collector surfaces necessary



Enlargement of the collector surface

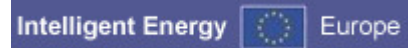
- With colored absorbers the surface must be increased between 20% and 70% to selectively coated absorbers
- Combined systems need less enlargement than plants for water preparation

| Anlage | Solarer Deckungsgrad | Solarlack zu selektiv | Grün/blau zu selektiv | Rotbraun zu selektiv |
|---|----------------------|--|--|--|
| Einfamilienhaus, 4 Personen, WW-Bereitung | [%] 70 | [m ² /m ²] 1,5 | [m ² /m ²] 1,5 | [m ² /m ²] 1,7 |
| Einfamilienhaus, 4 Personen, WW-Bereitung und 8 kW Heizlast | 40 | 1,2 | 1,3 | 1,4 |

Facade integration

- Costs
 - Collector surface must be increased
 - Piping more difficult
- Use
 - Reduced calorific losses
 - Saving of glass facade (if planned)
 - No preservation work (Painting...)
 - Noise control
 - Element architectural value






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