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1. SOLAR ENERGY POTENTIAL

2. SOLAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY

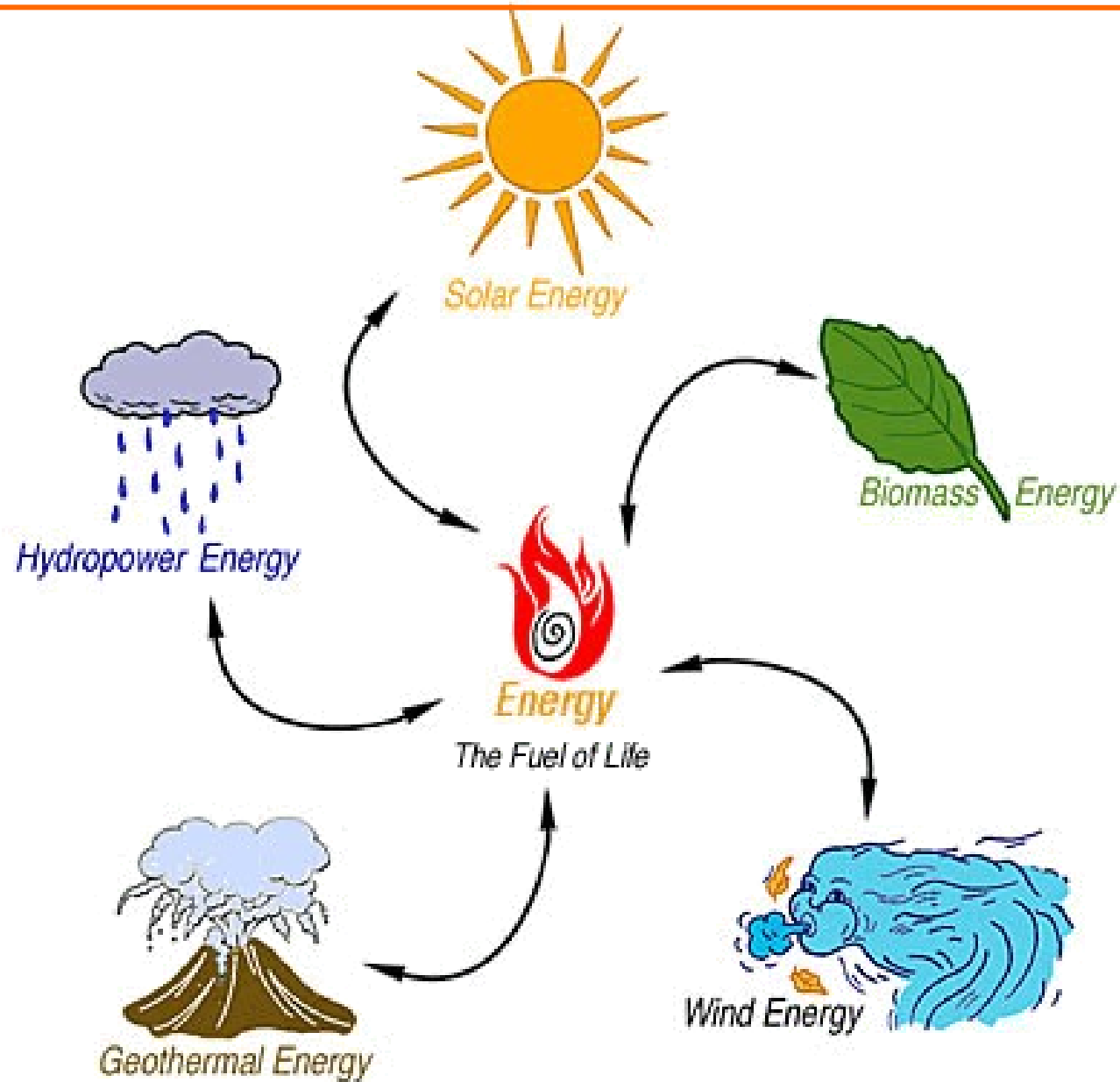
2.1 Solar Thermal

2.2 Solar Cell (Photovoltaic cell)

2.3 Technology to support PV diffusion

3. SUMMARY

Renewable energy



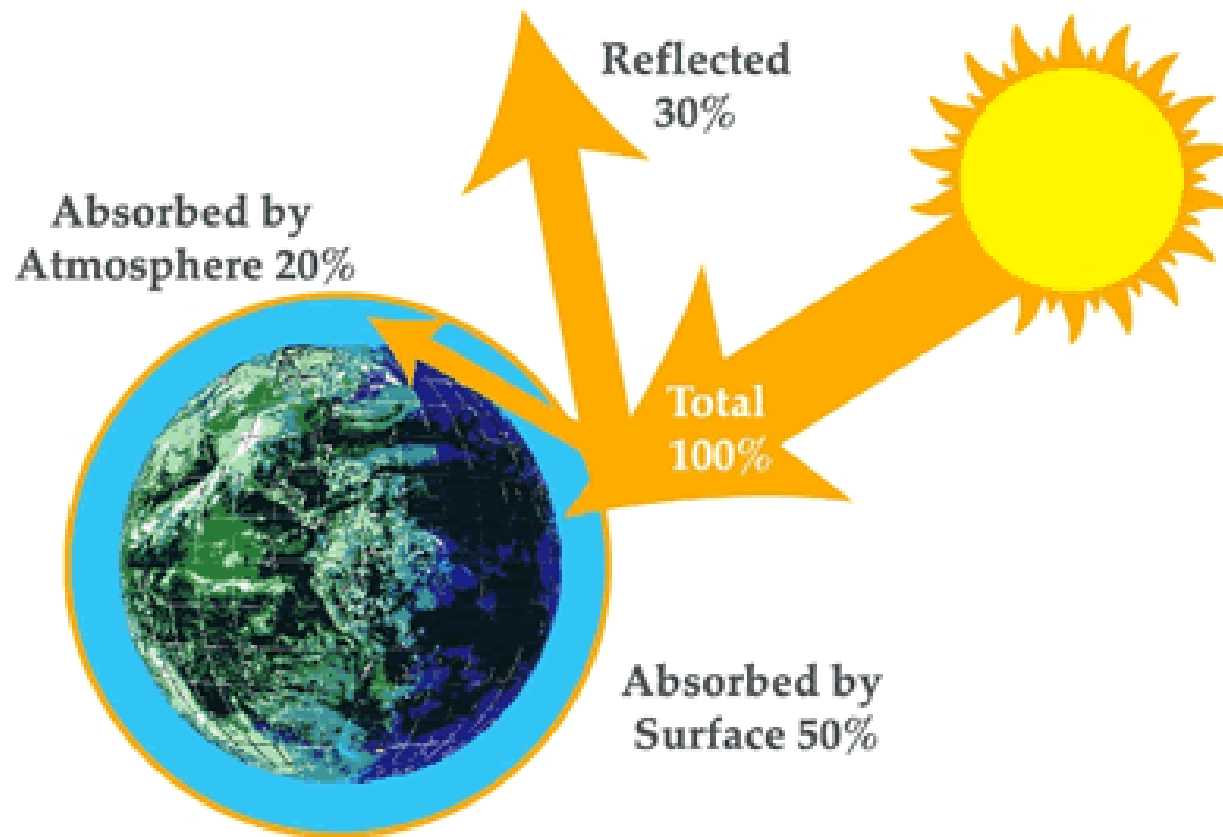
- Advantages of solar energy

- ✓ Free, available anywhere on earth
- ✓ Clean, can be supplied without environment pollution

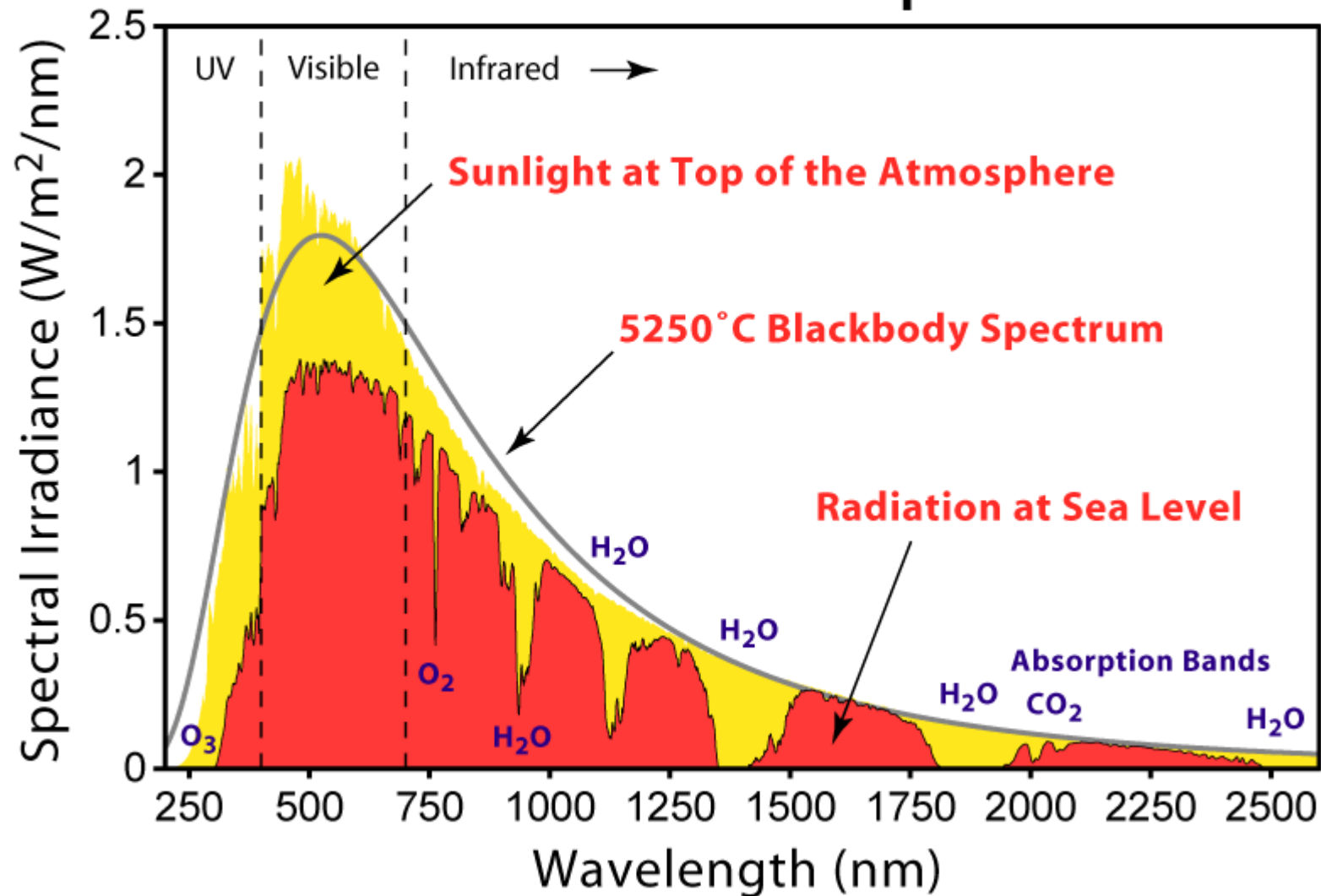
- Disadvantages of solar energy

- x Instability, performance depends on environmental conditions
- x Relatively high cost

