



## **Solar Thermal System Solutions**

Powering the Planet – Every Day

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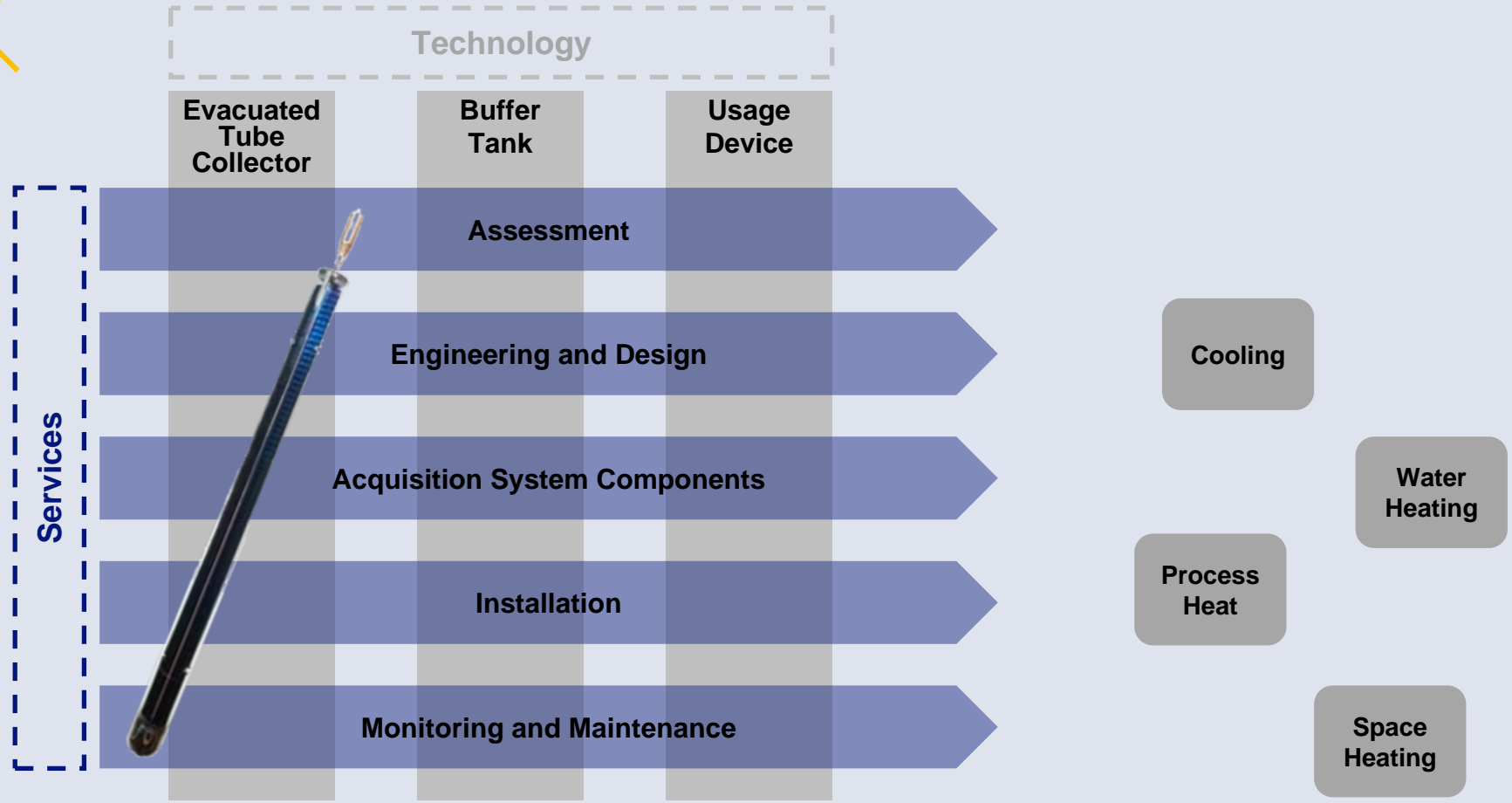
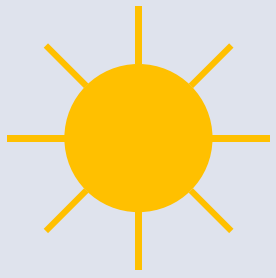
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ergSol is a U.S. based provider of complete and customized solar thermal system solutions

*ergSol's Technology and Services*



## ergSol

**Providing complete and customized solar thermal solutions  
utilizing highly efficient ETC technology**

**Predictable Energy Cost**

**Reduced Greenhouse  
Gas Emissions**

**Provide Energy  
Independence**



**Sustainability**

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# Solar Thermal can meet and exceed the demands of our energy- reliant society



## Concerns and solutions

### Industry concerns

**Fossil fuels**

- Fossil fuel supply is diminishing
  - Sunlight is readily available
- **Independence from fossil fuels**

**Fluctuating energy costs**

- Reliance on global natural resources triggers cost fluctuation
  - Solar Thermal technology relies on the “free” sun light
- **Predictable energy costs**

**Emissions**

- Greenhouse gas emissions are an issue
  - Governmental mandates on reduction
  - Development of “cap and trade” systems
- **Reduction of carbon footprints**

