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Form and Function: Solar Energy in Cold Climates



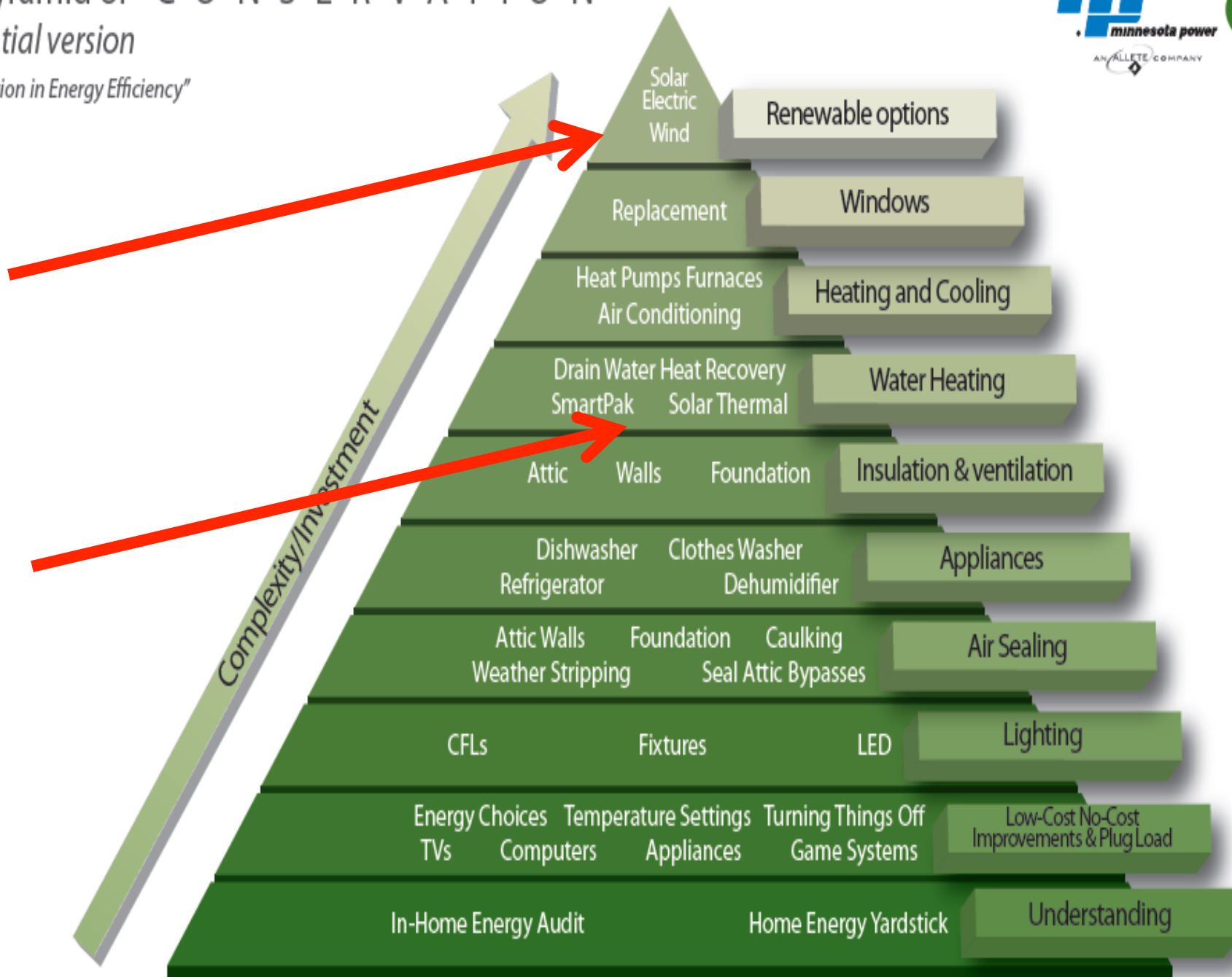


**What about
energy
efficiency?**

The Pyramid of CONSERVATION

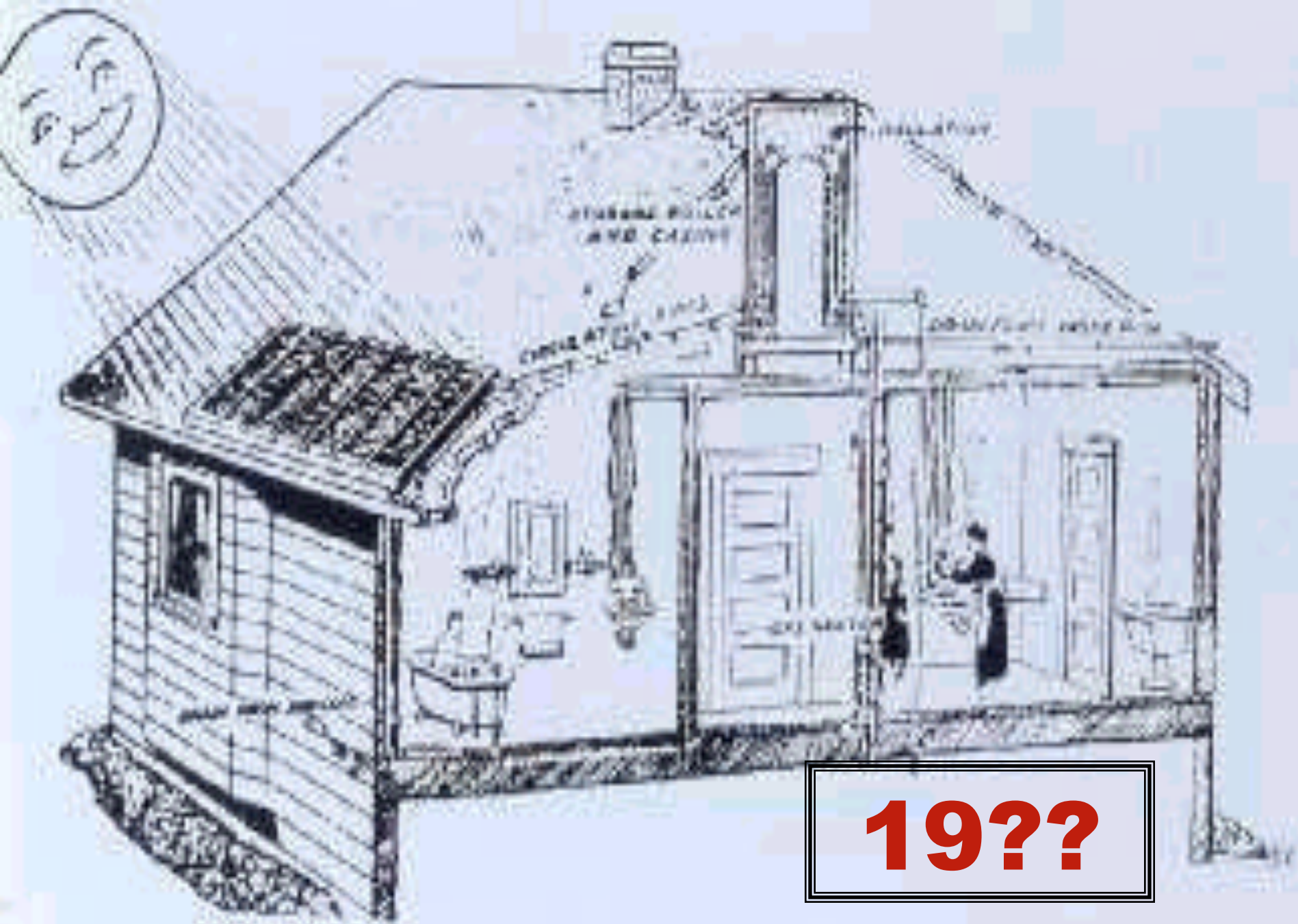
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"A Foundation in Energy Efficiency"





Nothing New...



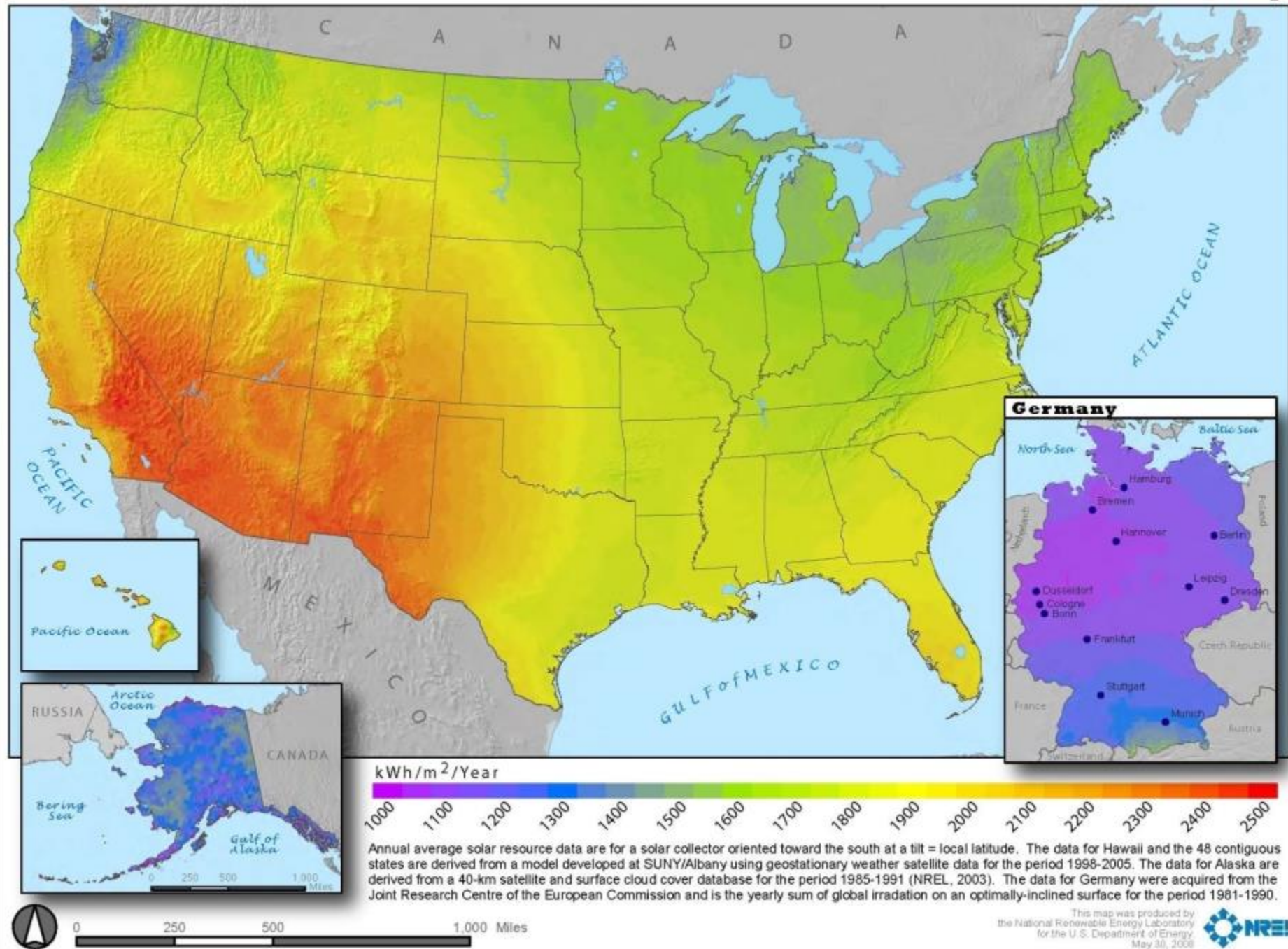
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Is Solar Energy an Appropriate Technology?