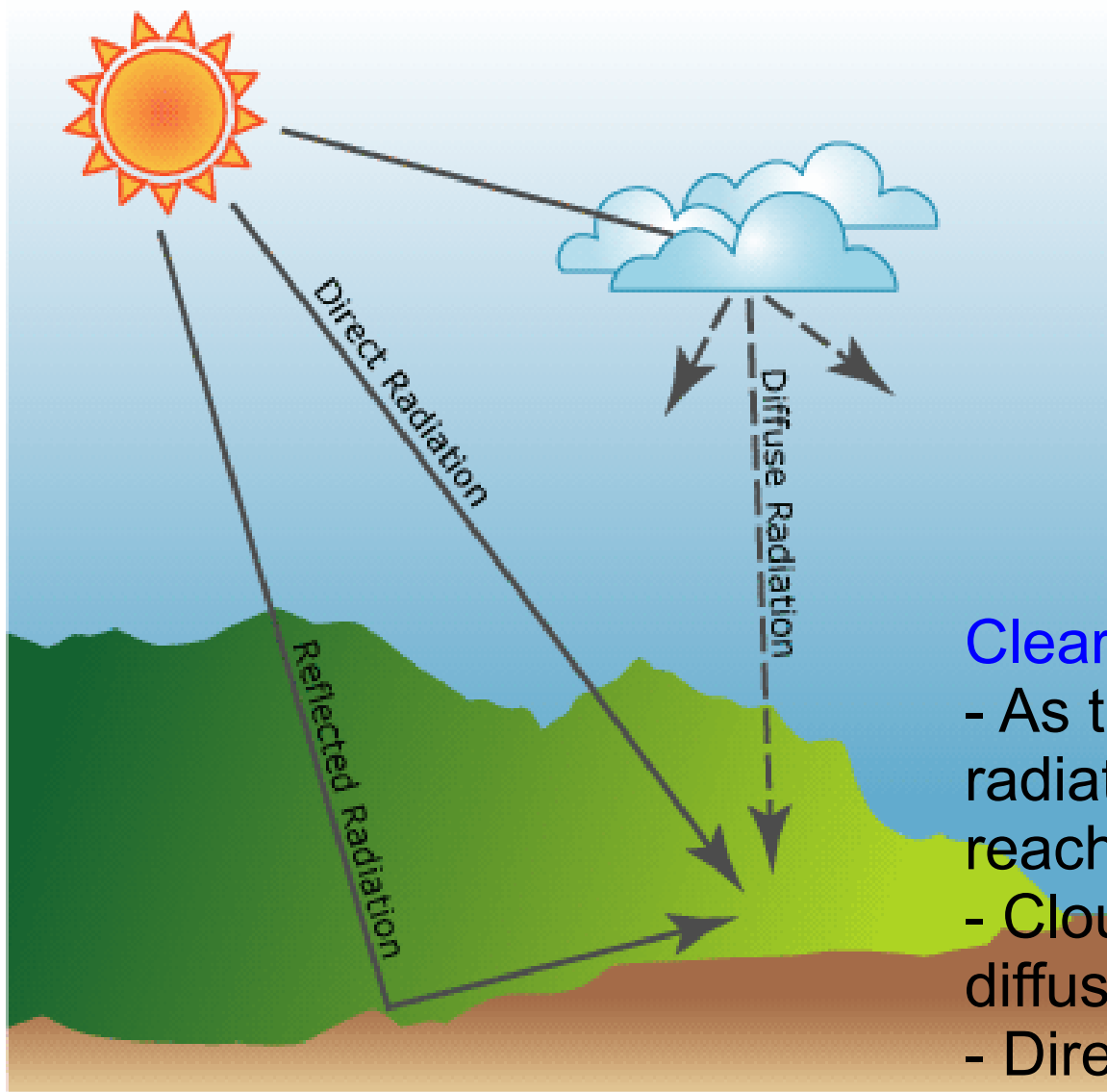
- Waves of very short length such **x rays and gamma rays** are absorbed in the atmosphere at extremely high altitude.
- **Ultraviolet** range is absorbed by the layer of ozone (O_3) located a 15~40 km above the earth's surface.
- **Infrared** range is absorbed by water vapor and CO_2 .



Solar Radiation Spectrum



The radiation wavelength that is important to solar energy applications is between 0.15 and 3 μm (= 150 ~ 3000 nm).



- **Direct radiation:**

Solar radiation traveling on a straight line from the sun down to the surface of the earth.

- **Diffuse radiation:**

Scattered radiation by molecules and particles in the atmosphere but still reaches earth's surface.

Clear sky : Direct 85%, Diffuse 15%

- As the sun goes lower, diffuse radiation keeps going up until it reaches 40%.

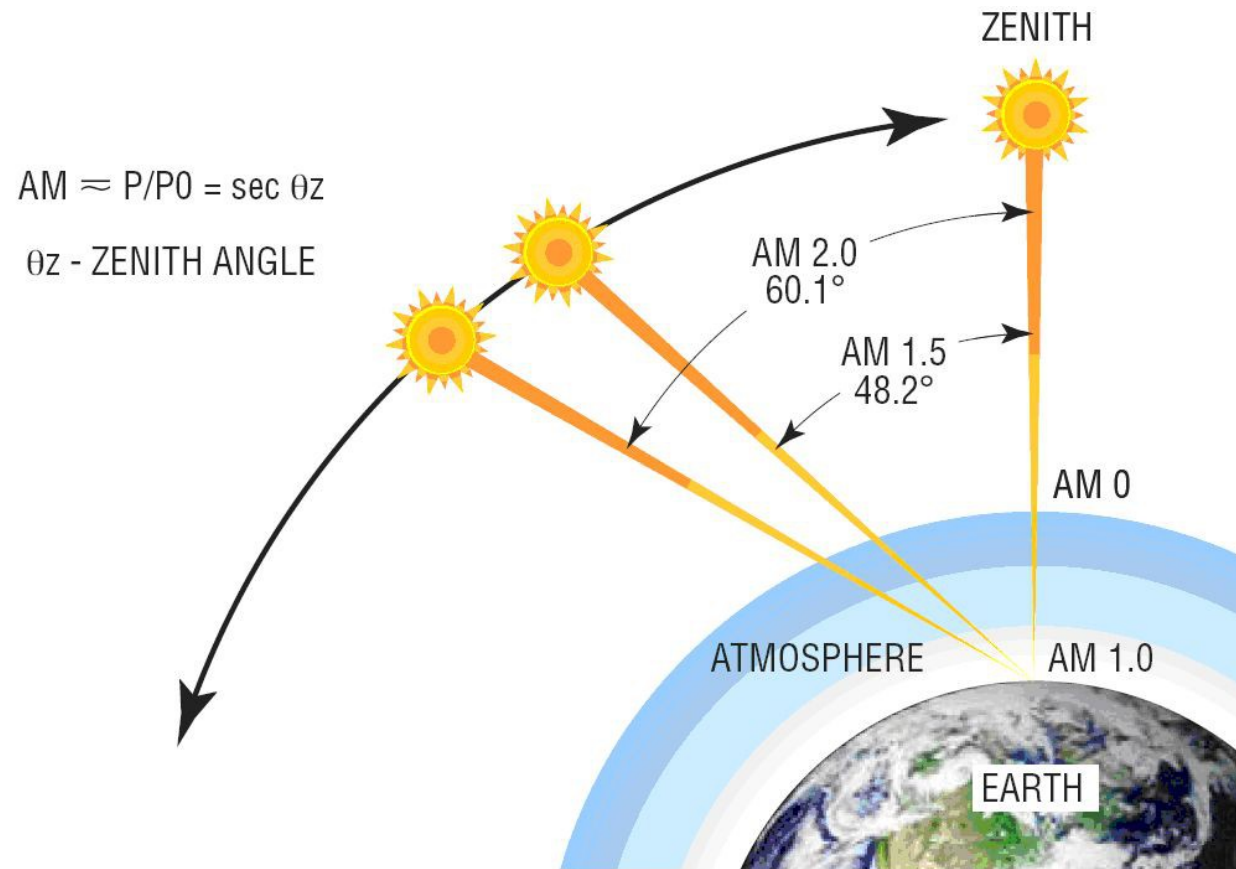
- Clouds and pollution also increase diffuse radiation.

- Direct/ Diffuse ratio varies with latitude and climate.

Air Mass (AM)

AM is defined as the length of path traversed in reaching sea level relative to that at the zenith.

- Outside the earth $AM = 0$
- At sea level when the sun is at its zenith $AM = 1$



Solar Radiation Measuring Equipment



1) Pyranometer

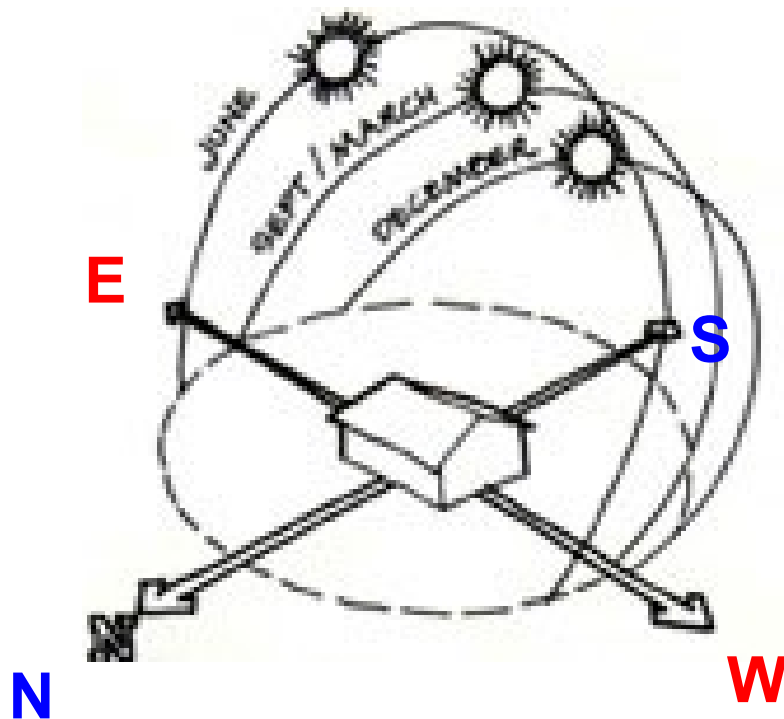
For measuring **total** (direct and diffuse) radiation



2) Pyrhelimeter

For measuring **only direct** radiation

The amount of solar irradiance on a terrestrial surface at a given location and time depends on the **orientation** and **slope of the surface**.

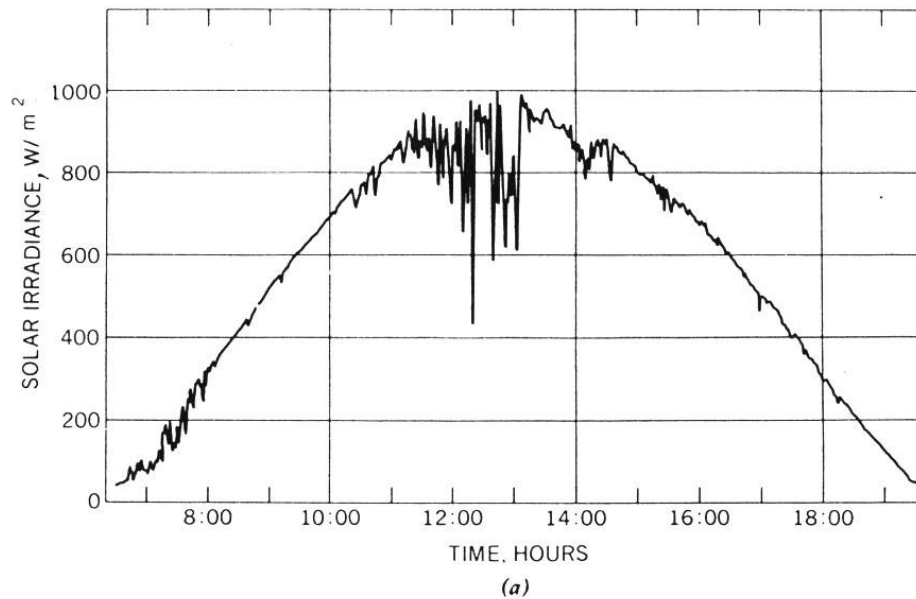


- The solar cell or collector should be oriented directly to the equator, **facing south** (in Northern hemisphere).