### Solar Thermal Solutions

# The projections focus on the factors that shape the U.S. energy markets in the long term



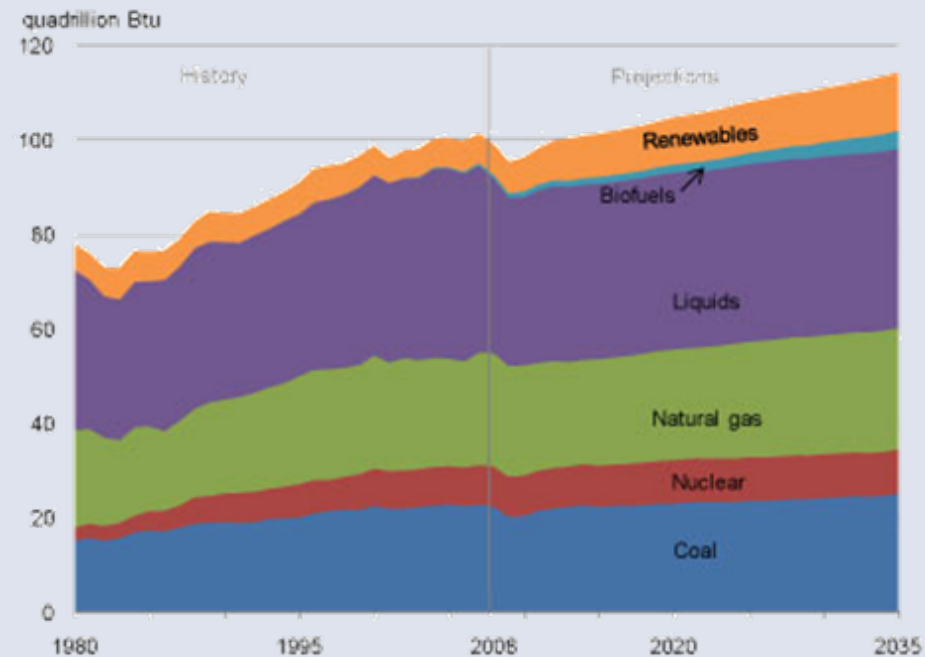
## Moderate Energy Consumption Growth and Greater Use of Renewables