MAYBE!

- 1. Regional Solar Resource*
- 2. Site-based Solar Resource*
- 3. Site-based needs,
opportunities and limitations*

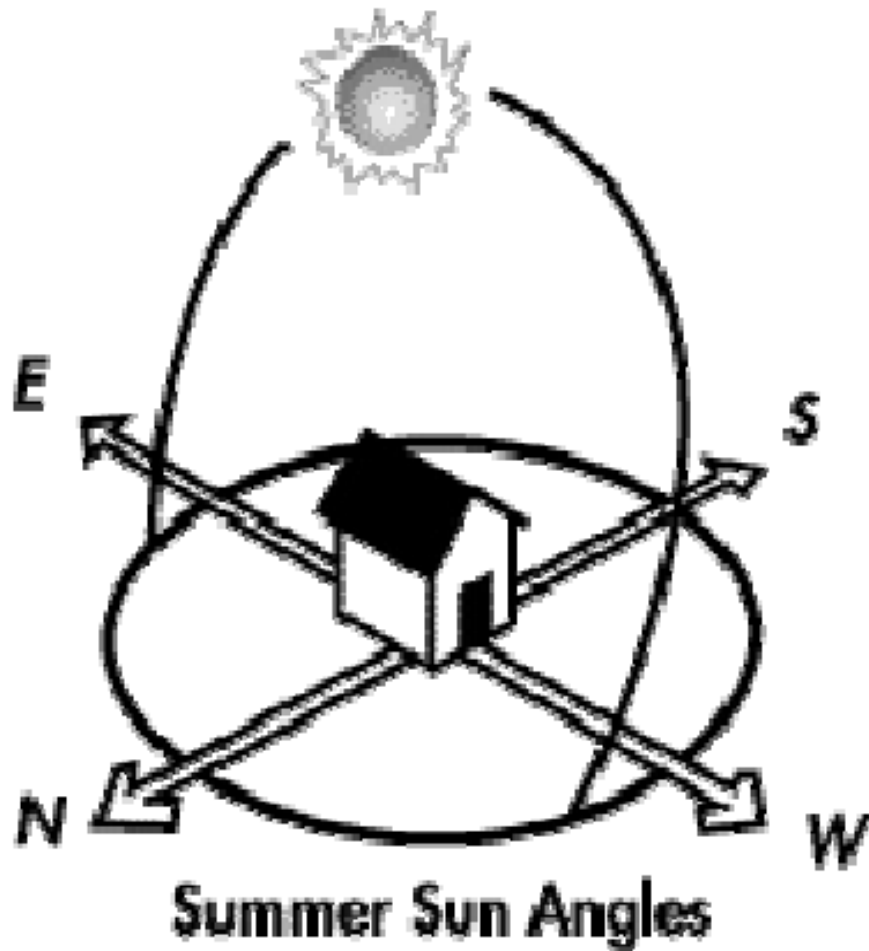
Photovoltaic Solar Resource : United States and Germany



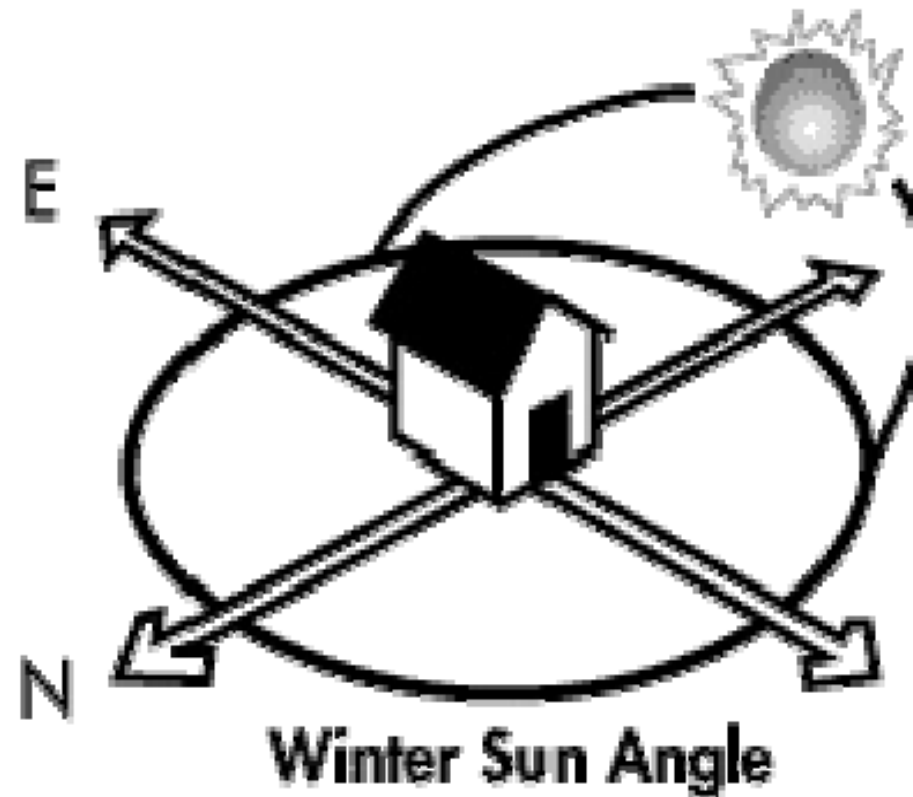
**Is your place
solar compatible?**



Sun Path



June 21st



December 21st



The Site Visit



Solar Energy

Solar Thermal

Solar Electric

Appropriate Solar Air Heating Systems

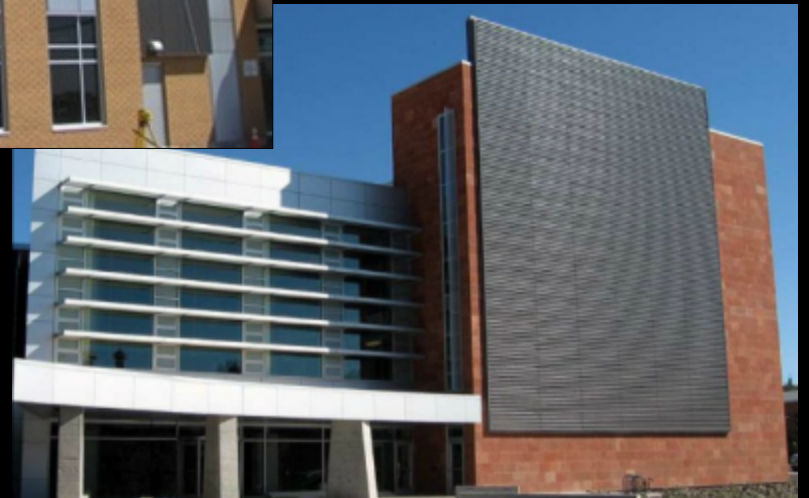


Transpired Air

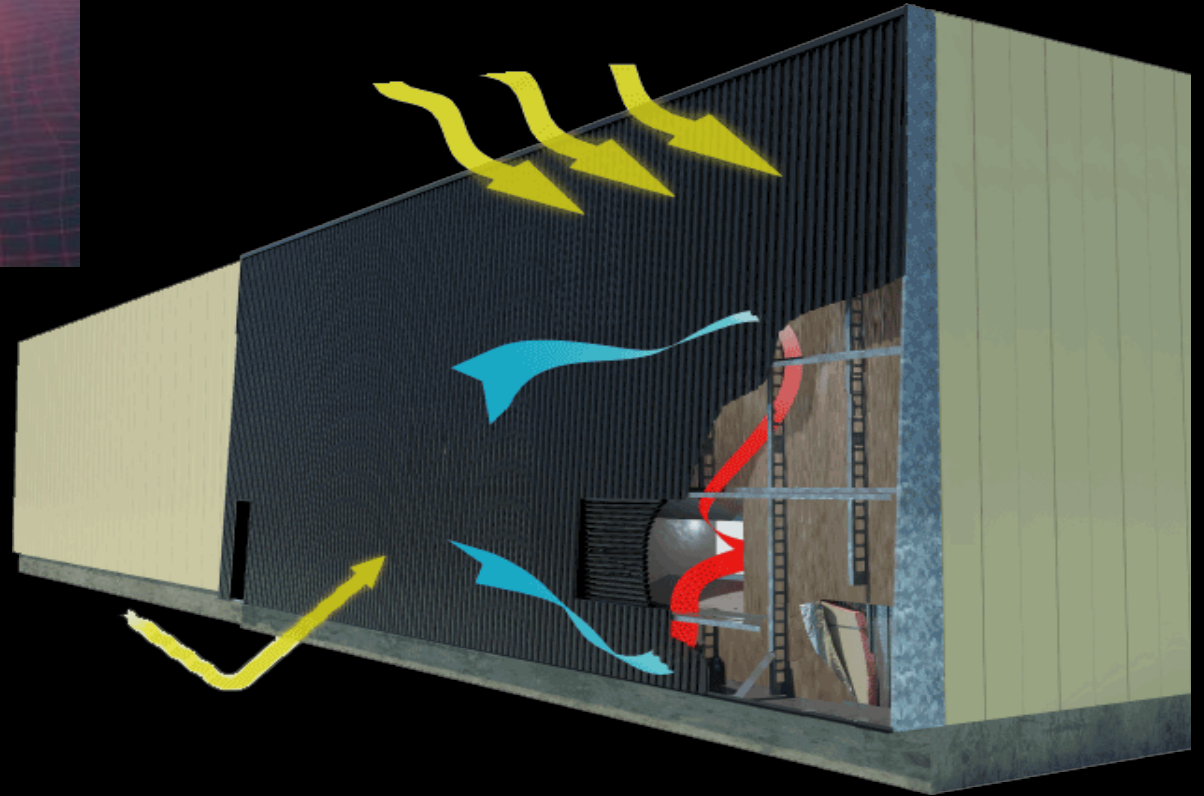
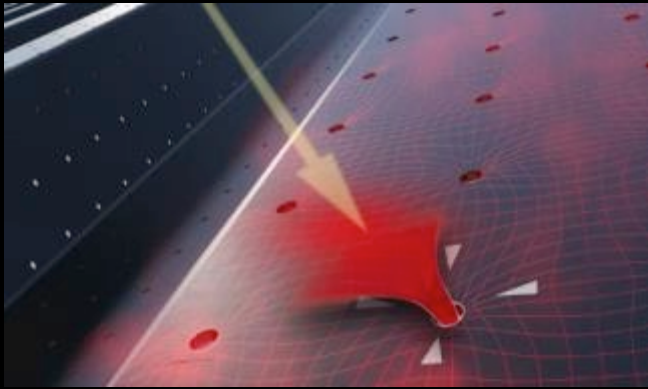