- The optimum tilt angle of the solar cell (or collector) is equal to the **latitude of the location**.

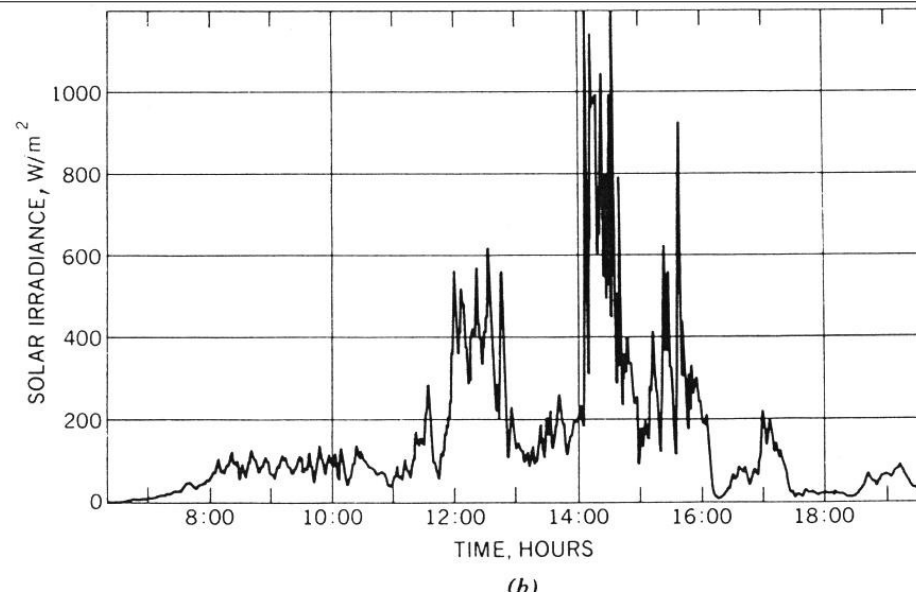
Thailand: longitude east 100°
latitude **$14\sim15^{\circ}$**

Time dependent solar irradiance



Sunny day
Clear sky

Maximum solar
irradiance at noon

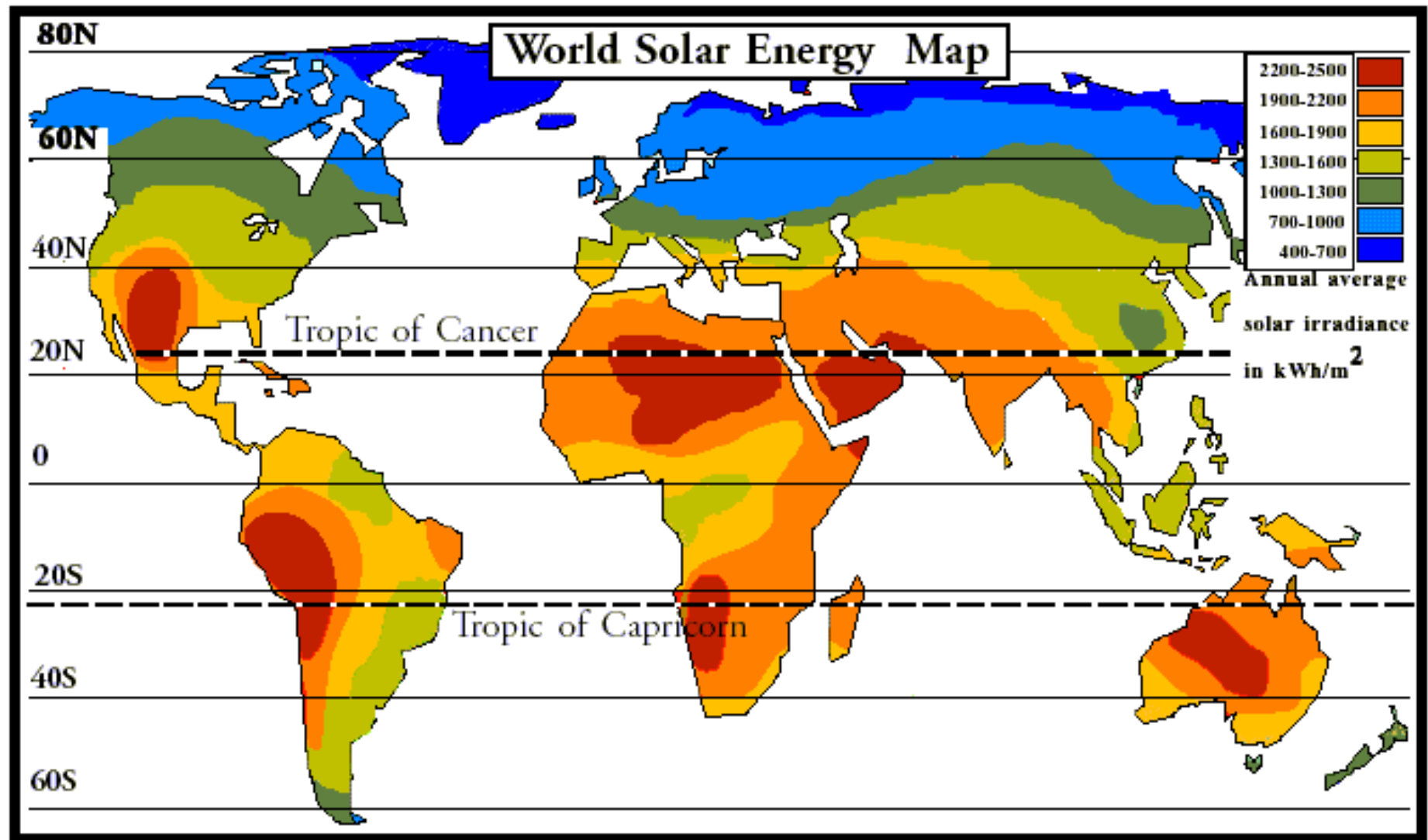


Cloudy day

Solar irradiance at any point on earth depends on

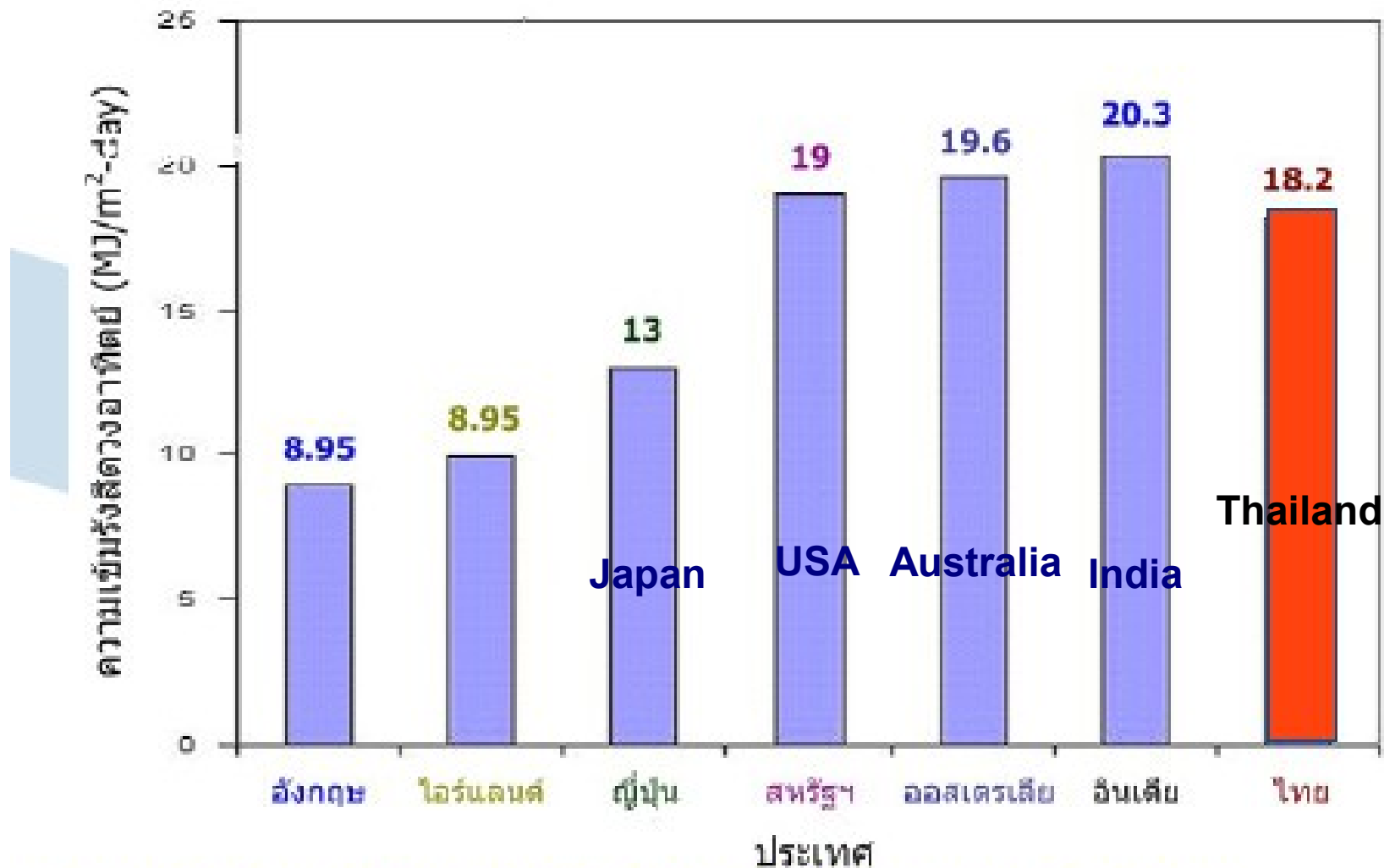
1. the ozone layer thickness
2. the distance traveled through the atmosphere to reach that point
3. the amount of haze in air (dust particle, water vapor..etc)
4. the extent of the cloud cover

World Solar Energy Map



High potential of solar energy in low latitude regions ($\pm 25^\circ$)

Worldwide Solar Radiation & Thailand



ข้อมูลจาก SOLAR CELL (PV) DEVELOPMENT IN THAILAND, Oct. 2009 กระทรวงพลังงาน

A Driving Force for National Science and Technology Capability

•Potentials of Solar Energy inThailand



Daily Solar Radiation 18.2 MJ/m² -day

Central and Northeastern regions
1,400 KWh/m²-yr

Best season: January~ April

2. SOLAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY

2.1 SOLAR THERMAL

Solar energy applications

- Old time: Solar thermal applications
 - Drying crop, human's food
 - Drying clothes
 - Growing plants
- Only recently, during the last 50 years, has solar energy been harnessed with specialized equipment and used as an alternative source of energy.