Figure 40. Primary energy use by end-use sector, 2008-2035  
quadrillion Btu



Source: EIA Annual Energy Outlook 2010

Figure 41. Primary energy use by fuel, 1980-2035  
quadrillion Btu



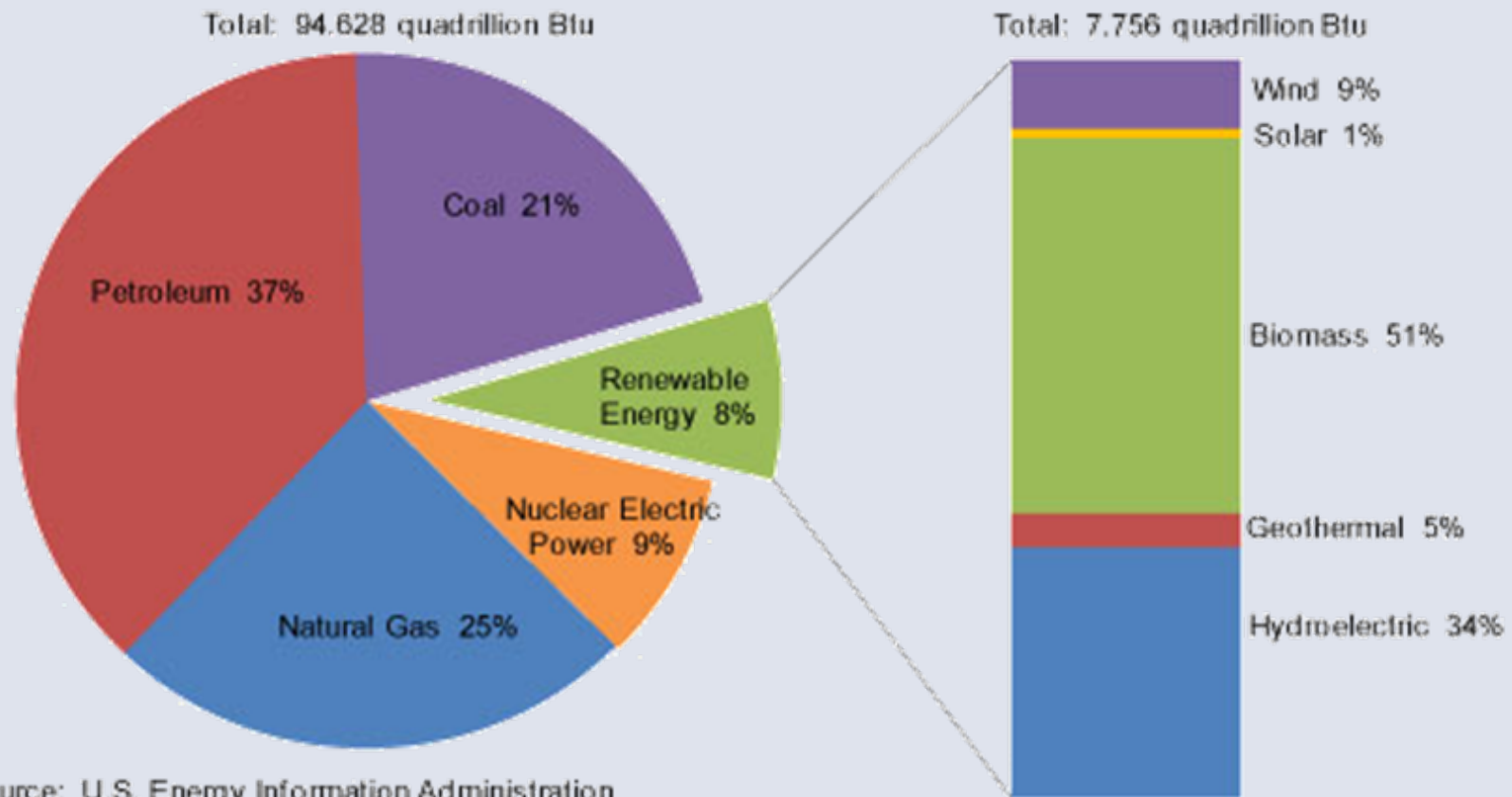
Source: EIA Annual Energy Outlook 2010

# The U.S. renewable energy consumption increased in 2009 to 7.8 quadrillion Btu's



## U.S. Renewable Energy Consumption

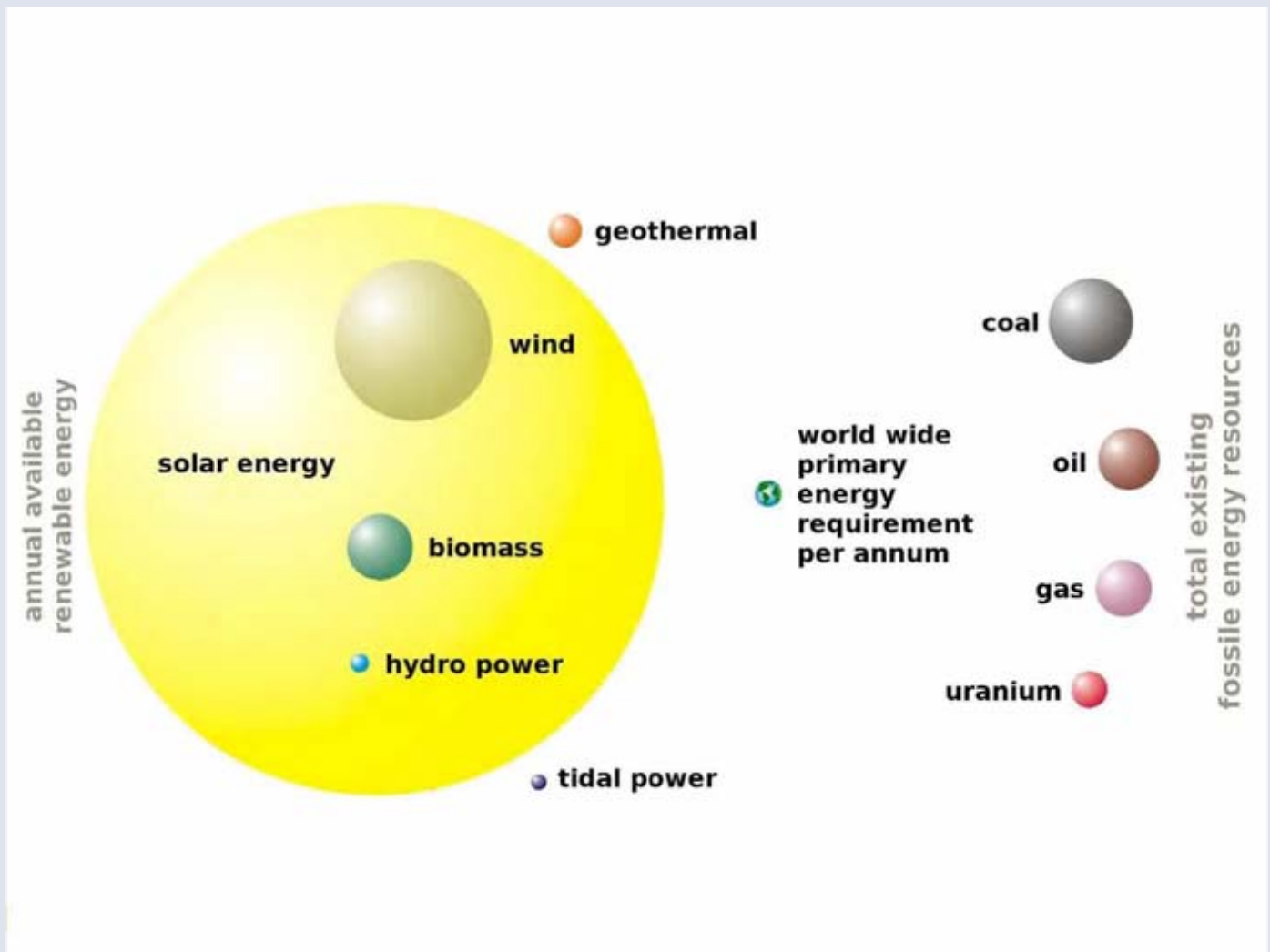
Figure 1.2 Renewable energy consumption in the nation's energy supply, 2009



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

# Energy resources worldwide

## All Renewables



Source: Koldehoff 2009 (Prof. Volker Quaschnig, FHTW Berlin/ Reference Year 2007)