Recirculation Solar Air

Transpired Air



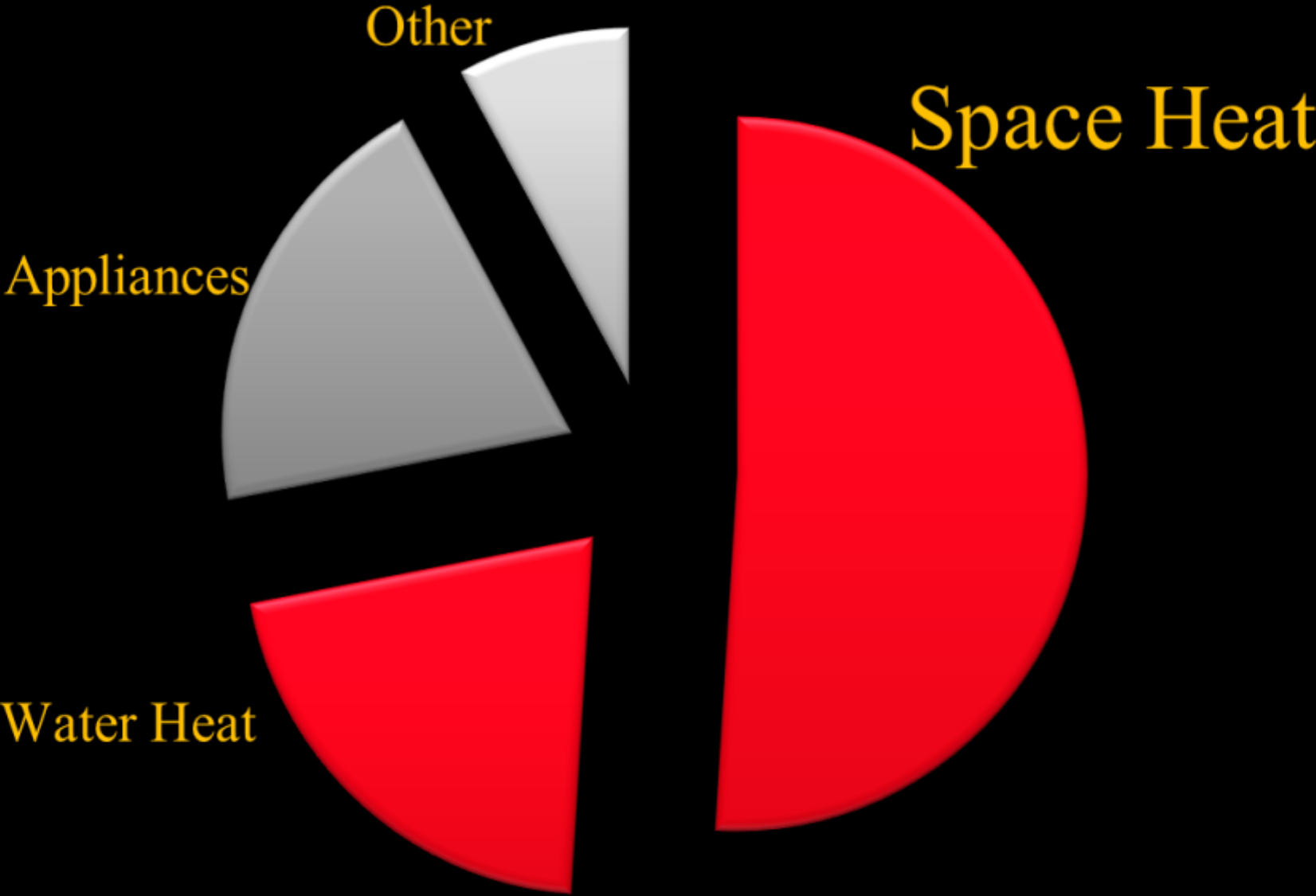
Pre-heating Ventilation Make-up Air with Solar Heat



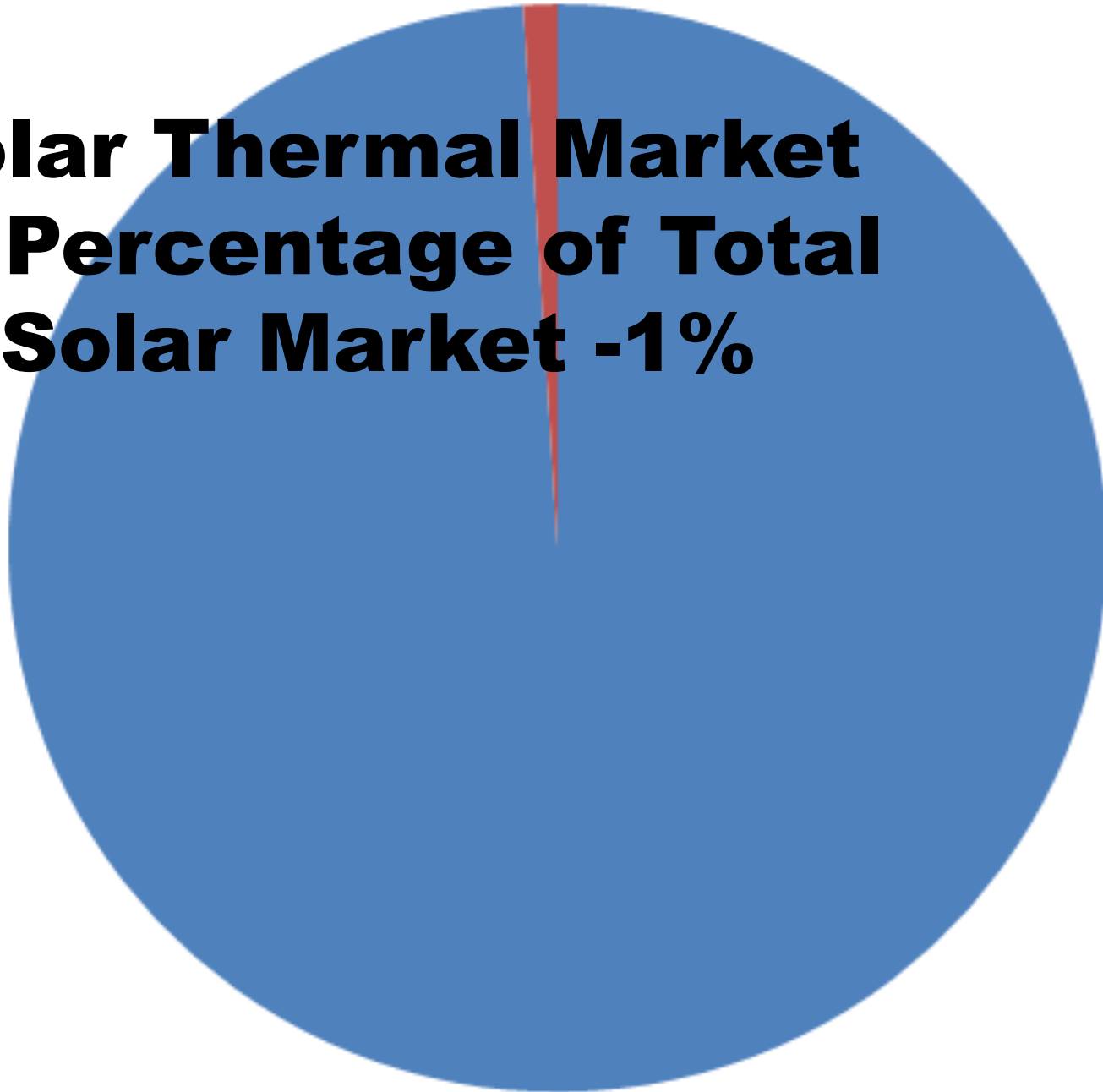
Transpired Air at Bemidji State



Why Solar Thermal?

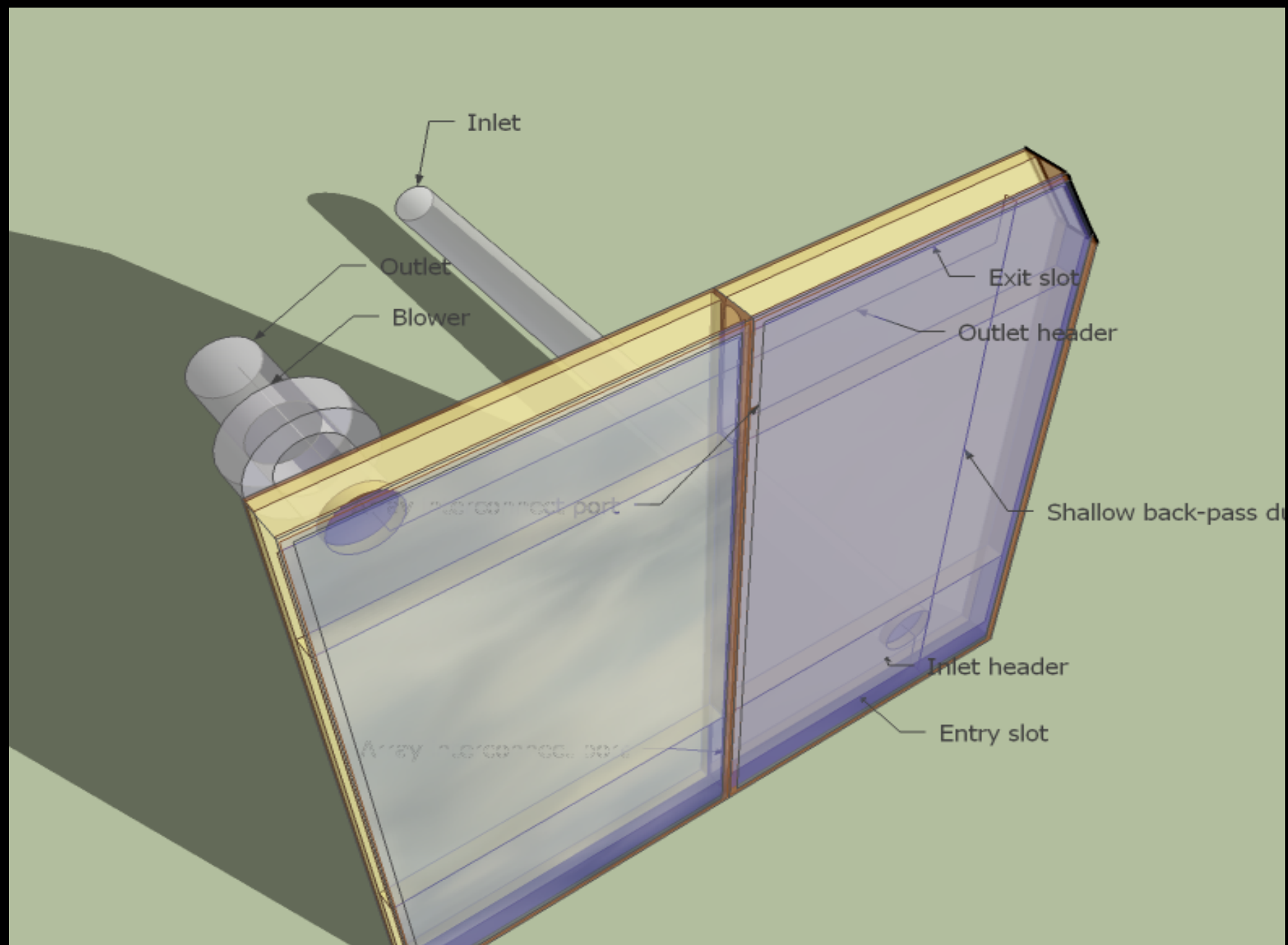


**Solar Thermal Market
as Percentage of Total
Solar Market -1%**



Solar Air Heat





Inlet

Outlet

Blower

Exit slot

Outlet header

Shallow back-pass duct

Inlet header

Entry slot

Array interconnect port

Array interconnect port

Site Selection



Fuel Source displaced

*Return on investment***

Payback

Propane

0

Fuel oil

Natural Gas

5.0%

Electricity

6.0%

Site Specific!