I. Solar thermal Solar collector, Solar cooker

II. Solar electricity Photovoltaic (PV)

SOLAR COLLECTORS

- **Solar collector** is a device that *absorbs the incoming solar radiation, converts it into heat and transfers the heat to a fluid (air, water, oil)* flowing through the collector.

2 types of collectors

Non-concentrating

- Flat plate collector
- Evacuated tube collector

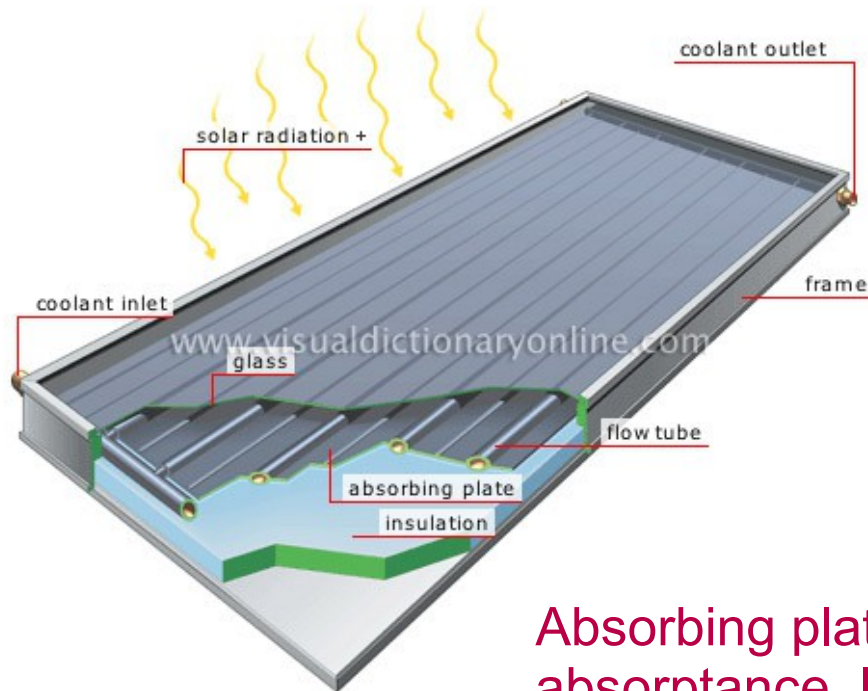
Concentrating

- Parabolic trough
- Parabolic dish
- Central receiver tower

Type of collector	Concentration Ratio	Typical Working Temperature Range (°C)
Flat plate collector	1	≤ 70
High – efficiency flat plate collector	1	60 – 120
Fixed concentrator	2 – 5	100 – 150
Parabolic trough collector	10 – 50	150 – 350
Parabolic dish collector	200 – 2000	250 – 700
Central receiver tower	200 – 2000	400 – 1000

Non-concentrating

• Flat Plate Collector

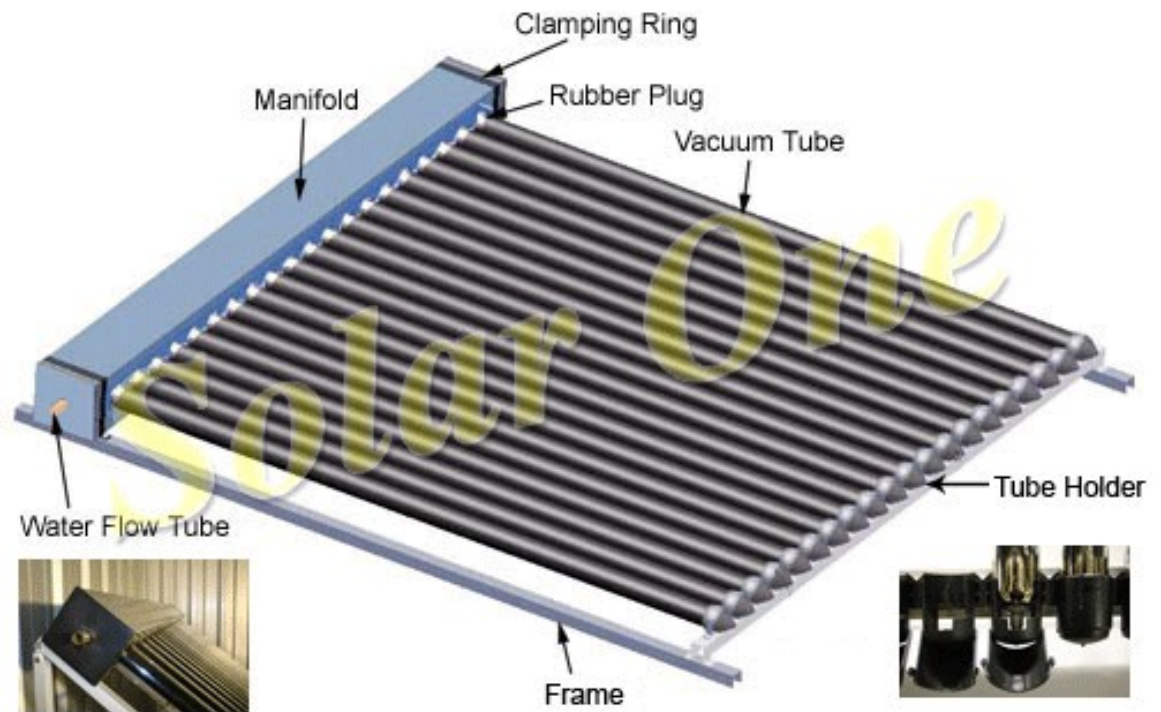


Absorbing plate: high absorptance, low emittance

Selective coating material: Black chrome

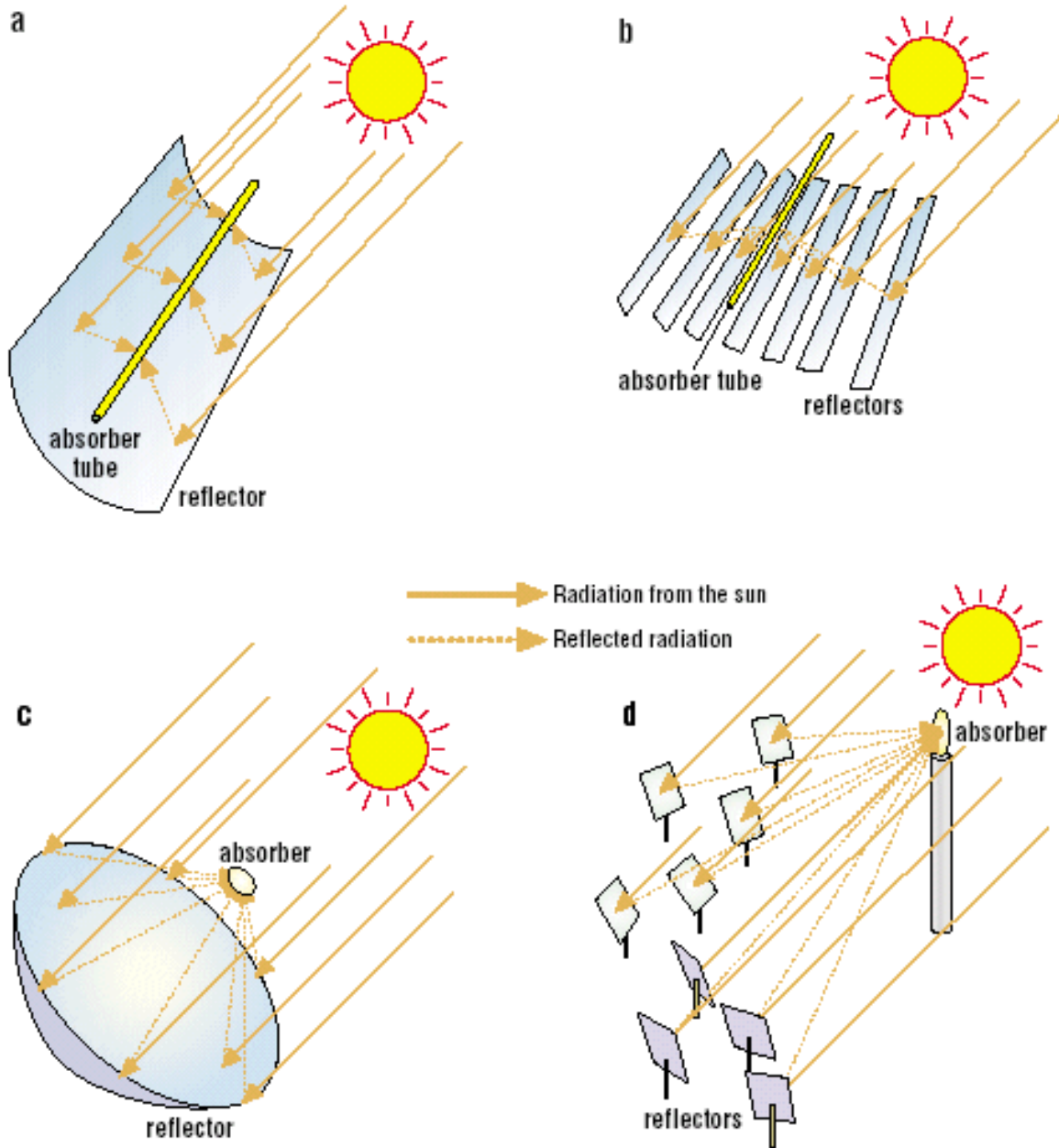
- ❑ Moderate cost
- ❑ Collect both direct and diffuse radiation

• Evacuated Tube Collector (ETC)



- ❑ Higher cost
- ❑ No convection losses
- ❑ High temperature
- ❑ Cold climates
- ❑ Fragile
- ❑ Snow is less of a problem
- ❑ Installation can be more complicate