# The sun is the optimal solution to our growing energy challenge

*Sunlight delivers more energy in one hour than the Earth uses in one year*

## Solar Thermal Technology

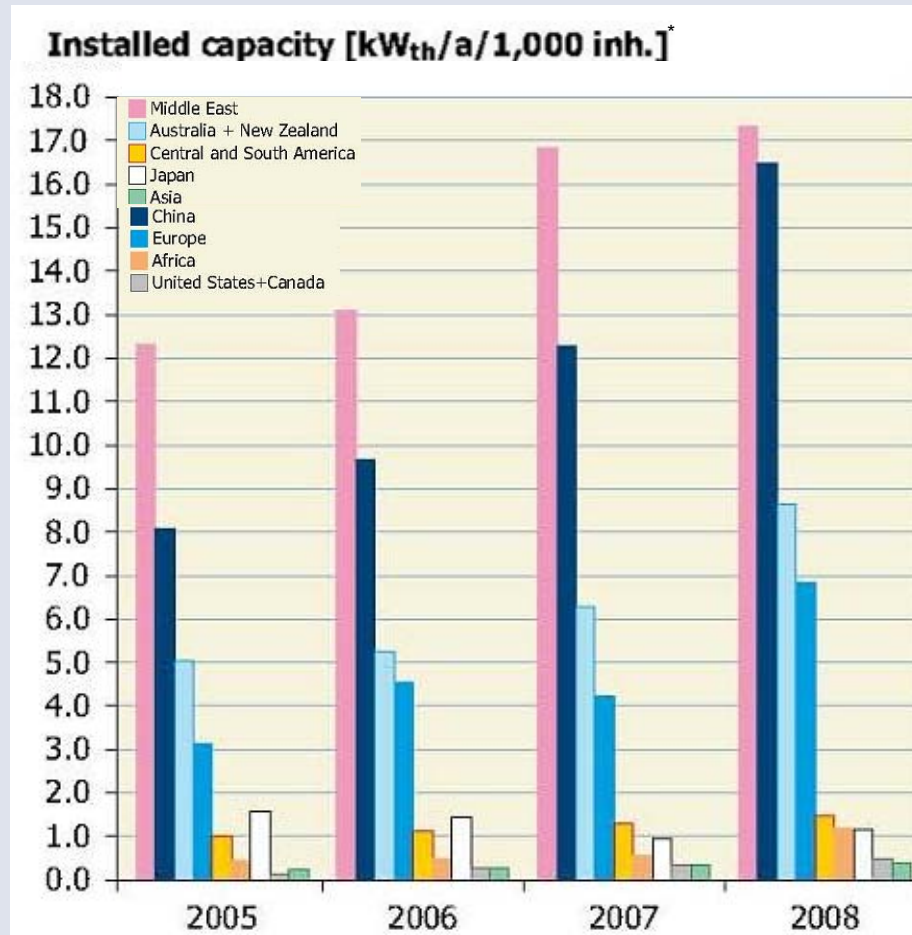
*Solar thermal technology is the process of capturing the sun's natural energy to produce thermal energy*

- Solar thermal energy describes **heat** rather than electricity
- Solar thermal systems have the proven potential to deliver and utilize more of the sun's energy than conventional solar panel systems
- Solar thermal technology is an elegant solution that can be **customized** and optimized for many applications including **water heating, space heating, process heat and cooling**



# Global market developments indicate a significant growth opportunity for the U.S. solar thermal industry

## Market Potential for Solar Systems



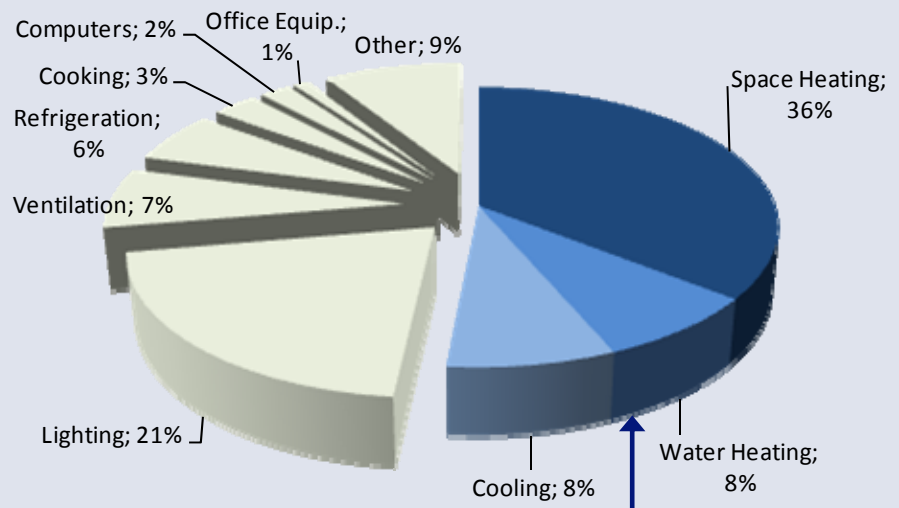
Middle East: Israel, Jordan  
 Africa: Namibia, South Africa, Tunisia, Zimbabwe  
 Central & South America: Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Uruguay  
 Asia: India, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand  
 Europe: EU 27, Albania, Macedonia, Norway, Overseas Dep. of France, Switzerland,  
 Turkey

- Increasing energy demands are unable to be met by existing means
- Recent **boom** in solar system installations in the Middle East and China
- The **U.S. lags behind** the rest of the world

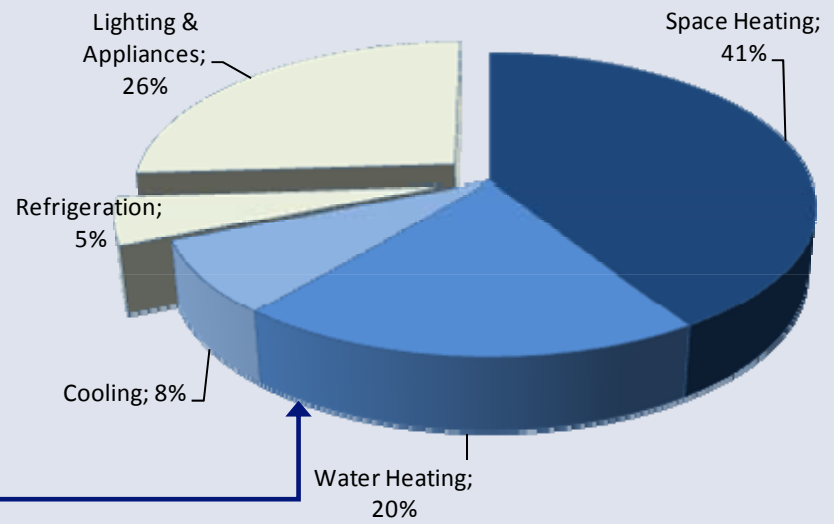
# Given the great potential, now is the time to tap into the U.S. energy market place with solar thermal technology

## Substantial Applications for Solar Thermal Technology

**Commercial Energy Consumption (2003) <sup>1</sup>**



**Residential Energy Consumption (2005) <sup>2</sup>**



- <sup>3</sup>
- Annual primary **energy savings**: 1quad = 293,071 GWh
  - Annual **CO2 emissions reduction** : 50-75 million metric tons
  - Annual retail energy **cost savings**: \$ 8 billion

1) Source: EIA, 2003 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey

2) EIA, 2005

3) Source: NREL, March 2007; The Technical Potential for Solar Water Heating to Reduce Fossil Fuel Use and Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the U.S.