Solar Space Heating Systems





$$\text{Energysavings} = \sum_{hour=1}^{8760} (Q_{usable})_{hour}$$

$$Q_{usable} = \begin{cases} Q_u, & Q_u < E_L \\ E_L, & Q_u \geq E_L \end{cases}$$

$$E_L^* = \begin{cases} E_L \cdot (1 + \text{overheat}), & HDD > 0 \\ 0, & HDD = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$I_T = I_b R_b + \text{diffuse sky} + \text{diffuse ground}$$

$$Q_{usable} = \begin{cases} Q_u, & Q_u < E_L^* \\ E_L^*, & Q_u \geq E_L^* \end{cases}$$

$$E_L^* = E_L \cdot (1 + \text{overheat})$$

$$\eta = \max\left(0, F_R \tau \alpha - F_R U_L \cdot \left[\frac{T_i - T_a}{I_T}\right]\right)$$

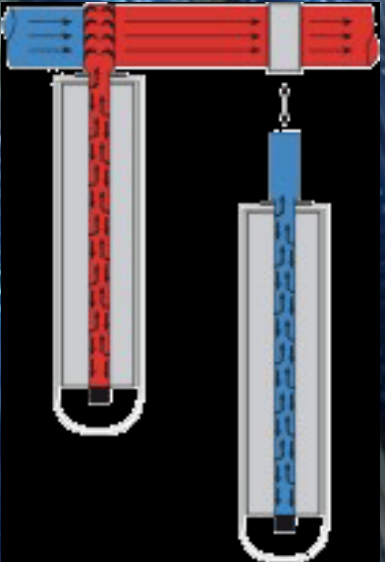
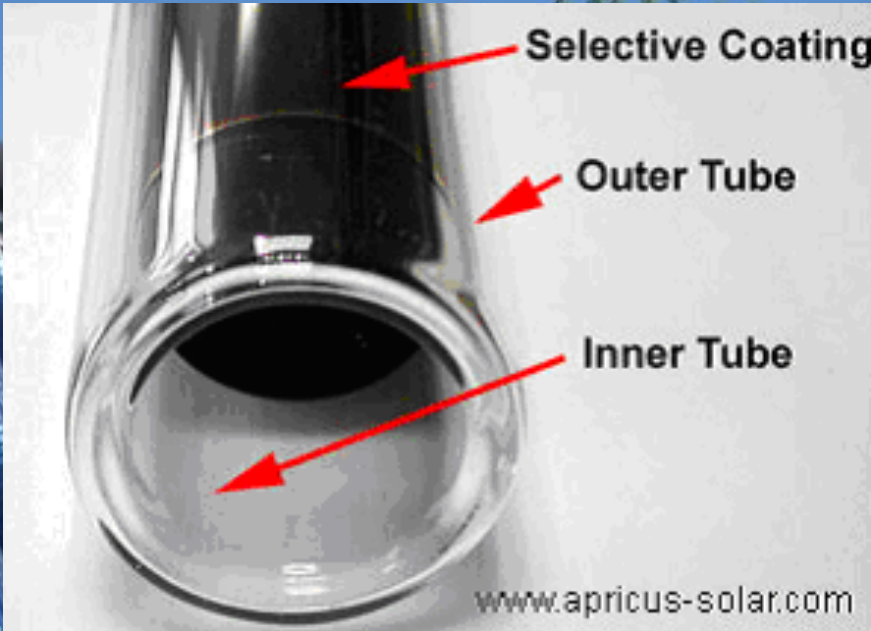
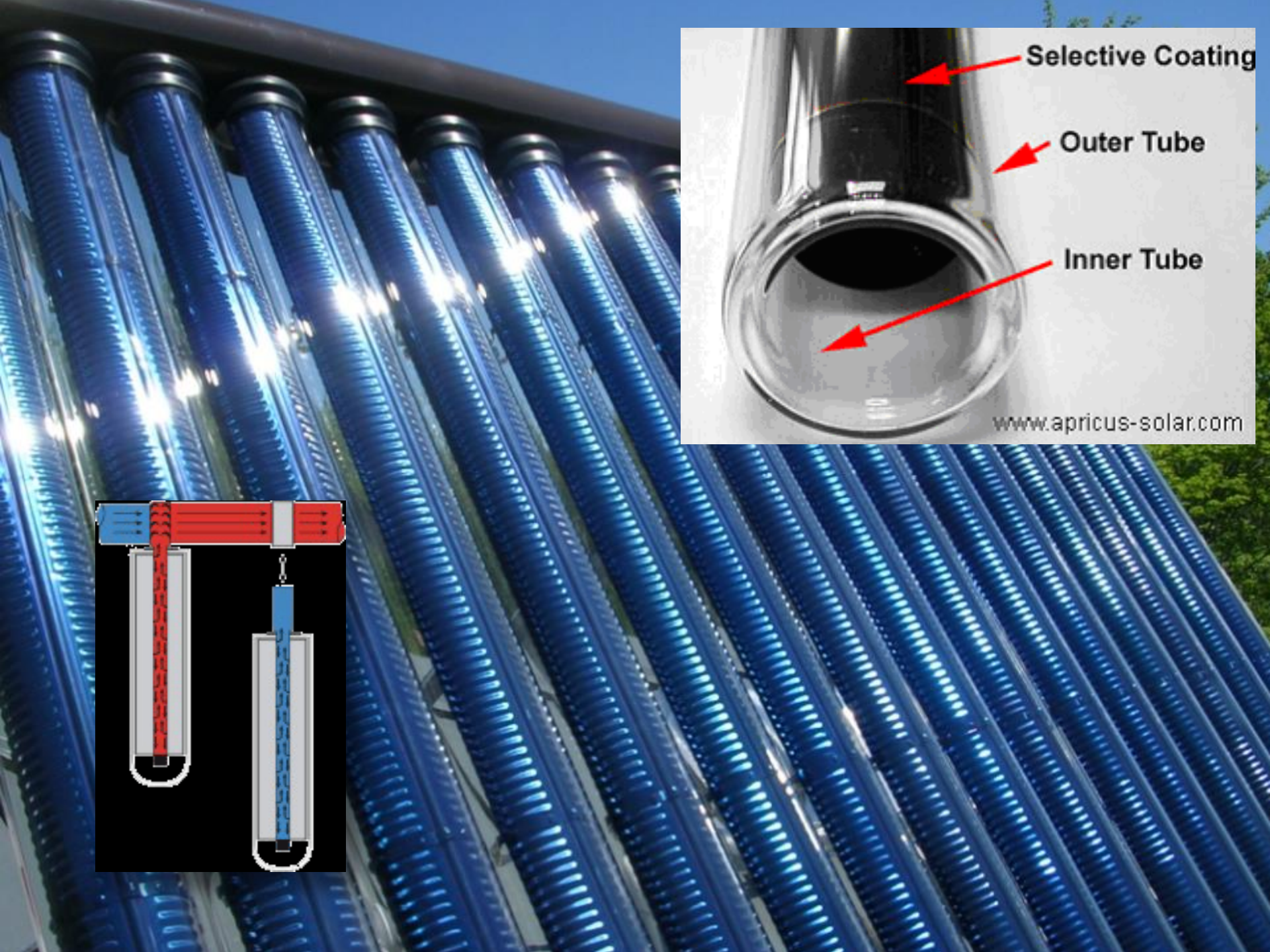
$$E_B = b0 + b1^* \cdot \max(0, b2 - T_a)$$