Concentrating collector



Concentration ratio

$$C = A_a / A_r$$

A_a : aperture area

A_r : receiver absorber area

- High conversion efficiency but **need direct radiation**

- Parabolic trough collector



- Parabolic dish



- Central receiver tower



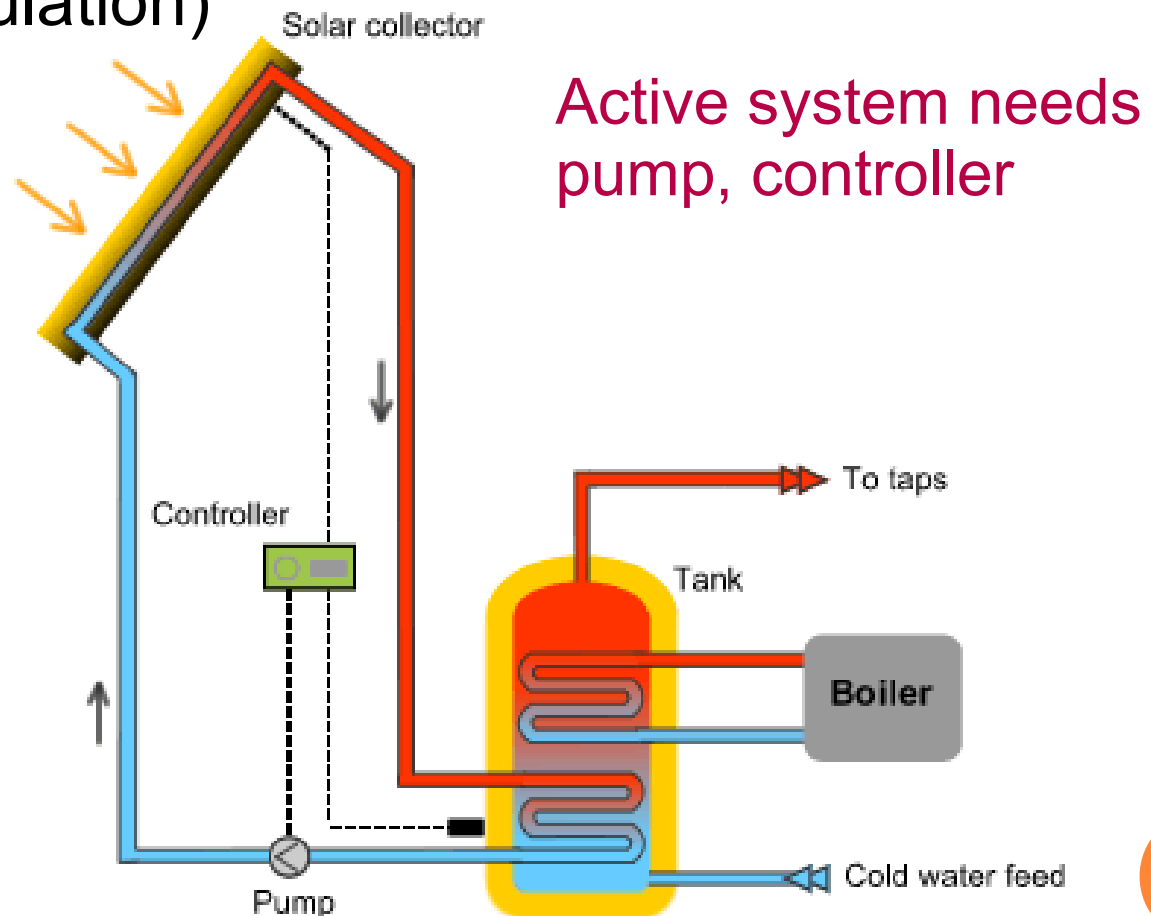
Solar cooker



• Solar Water Heating Systems

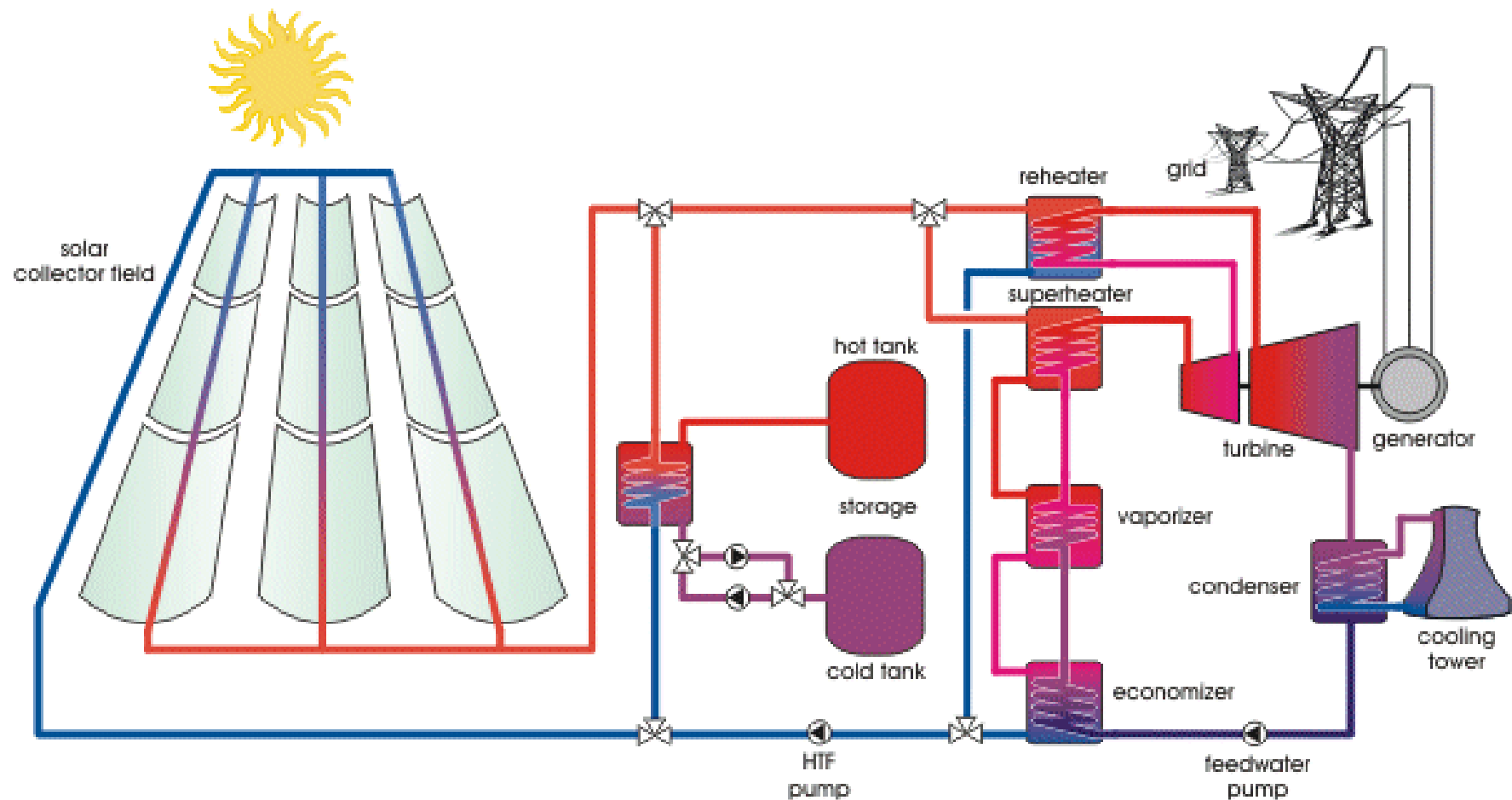
The most popular application of solar energy is domestic water heating (low temperature).

- 1) Passive (Natural)
- 2) Active (Forced circulation)



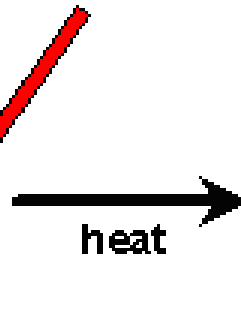
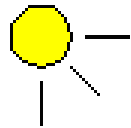
Solar thermal power plant

Generating electricity



Solar cooling

solar gain



thermal-driven
cooling
process

Chiller

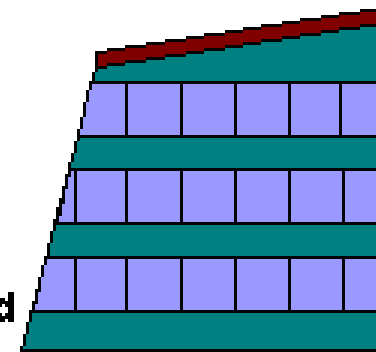


cooling burden

cold water



air-conditioned
air



Solar collector



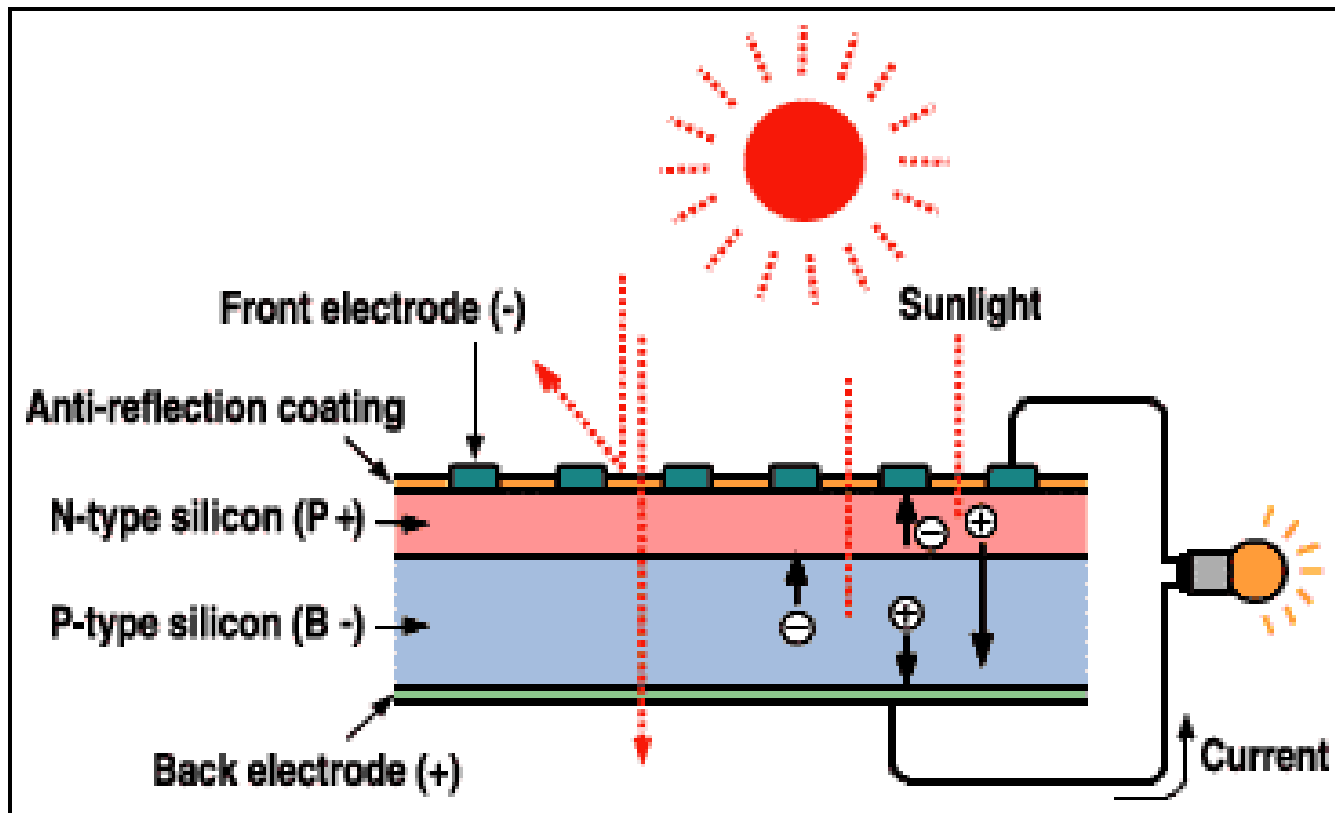
2. SOLAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY

2.2: SOLAR CELL

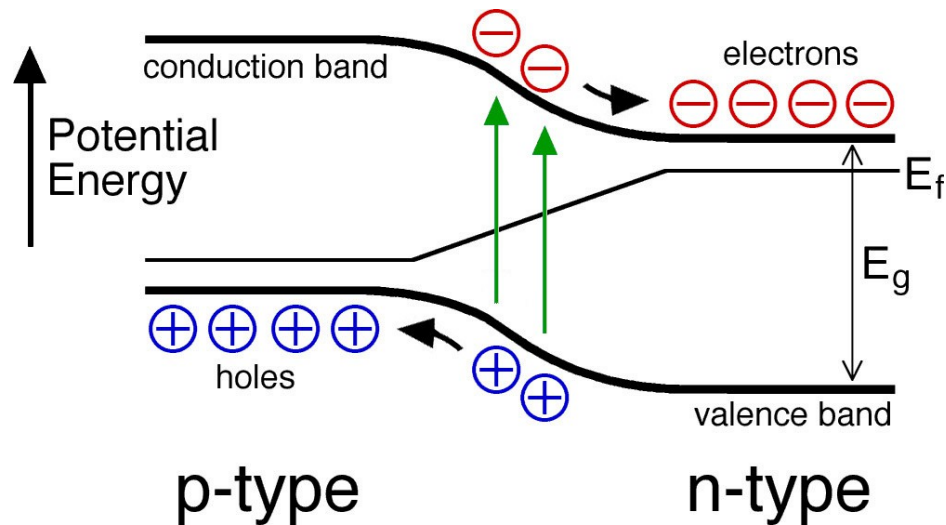
Photovoltaic effect

Phenomenon that certain materials produce electric current when they are exposed to light.