# A substantial share of industrial process heat could be provided by solar thermal technologies



*Hot Water, Solar Space Heating, Solar Cooling, Process Heat, Waste Water Treatment*

## Categories

### Fruit and Vegetable Processing Industry

- Energy costs in 2002: \$370 million for purchased electricity; \$440 million for purchased fuels
- Vegetable canneries: 80% natural gas as boiler fuels; 20% electricity
- Around one half of electricity use was for machine drives; one quarter was for process cooling and refrigeration

### Dairy Processor

- Energy consumption: 80% by combustion of fossil fuel; 20% by electricity
- Energy consumed depends on the range of products being produced, level of automation, age and scale of a plant
- Fuel consumption: milk powder 19.53 MBtu/ton product; cheese 4.11MBtu/ton product

### Manufacturing

- Industrial energy consumption 38% of total U.S. energy consumption in 1997
- Manufacturing processes consume about 5.2 quadrillion Btu (17%)
- Fossil fuel combustion accounts for 92% of this energy, electricity for 8%
- Commonly operations include: fluid heating, calcining, drying, metal heat treating, metal heating, smelting, metal melting, non-metal melting

## Applications for Significant CO<sub>2</sub> Reductions

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# Concentrating Solar Power

## Utility Scale Solar Power



Source: Brightsource – Power Tower



Source: Abengoa – Dish Sterling Technology



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Source: Solar Millennium



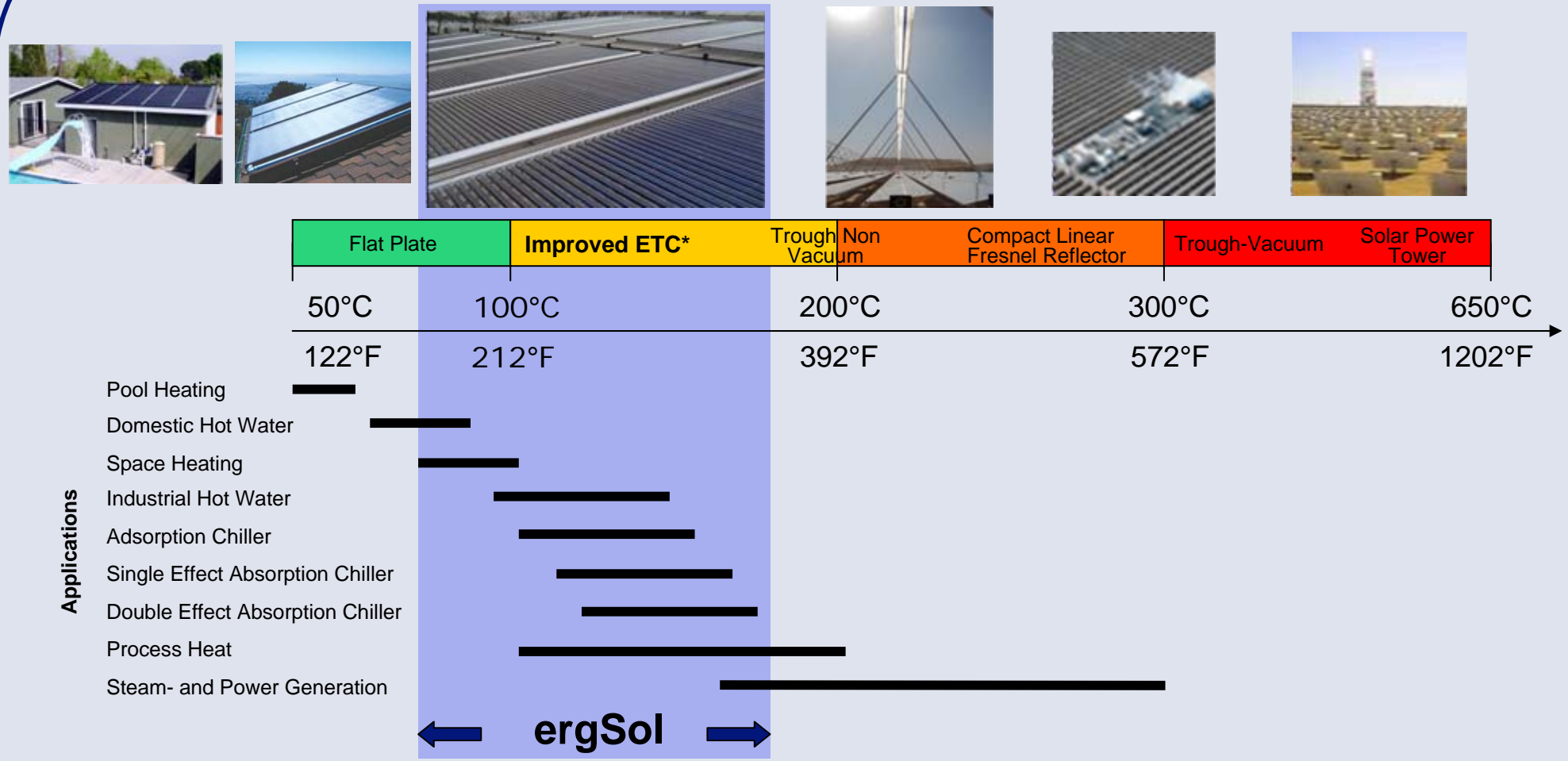
Source: Solar Millennium – Parabolic Trough