Solar Water Heat



Glazed Flat Plate Collectors

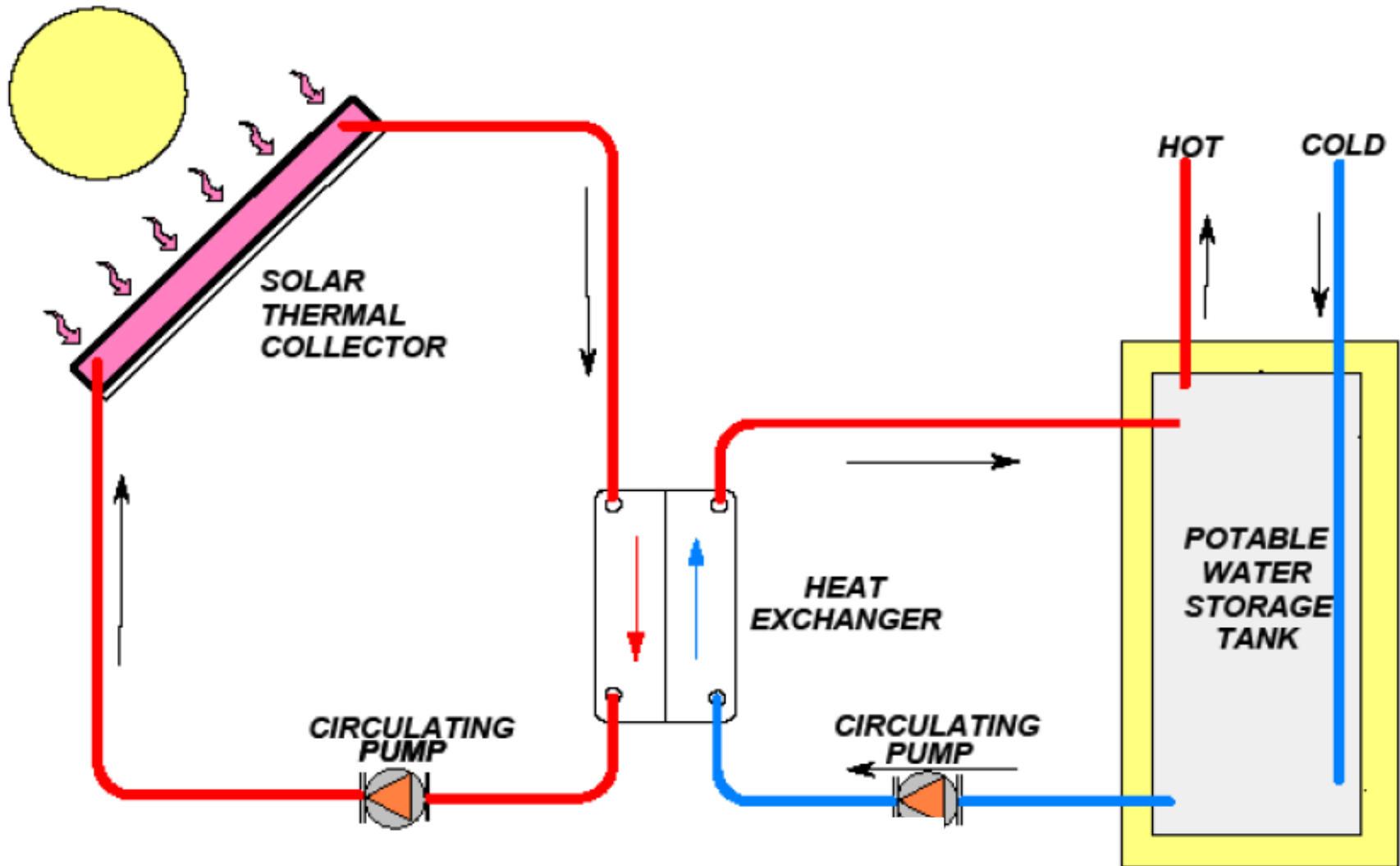




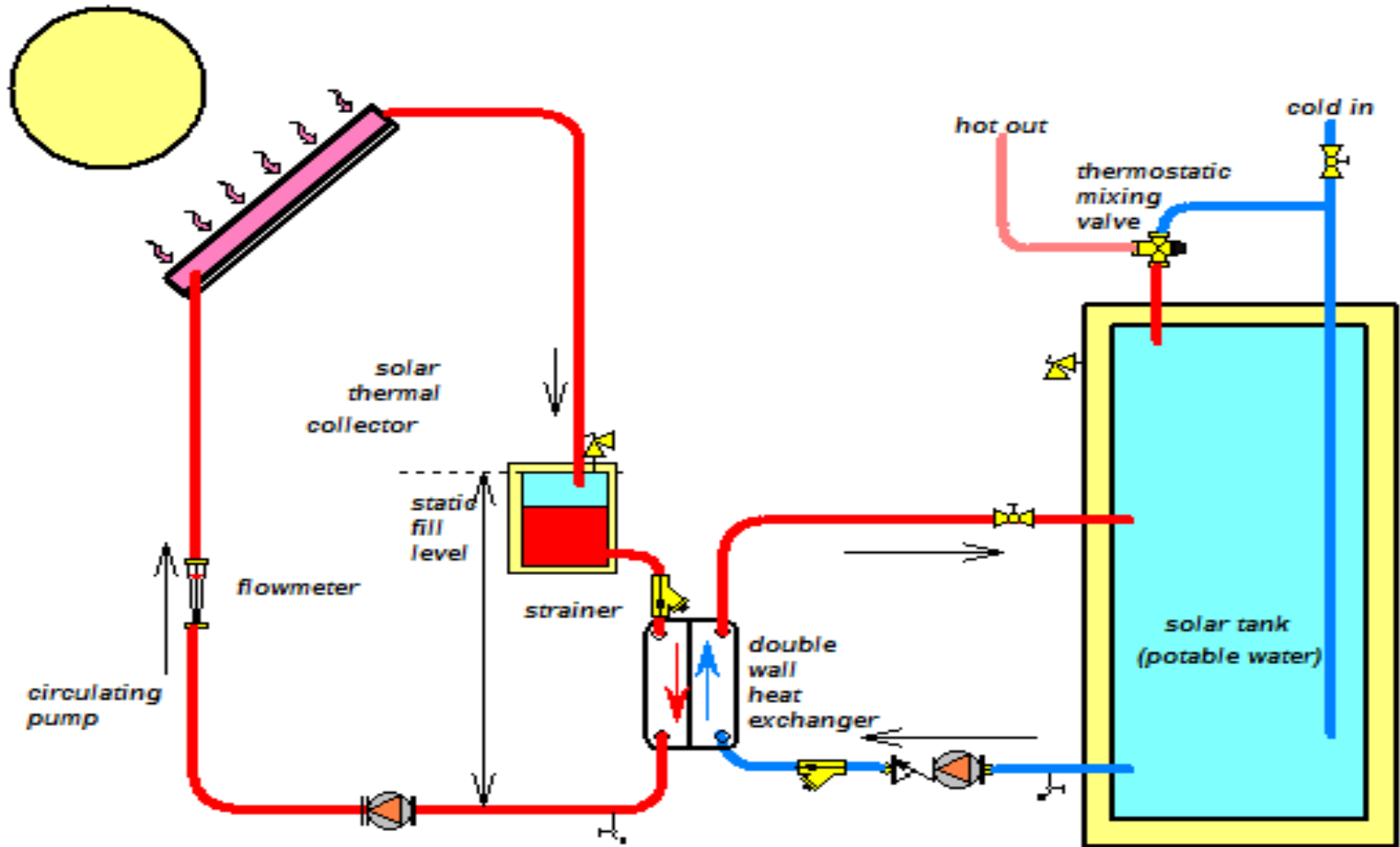
SOLAR WATER HEATING SYSTEM TYPES

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- 1. DRAINBACK**
 - 2. CLOSED-LOOP
PRESSURIZED ANTI-
FREEZE**

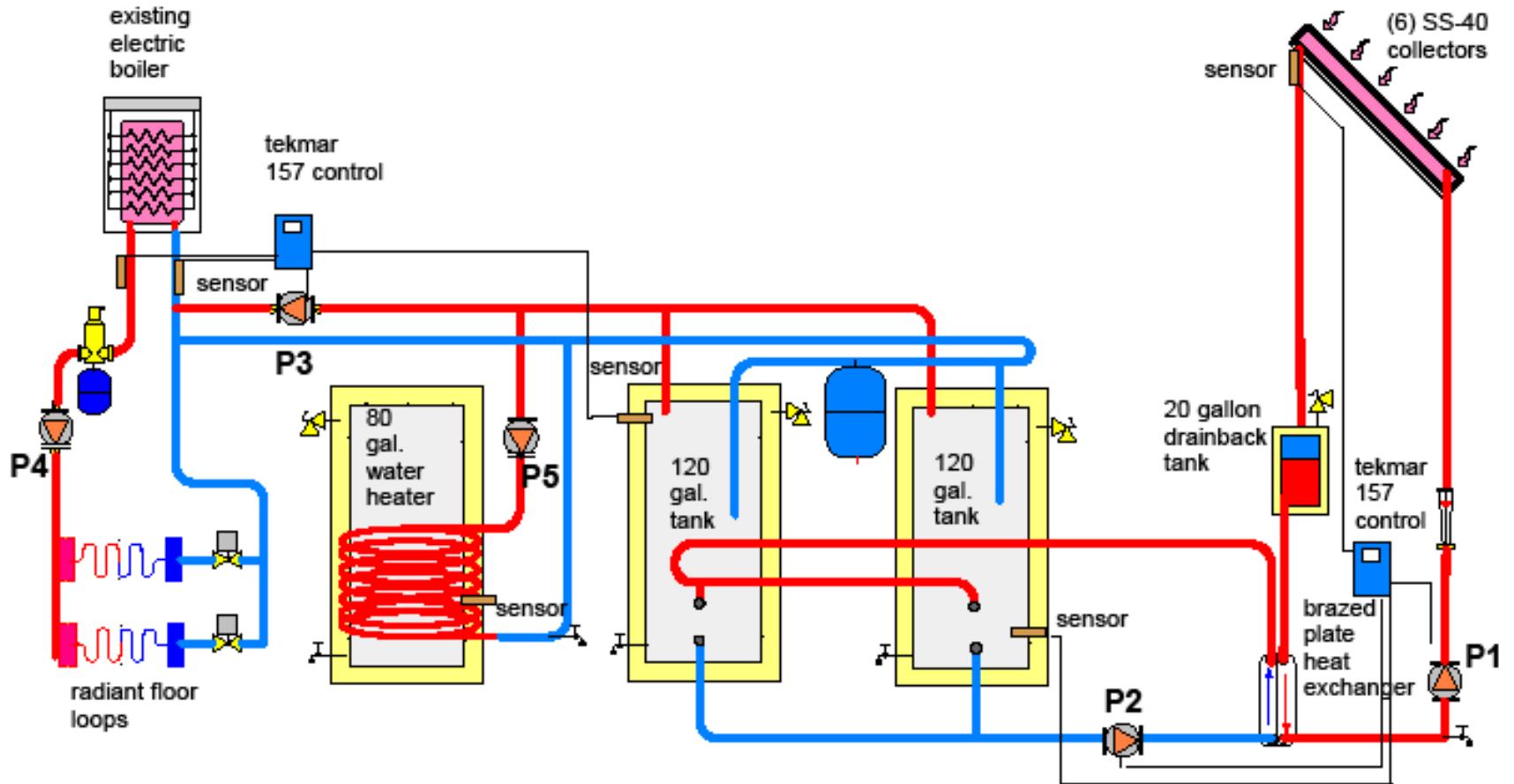
BASIC SOLAR THERMAL SYSTEM



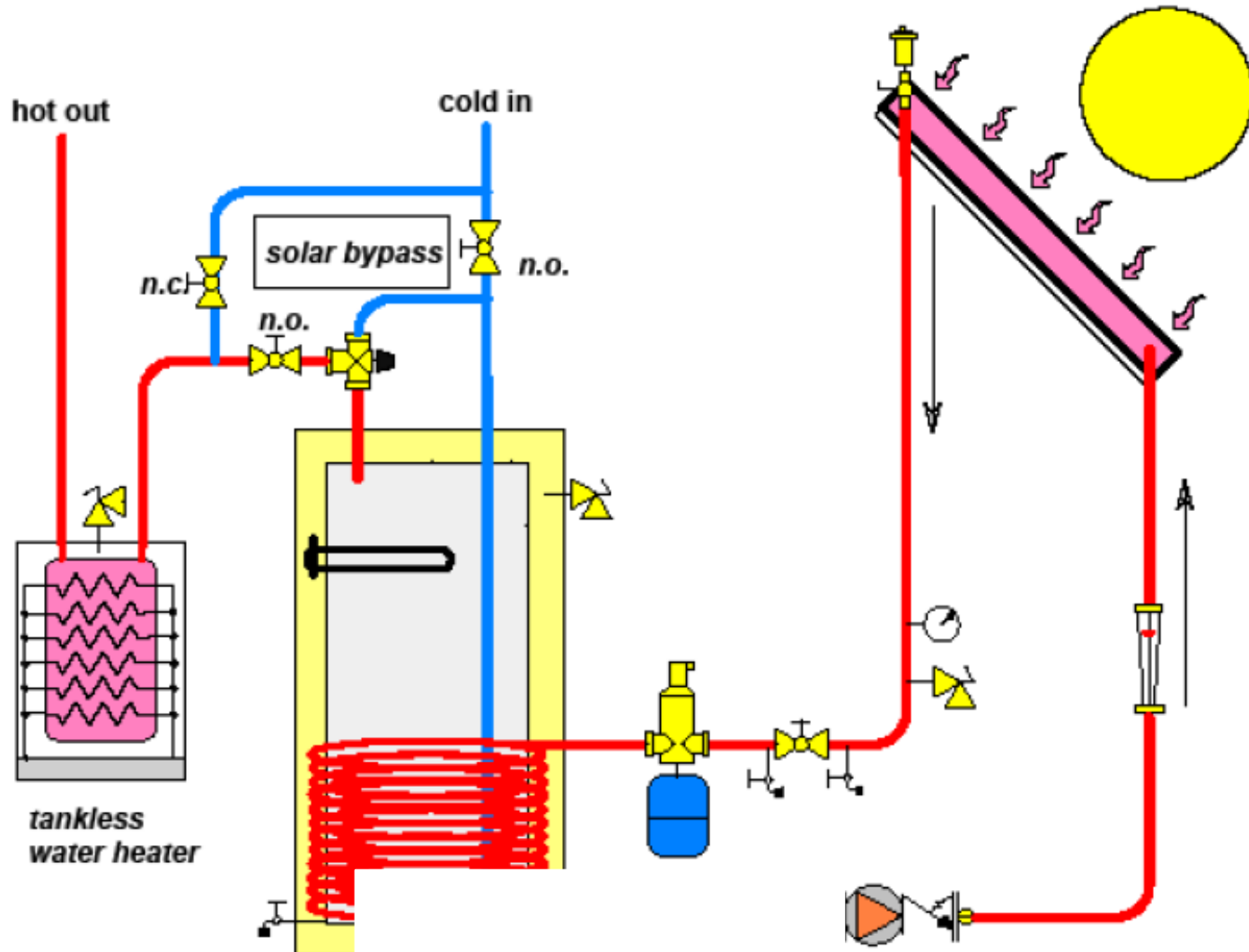
DRAINBACK CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM



DRAINBACK HEAT and DOMESTIC HOT WATER



SOLAR TANK W/ WRAP AROUND HEAT EXCHANGER PRESSURIZED SYSTEM







Solar Heat Sizing

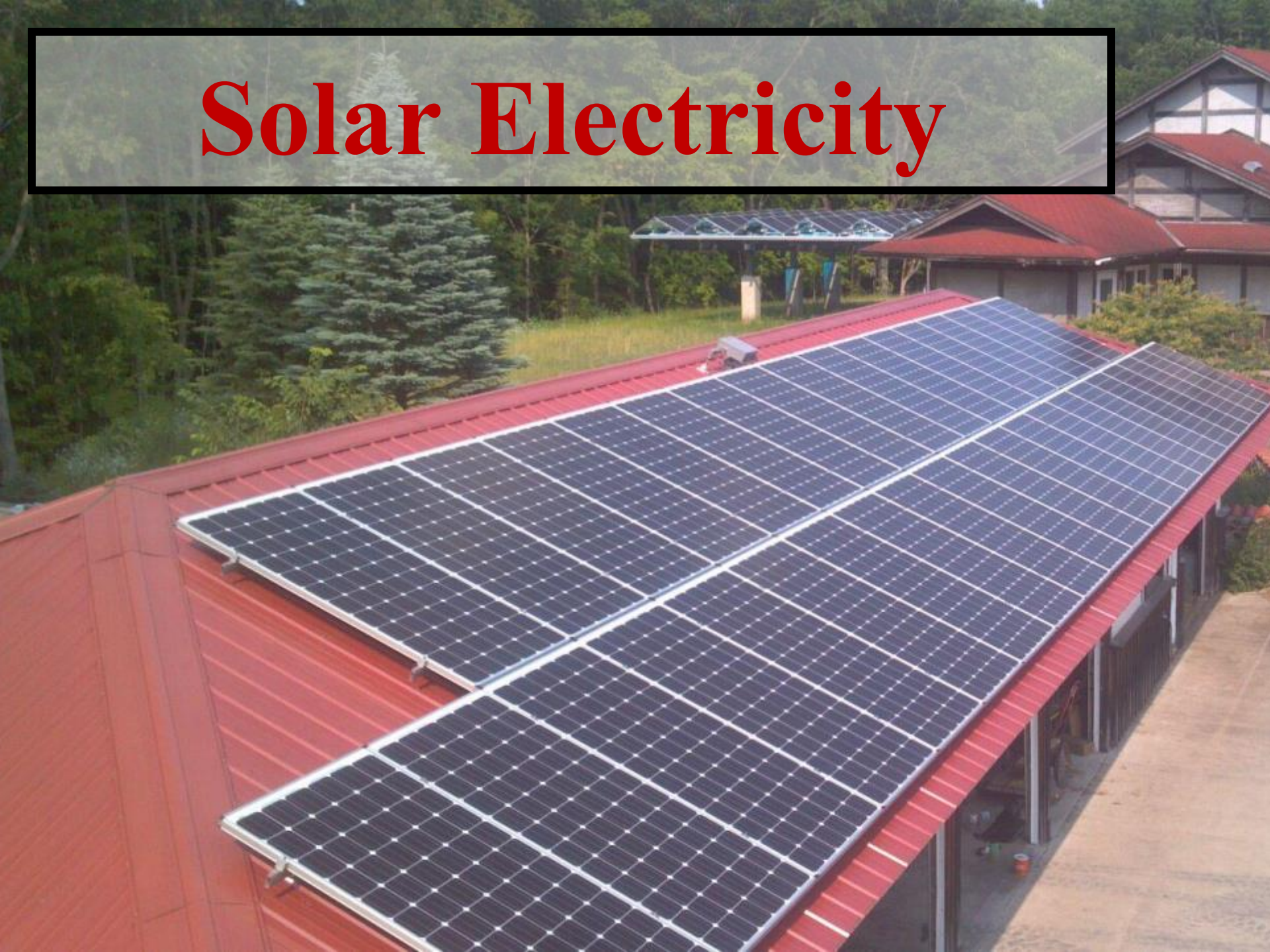
Method 1

- **Load Analysis for SDHW - # of gallons hot water/ day**
- **.75-1.0 square foot collector surface area / gallon**

Method 2

- **Load Analysis**
- **(Wc) (Ts-Ti) (Cp) 8.33**
- **(65) (70) (1 BTU/lb. F) 8.33 = 37901.5 btus**
- **Array Sizing**
- **PSH (4.3) / 10.76 = .399 kWh / sq. ft. / day**
- **.399 x 3413 = 1361 BTUs / sq. ft. / day**
- **Match with thermal collector rating**

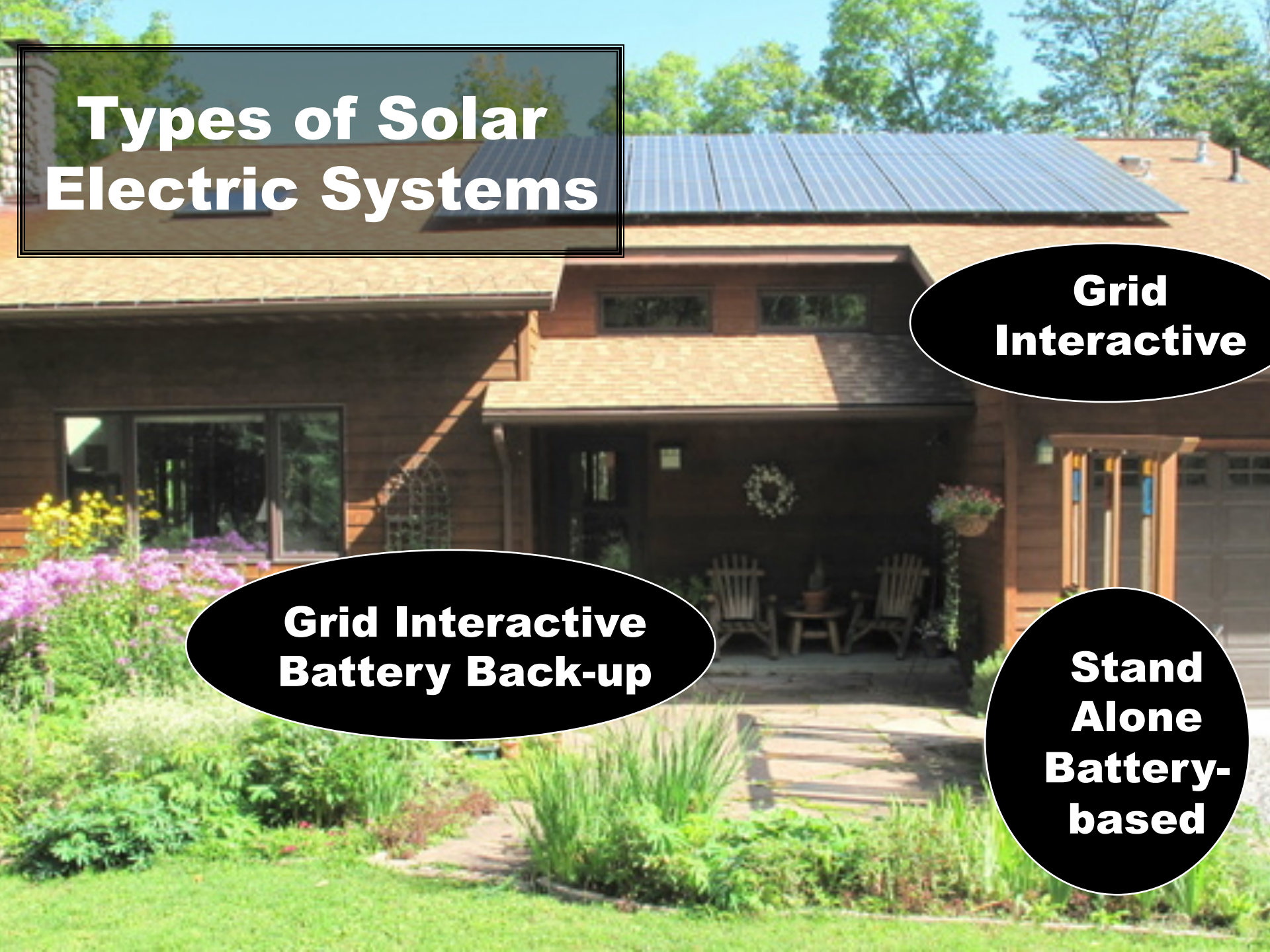
Solar Electricity



Types of PV Modules

- 1. Mono-crystalline Si**
- 2. Poly-crystalline Si**
- 3. Amorphous Si**
- 4. CIGS**
- 5. CdTe**

Types of Solar Electric Systems

A two-story house with a brown shingled roof and dark wood siding. A large array of solar panels is installed on the roof. The house has a front porch with a wreath on the door and two wooden chairs. The foreground is a well-maintained garden with green grass, purple flowers, and various plants.