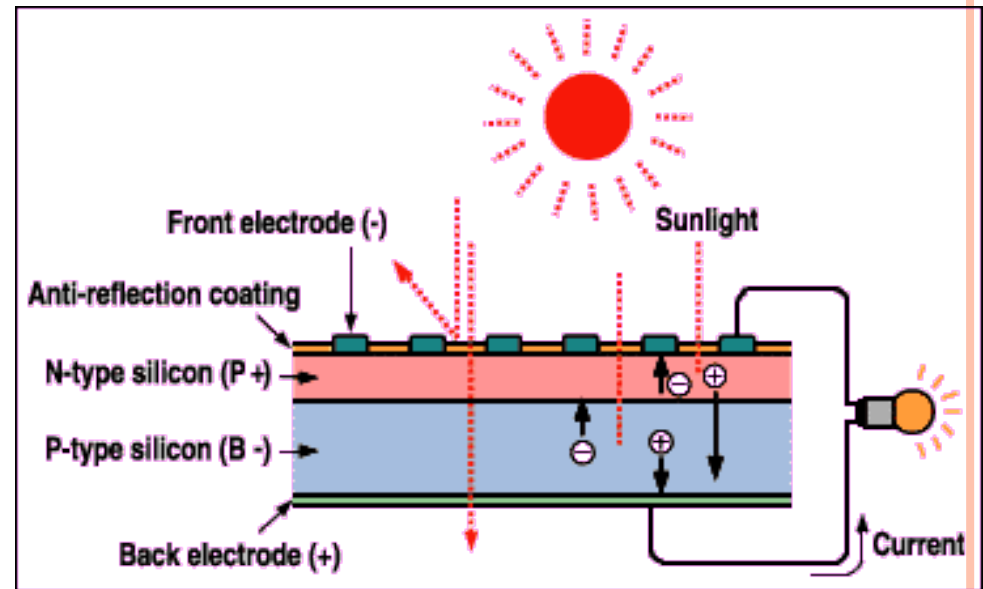
Solar cell (also called photovoltaic cell) is a electrical device that convert the energy of light directly into electricity.



p-n junction



How solar cells work?



When a photon of the correct energy strikes the solar cell,

- Photons from the sun create the electron-hole pair.
- Electron is energized to conduction band and leave a hole in valence band.
- The electrons will be attracted to n type side and holes will be attracted to p type side.
- If circuit is completed, electricity flows.

Advantage and disadvantage of PV

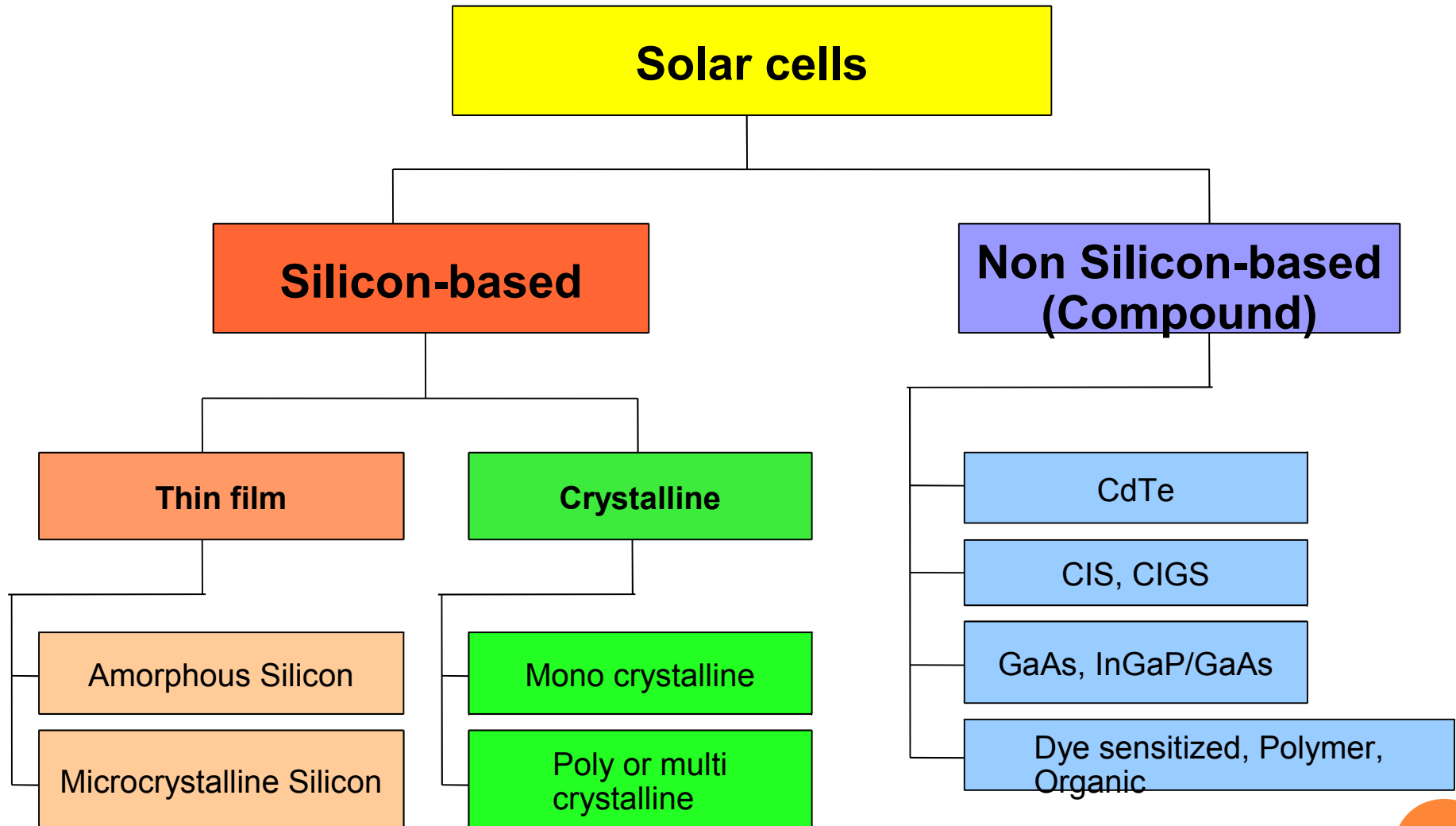
Advantage

- Clean, no pollution
- No noise, no moving parts
- Little maintenance is required