Source: Ausra – Compact Linear Fresnel Reflector

# Solar thermal systems have a wide range of application depending on the required temperatures

## Solar Thermal Technologies



**Because the ETCs are able to reach such a high temperature, they are able to provide many otherwise unattainable applications**

\* ETC = Evacuated Tube Collector

# Various collector types

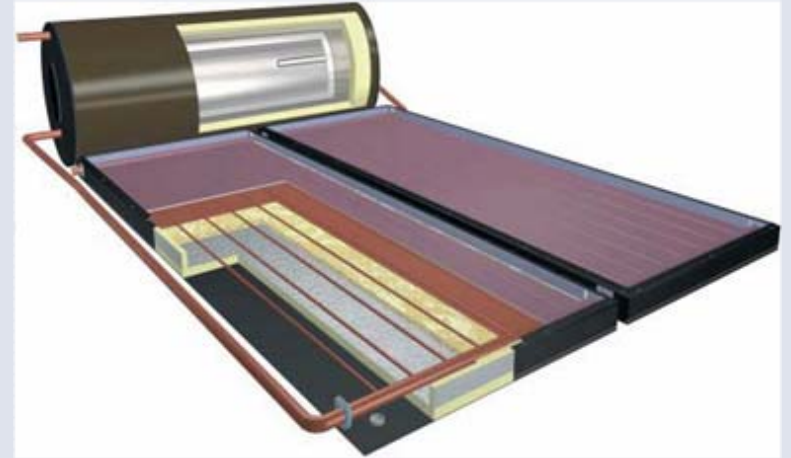
## Lower End of Temperature Spectrum

Unglazed Solar Pool Collector



Source: Pool Solare Expert

Thermosyphon Systems



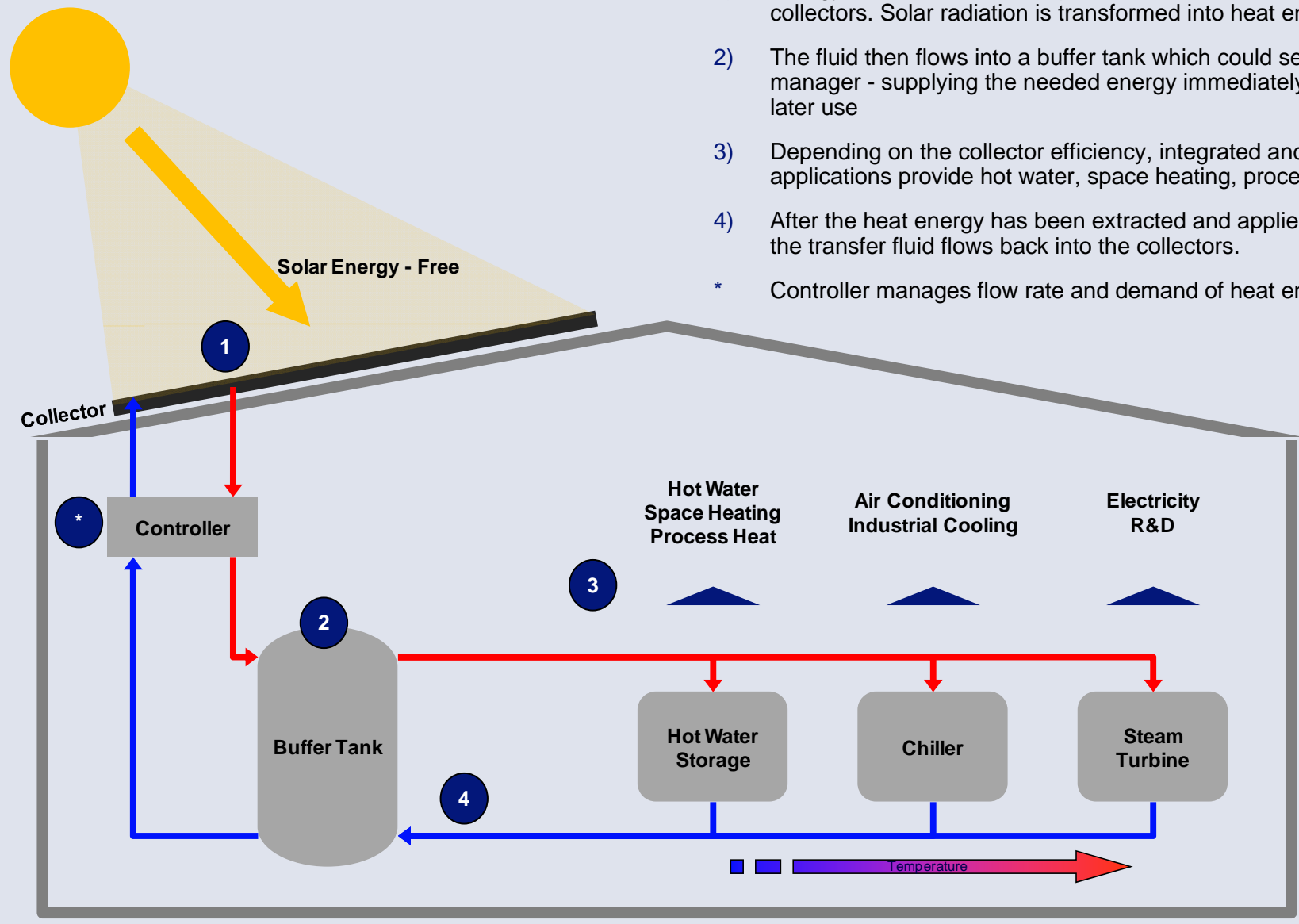
Source: SunEarth



Source: CleanTech

# Solar thermal technology harnesses the natural energy to deliver clean, affordable and reliable power

## Solar Thermal System



- 1) Energy from the sun heats up a transfer fluid inside the solar thermal collectors. Solar radiation is transformed into heat energy within the fluid.