**Grid
Interactive**

**Grid Interactive
Battery Back-up**

**Stand
Alone
Battery-
based**

Grid-Interactive Solar Electric System

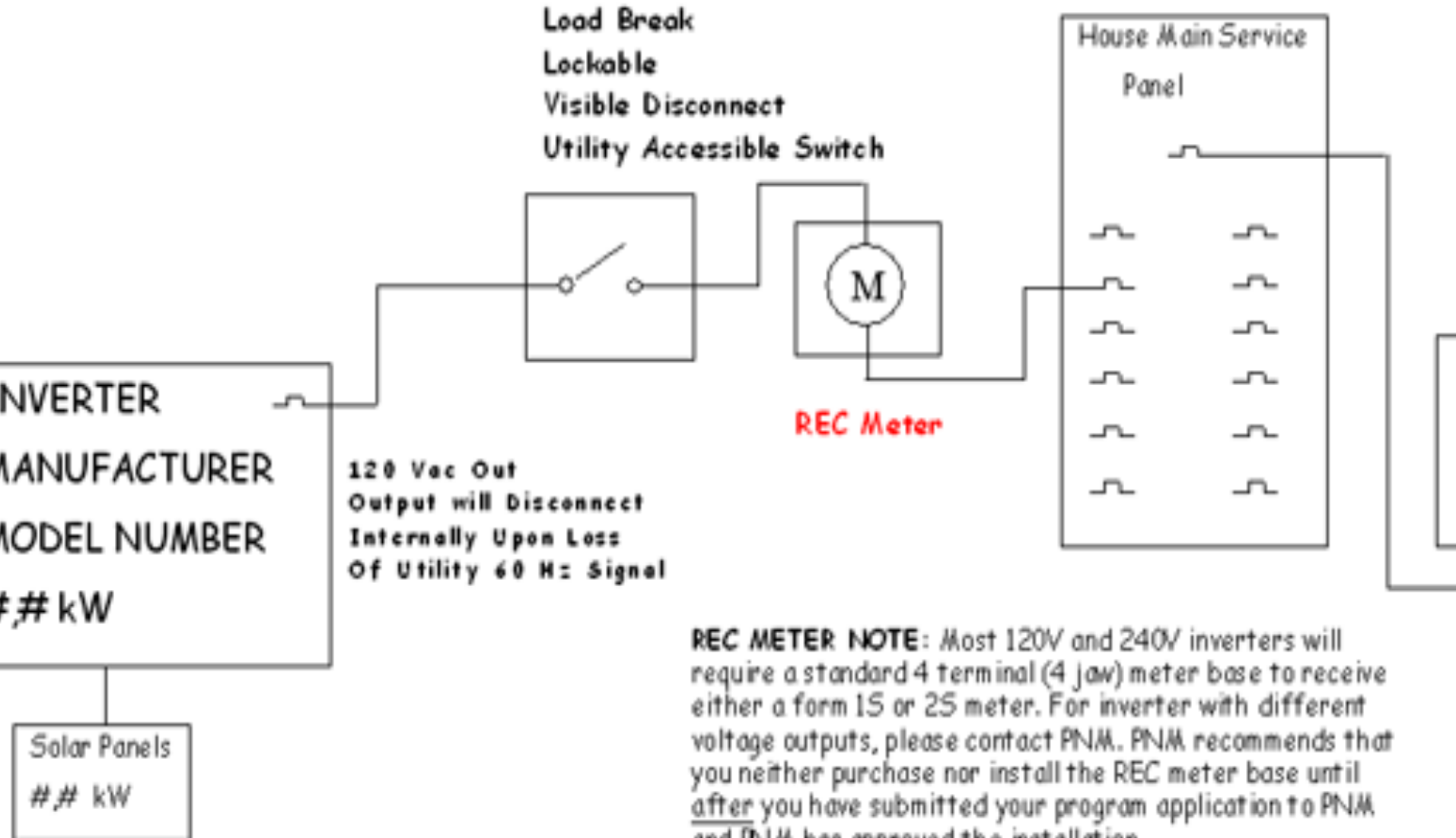
- **Rebates**
- **Battery Free**
- **Flexible budgeting**



SAMPLE ONE-LINE DIAGRAM: GRID-TIED SYSTEM

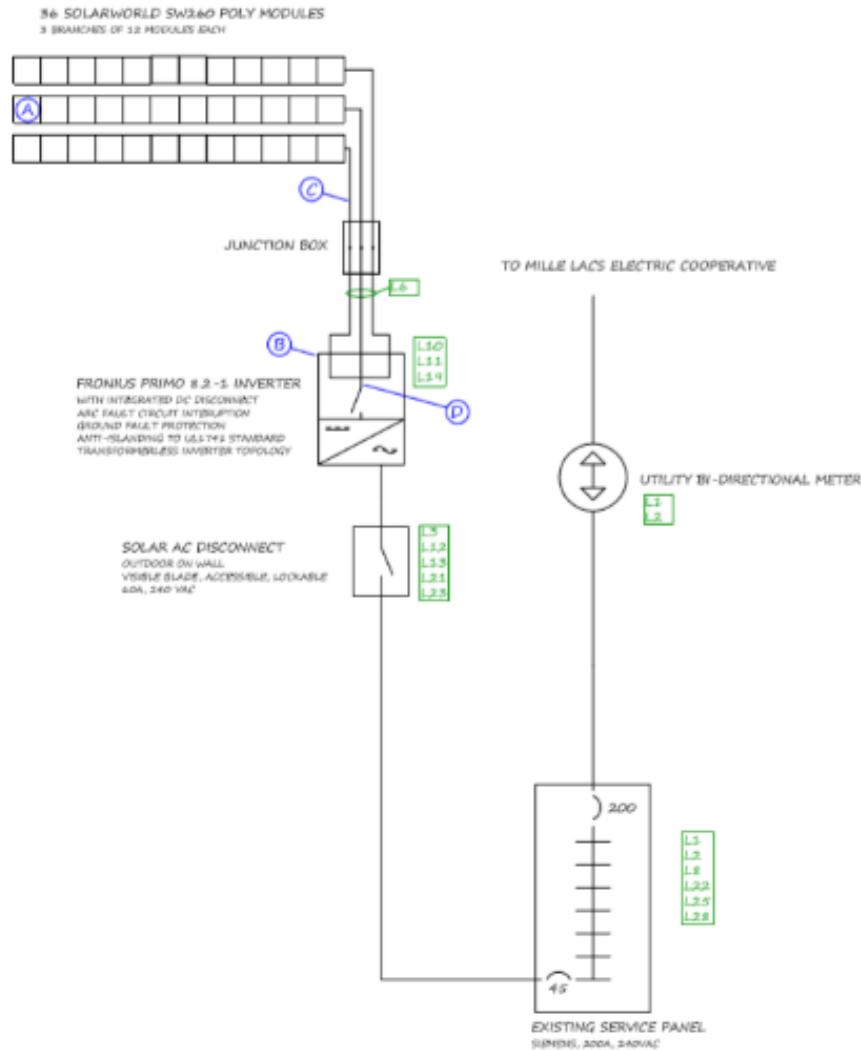
Customer Generation Disconnect

- Load Break
- Lockable
- Visible Disconnect
- Utility Accessible Switch



REC METER NOTE: Most 120V and 240V inverters will require a standard 4 terminal (4 jaw) meter base to receive either a form 1S or 2S meter. For inverter with different voltage outputs, please contact PNM. PNM recommends that you neither purchase nor install the REC meter base until after you have submitted your program application to PNM and PNM has approved the installation.

ONE LINE DIAGRAM



NOTE:

- GROUND WIRE NOT SHOWN
- SEE SHEET L.1 FOR LIST OF NEC AND UTILITY REQUIRED LABELS
- NOT ALL EXISTING ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT SHOWN

NEW EQUIPMENT

36 - 260W SOLARWORLD SW260POLY PHOTOVOLTAIC MODULES

SPECIFICATIONS

A MODULE				
SOLARWORLD	P _{max}	RATED	260 W	
SW260POLY	V _{mp}	NAMEPLATE	51.4 VDC	
260W	I _{mp}	NAMEPLATE	8.37 A	
	V _{oc @ -40C}	CALCULATED	44.14 VDC	
	I _{sc}	NAMEPLATE	8.94 A	

-DC VOLTAGE MAY BE PRESENT WHEN SOLAR MODULES ARE EXPOSED TO SUNLIGHT

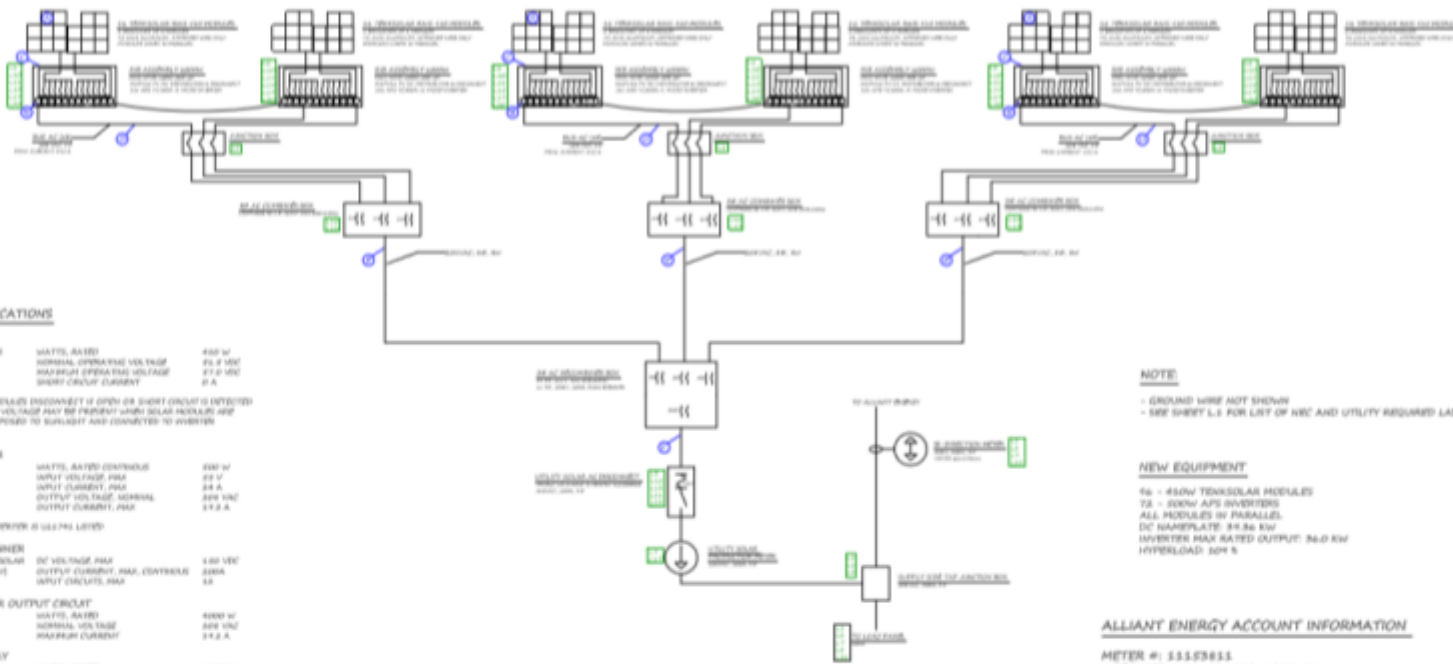
B INVERTER				
FRONIUS	WATTS, RATED	NOMINAL	8300 W	
PRIMO 8.2-1	OUTPUT VOLTAGE	NOMINAL	240 VAC	
50 KW	OUTPUT CURRENT	MAX	34.2 A	
	MAX EFFICIENCY	RATED	47.0%	

-INVERTER IS UL1741 LISTED
-INVERTER HAS BUILT IN AFCI PER UL1998

C STRING				
	P _{max}	RATED	5120 W	
	V _{mp}	NAMEPLATE	376.8 VDC	
	I _{mp}	NAMEPLATE	8.37 A	
	V _{oc @ -40C}	CALCULATED	553.7 VDC	
	I _{sc}	NAMEPLATE	8.94 A	

D ARRAY

ONE LINE DRAWING



SPECIFICATIONS

- ① **MODULE**
 60
 430W
 18.8V
 22.9A
 4.5A
- MODULES DISCONNECT IF OPEN OR SHORT CIRCUIT IS DETECTED
 OR VOLTAGE MAY BE PRESENT UNDER SOLAR IRRADIANCE AND
 EXPOSED TO SURFACET AND CONNECTED TO INVERTER
- ② **INVERTER**
 3000W
 600V
 30A
 15A
- INVERTER IS UL LISTED
- ③ **DC COMBINER**
 6000W
 600V
 30A
 15A
- ④ **INVERTER OUTPUT CIRCUIT**
 6000W
 600V
 30A
 15A
- ⑤ **SUBARRAY**
 12000W
 600V
 30A
 15A
- ⑥ **ARRAY**
 60000W
 600V
 30A
 15A