Disadvantage

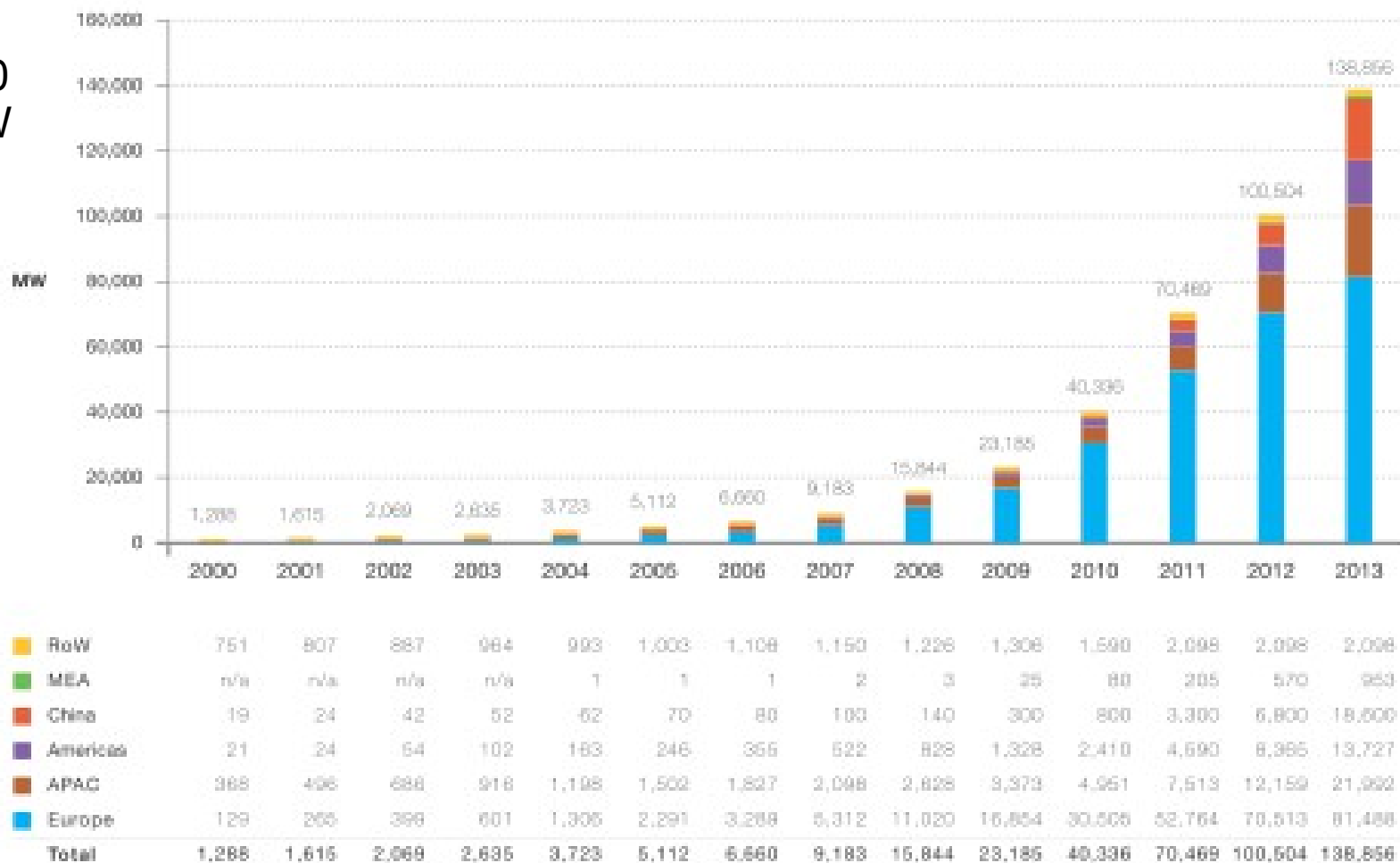
- Expensive
- Relying on weather

PV technologies



World cumulative PV installation

140
GW

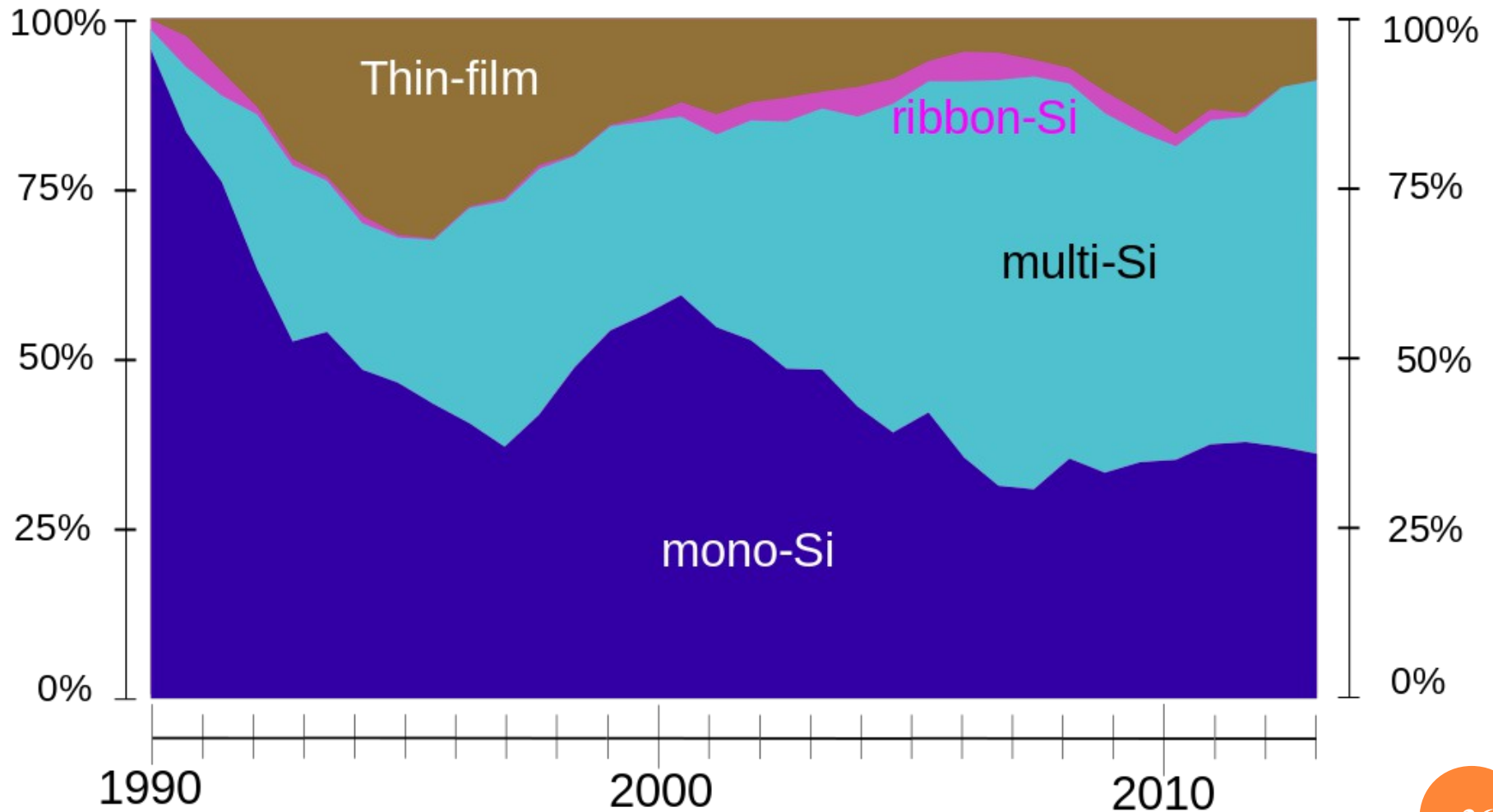


RoW: Rest of the World; MEA: Middle East and Africa; APAC: Asia Pacific
Methodology used for RoW data collection has changed in 2012.

Figure 1 - Evolution of global PV cumulative installed capacity 2000-2013

- About 90% of the total production is crystalline Si (mono and multi c-Si).

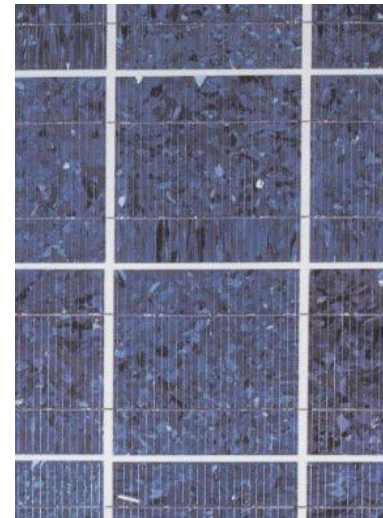
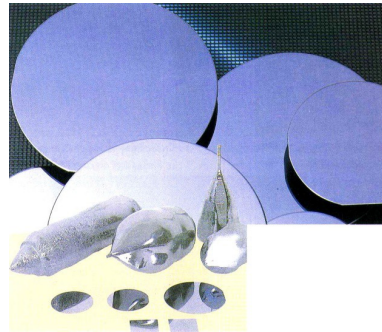
Global Market Share by PV Technology from 1990 to 2013



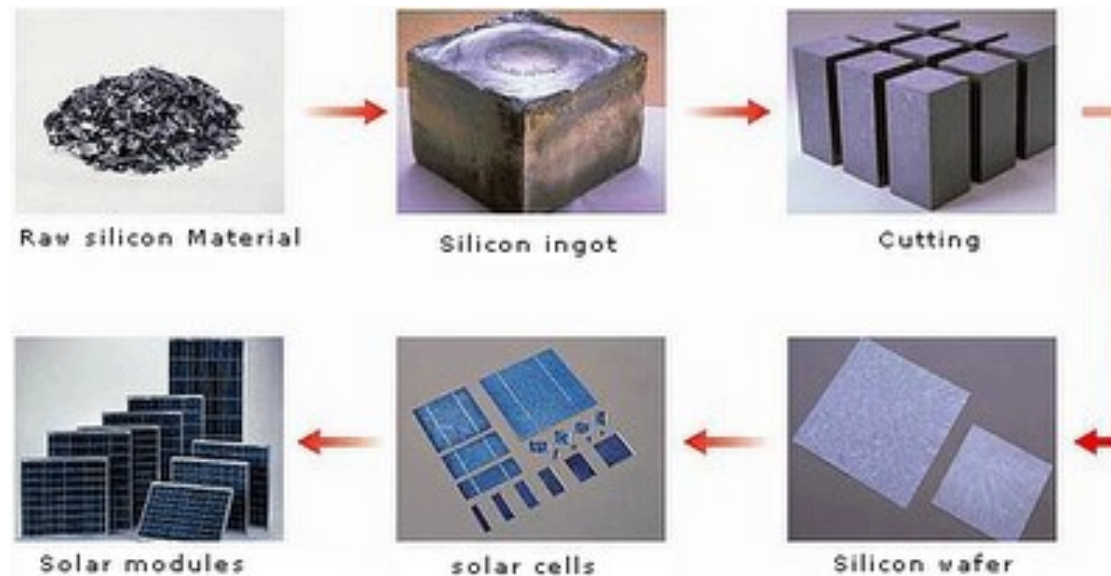
Crystalline silicon solar cells



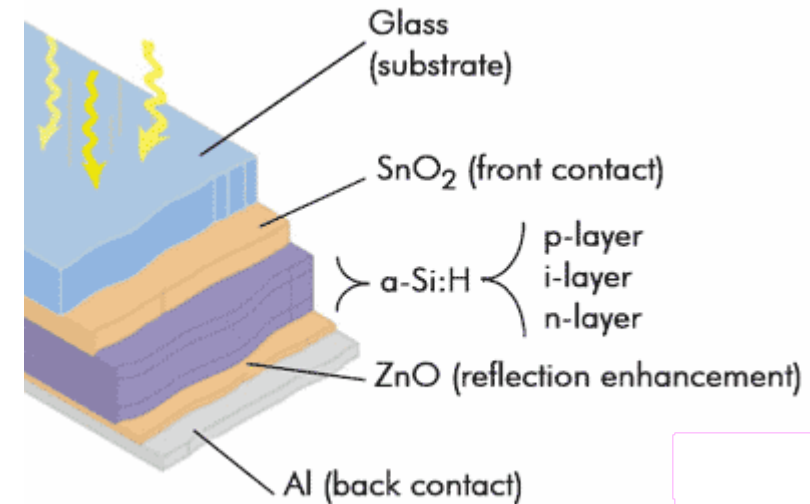
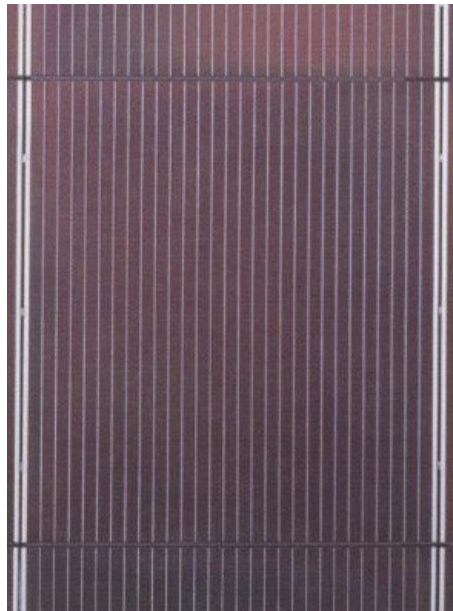
Mono c-Si