  - 2) The fluid then flows into a buffer tank which could serve as a 24/7 energy manager - supplying the needed energy immediately and storing the rest for later use
  - 3) Depending on the collector efficiency, integrated and customized applications provide hot water, space heating, process heat and cooling.
  - 4) After the heat energy has been extracted and applied by the usage devices, the transfer fluid flows back into the collectors.
- \* Controller manages flow rate and demand of heat energy

# Glazed flat-plate collectors

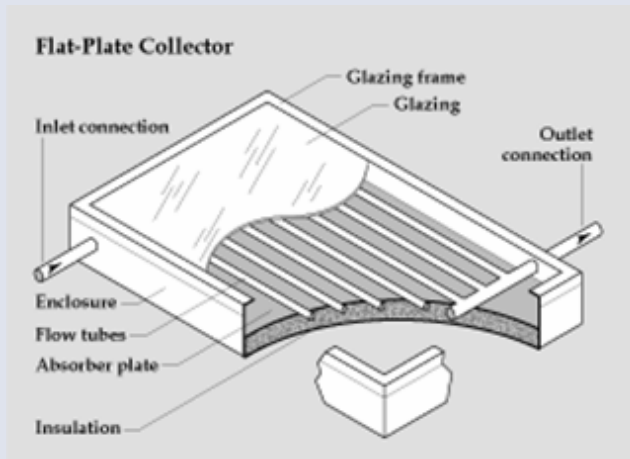
## Characteristics



Source: Vaillant



Source: Sunwater



Source: EERE

# Glazed flat plate collectors

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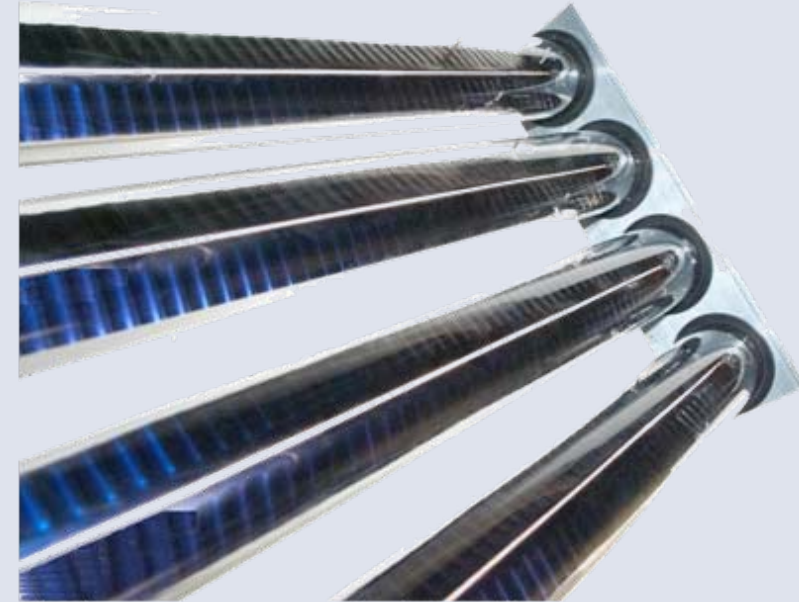
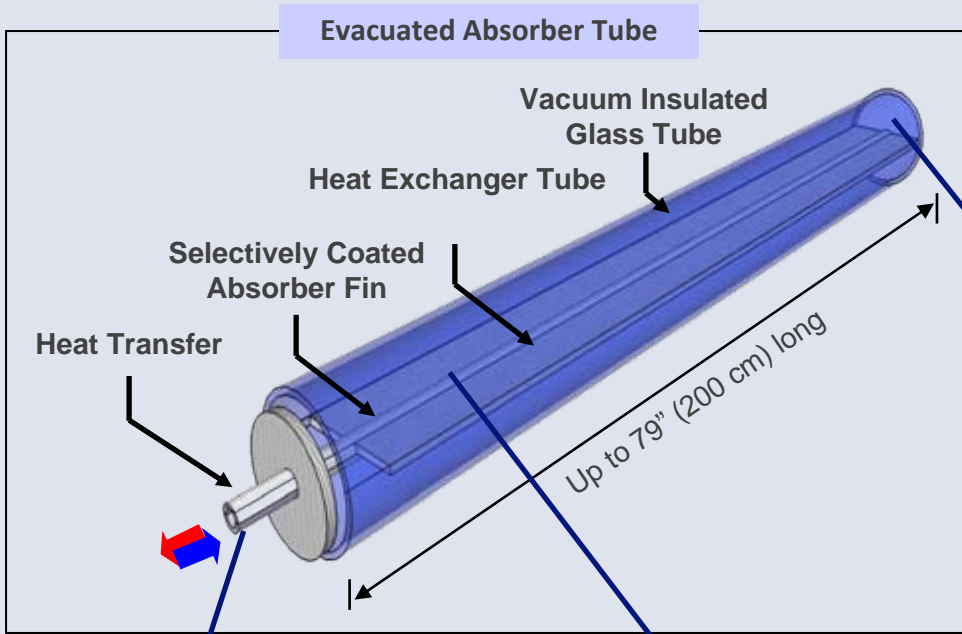
Source: Flat\_plate\_solar\_collector