NOTE

- GROUNDING WIRE NOT SHOWN
- SEE SHEET L.S. FOR LIST OF NEC AND UTILITY REQUIRED LABELS

NEW EQUIPMENT

- 60 - 430W TENKSOLAR MODULES
- 30 - 600W APS INVERTERS
- ALL MODULES IN PARALLEL
- DC COMBINER: 30-60-300
- INVERTER MAX RATED OUTPUT: 60.0 KW
- HYPERLOAD: 104 %

ALLIANT ENERGY ACCOUNT INFORMATION

METER #: 11153611
 ACCOUNT #: 20-02-434-1050-01

PROJECT FOR:
 GRID-TIE, BATTERY FREE
 PV INSTALLATION
 ALBERT LEA NEED HOUSE
 1414 WEST MAIN STREET
 ALBERT LEA, NM 86407



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**If the grid goes down,
so do you!**



Stand-alone Battery- Based System

Pros

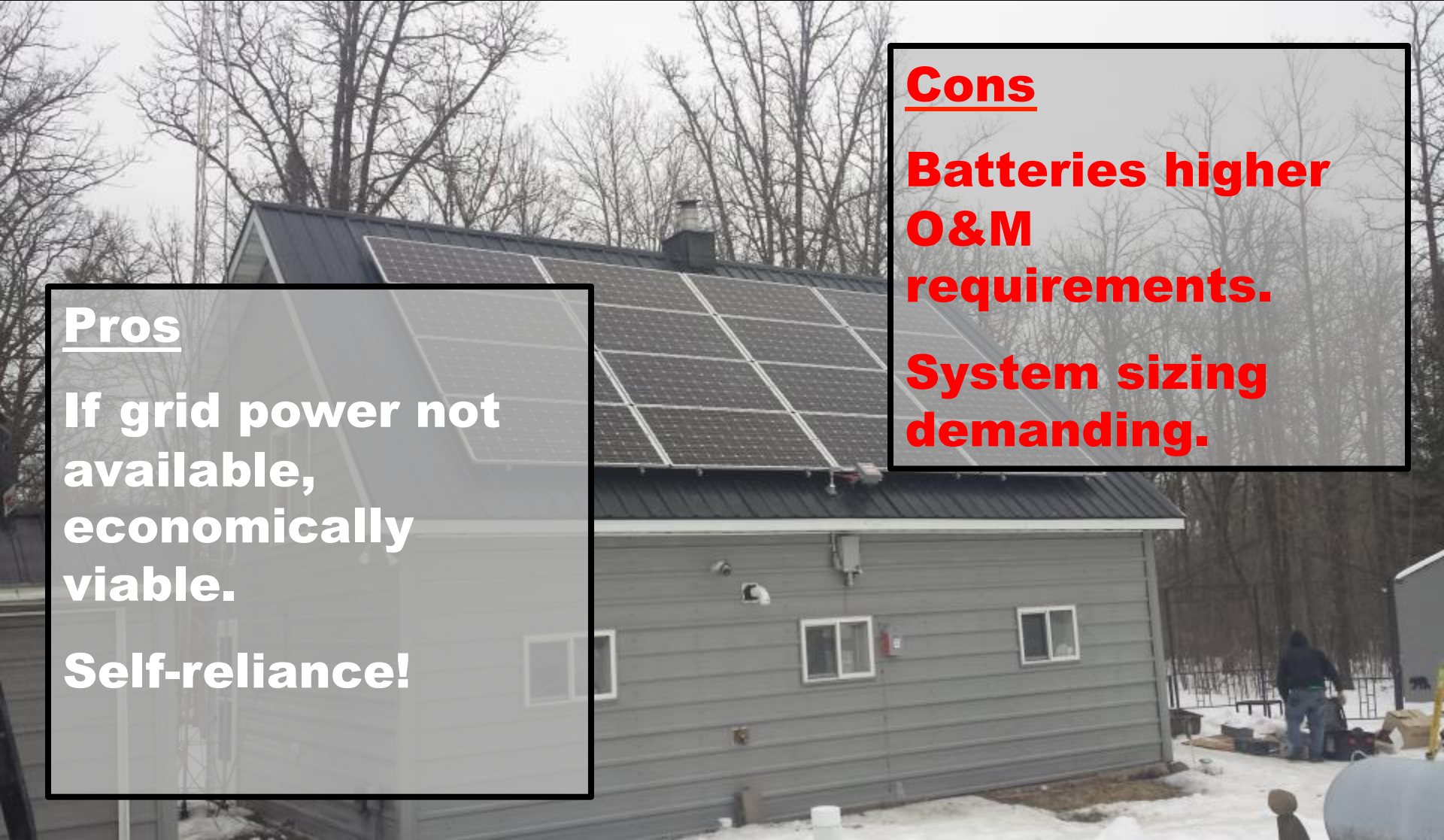
If grid power not available, economically viable.

Self-reliance!

Cons

Batteries higher O&M requirements.

System sizing demanding.











A photograph of a wooden building with a snow-covered roof. The building has several windows and a small tower on the left. Large snowdrifts are piled up in front of the building, partially obscuring the base of the walls. The sky is clear and blue.

Reality Check: Flush Mount and Snow



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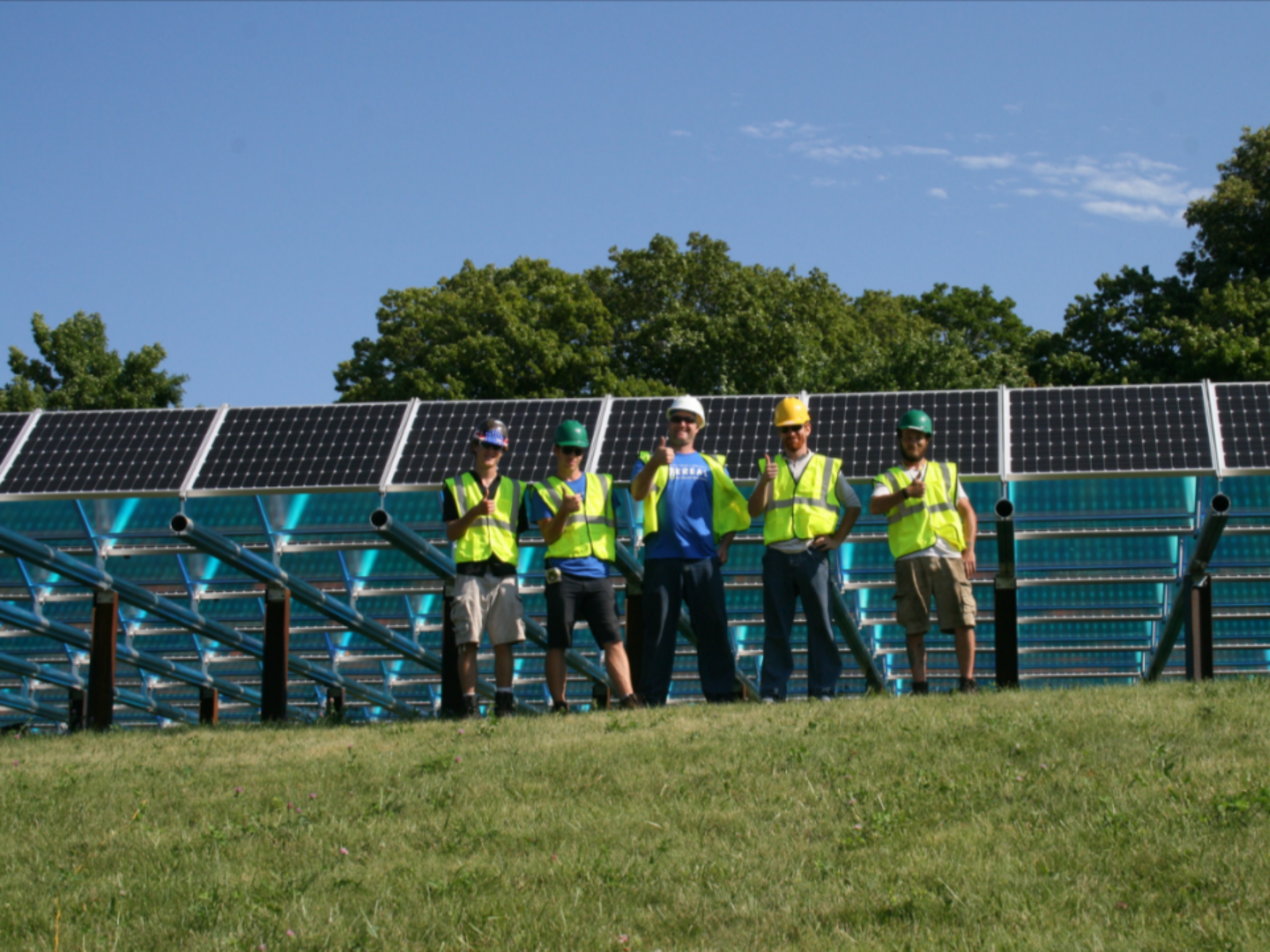














Royalton
City of the Prairie State
Pine County Bank

Solar Electric Sizing

- Load Analysis - Determine ADC (Average Daily Consumption)
- Site Analysis - Determine PSH (Peak Sun Hours)
- $ADC / PSH = PV \text{ Array Size}$
- Determine PV Make and Model
- De-rate PV module for real world application (.7 multiplier)
- Determine # of modules necessary to meet array size

Incentives for Solar

**[http://mn.gov/commerce/energy/
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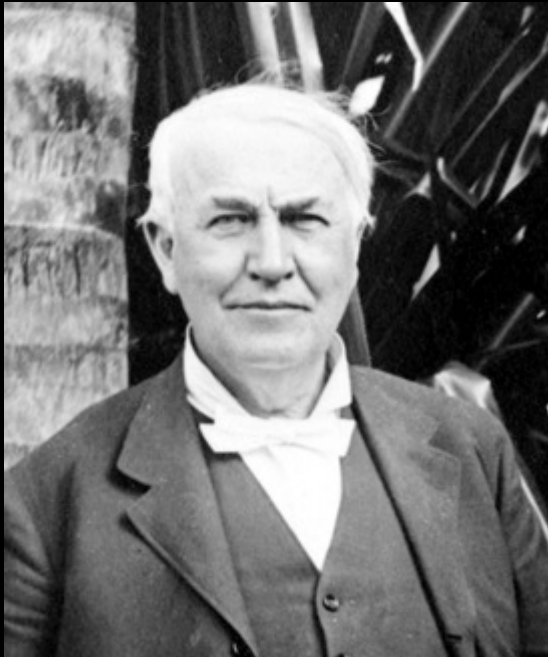
Incentives for Solar

www.dsireusa.org

Database of State

Incentives for

Renewable Energy



“I'd put my money on
the sun and solar energy.
What a source of power!
I hope we don't have to
wait until oil and coal
run out before we tackle
that.”

Thomas Edison 1931

**Thank you and
sunny regards.**