## Glazed Flat Plate Collectors

- Proven Technology
- Durable and reliable
- Should a problem occur, entire collector must be replaced
- Do perform best when installed facing south at the proper tilt
- Standard flat plate collectors operate up to 176°F
- Capture direct and diffuse light
- Applicable in all climates
- Proper installation distance to avoid shading
- Efficiency is decreasing due to heat loss
- Application limited due to varied efficiency
- New constructions and retrofits
- Lifetime >25 years

# Highly advanced evacuated tube technology takes solar thermal energy to a new level

## ergSol's Evacuated Tube



# Evacuated tube collectors

## Characteristics



## ergSol's Evacuated Tube Collector

- Proven technology
- Achieve high temperatures (350°F) with high efficiency
- Vacuum eliminates conductive and convective heat loss
- Capture both direct and diffuse insolation
- Space, cost and energy efficient
- Applicable in all climates
- Residential, commercial, and industrial applications
- Applications for water heating, space conditioning, cooling, industrial processes
- Mounting options: horizontal, vertical, flat, pitched, building integrated
- Should a problem occur, single tubes can easily be replaced
- No moving parts
- Expected lifetime: >25 years

# ETCs are designed and installed to combine functionality and aesthetics

## ETC Installations Suitable for New and Existing Buildings

### Building Types

- Commercial
- Industrial
- Residential
- Multi-Family/ Dorms
- Government



### ETC Mounting Options

- Horizontal and Vertical Installation
  - Flat roof
  - Pitched roof
  - Building integrated



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*ETC Installations Suitable for New and Existing Buildings*



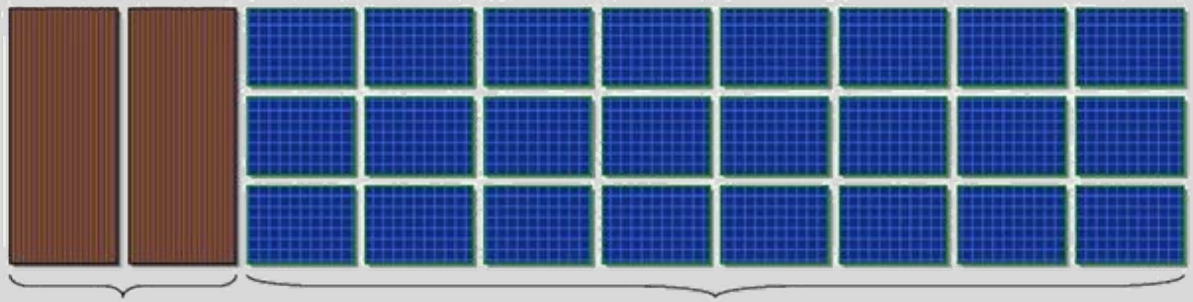
# Solar Thermal is a space, cost and energy efficient solution

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## Solar Thermal Technology

**Solar thermal technology is the process of capturing the sun's natural energy to produce thermal energy**

- Solar thermal (ST) systems have the proven potential to **deliver and utilize more of the sun's energy** than conventional Photovoltaic (PV) systems - **80% vs. 14% efficiency**



ST (upper standard FP-Collector)		=	PV (Shell SQ 165-PC)	
Output/day <sup>1</sup> :	22.7 kWh <sub>th</sub>	←	Output/day <sup>2</sup> :	22.3 kWh
Area:	80 ft <sup>2</sup>		Area:	456 ft <sup>2</sup>
Installed cost:	\$7,000	← 1 to 7 →	Installed cost:	\$51,480
Tax credit (CA):	\$2,000		Tax credit (CA):	\$15,444

1: Peak output based on SRCC Category C Clear Sky for ST (Equivalent kWh derived using 3,414 Btu/kWh)  
 2: Manufacturers spec sheet for PV at standard test conditions (5.28 kW array rating x 5.8 peak sun-hrs/day)

Source: Koldehoff 2009

# Linear Fresnel collectors

## Characteristics



Source: Mirroxx

## Linear Fresnel Collector

- Individually tracked mirror rows
- Concentrating direct sunlight
- Achieve high temperatures (392°F) with pressurized water; higher temperatures can be realized with thermal oil
- Simple power control
- Optimized stow positions for various weather conditions
- Self-cleaning position in rain
- Easy maintenance access
- Commercial, and industrial applications
- Applications for water heating, space conditioning, cooling, industrial processes
- Mounting options: on flat roofs (width 25 ft, length 13 ft, receiver height 13 ft).

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# Solar Thermal systems power business, industry and homes using clean, dynamic energy



## Versatile and Proven Applications

Commercial, Industrial, Agricultural, Multi-family Housing, Residential	
Industry / Commercial Sector	Processes
Food and Beverages	Drying, Washing, Pasteurizing, Boiling, Sterilizing, Heat Treatment, Cooling
Textile Industry	Washing, Bleaching, Dyeing, Cooling
Chemical Industry	Boiling, Distilling, Various chem. Processes, Cooling
Agricultural Products, Dairies, Poultryes	Drying, Washing, Cooling, Sterilizing
Manufacturing	Washing, Refrigeration, Heating, Cooling
Desalination, Waste Water Treatment Plants	Boiling, Distilling
Various other sectors, such as: Hospitals, Hotels, Retirement Homes, Schools, Gyms, Wineries, Breweries, Prisons, Restaurants, Car Wash Multi-Family Housing/District Heating and Cooling	Pre-heating of Boiler, Feed-water, Washing Clothes, Dishes, Shower, Heating and Cooling of Production Halls/ Office Space

## Solar Thermal

Providing complete and customized solutions

Proven, reliable  
technologies

Applicable in all  
climates

Highly diversified range  
of applications

Sustainability

Thank you very much for your attention.