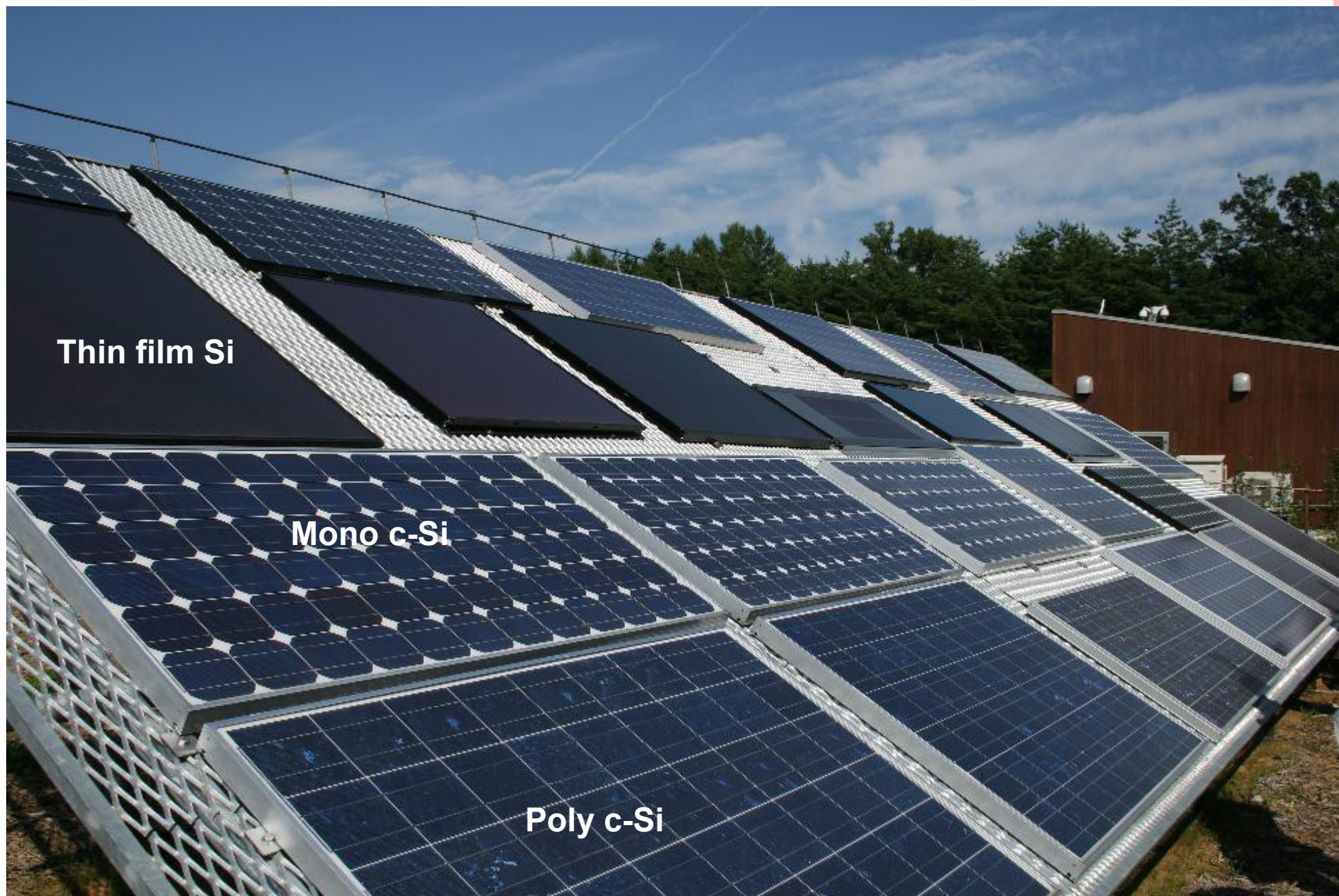
Multi c-Si



Thin film silicon solar cell

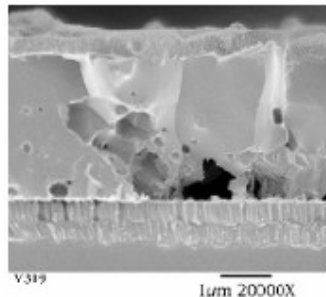


- Deposition of silicon thin films on substrate (glass)
- Plasma enhanced vapor deposition (PECVD) technique
- Main gas source: SiH_4 , H_2



Copper Indium Gallium Selenide (CIGS)

What is CIGS?

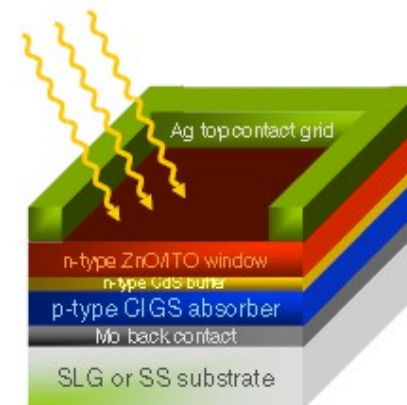


Copper

Indium

Gallium

diSelenide



Copper Indium diSelenide

Extremely high absorption - 99% of available light absorbed within 1 μm

+

Gallium

Greatly boosts the light-absorbing band gap, moving it closer to the solar spectrum



CIGS MODULE

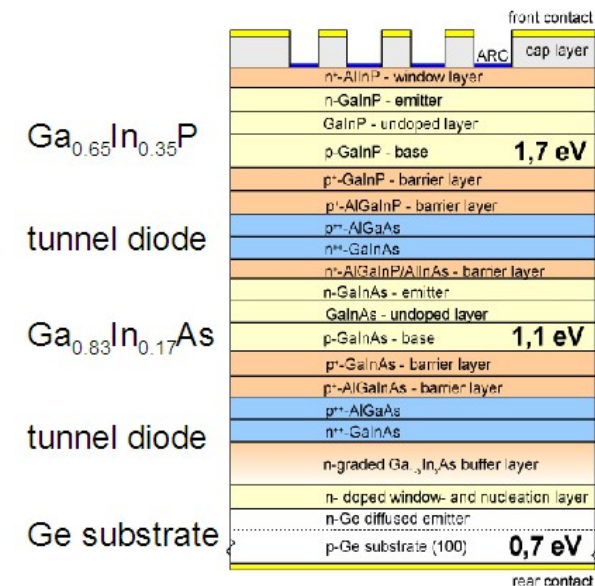
Cadmium Telluride (CdTe)

- CdTe absorbs sunlight at close to the ideal wavelength (capturing more energy at shorter wavelength than Si).
- Relatively low cost
- Cadmium (Cd) is toxic and Tellurium (Te) is rare element.

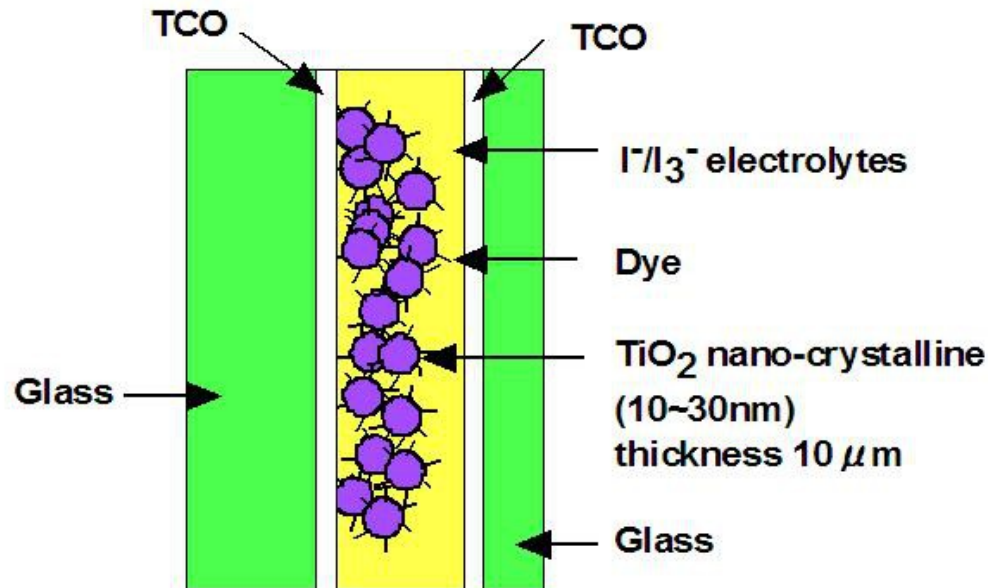


Gallium arsenide (GaAs)

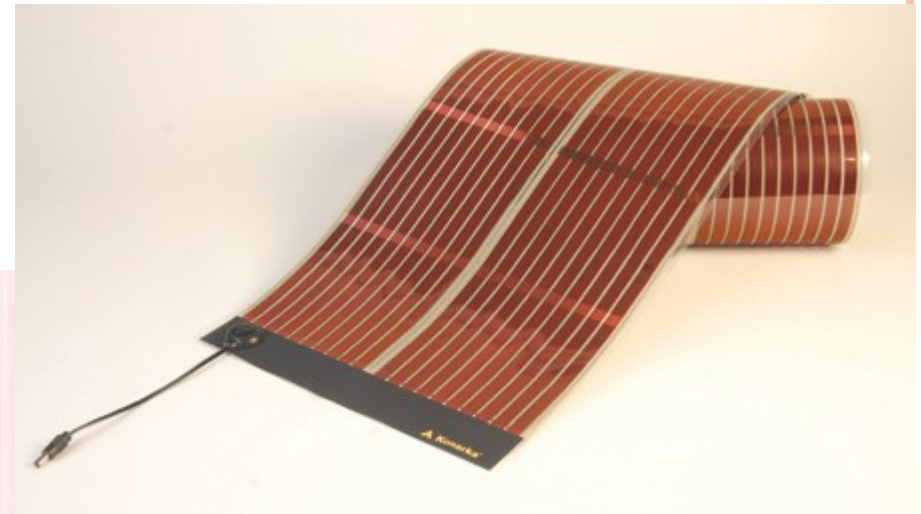
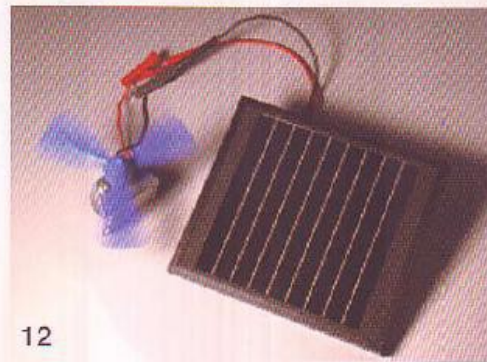
- III-V group
- High absorption coefficient and high carrier mobility >>> ideal material for solar cell
- 25-41%, in single- and multi-junction solar cells
- Very good for space application
- High cost, compared with other thin film solar cells



Dye sensitized/ Organic photovoltaic (OPV)

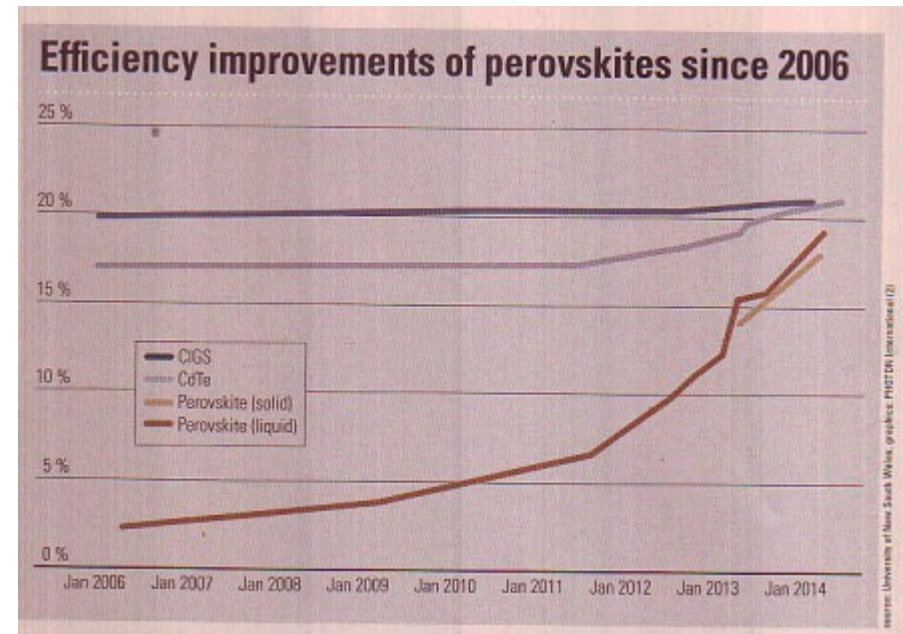
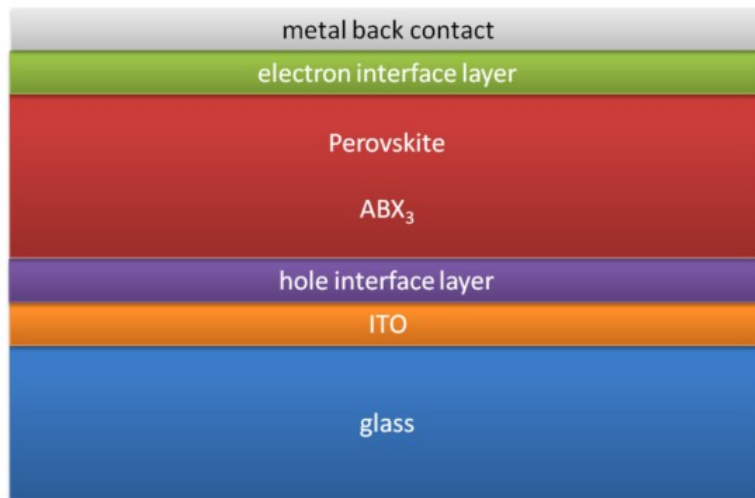


- ✓ No use of vacuum machine
- ✓ Low cost
- ✓ Printable
- × Low efficiency
- × Lifetime and stability issues

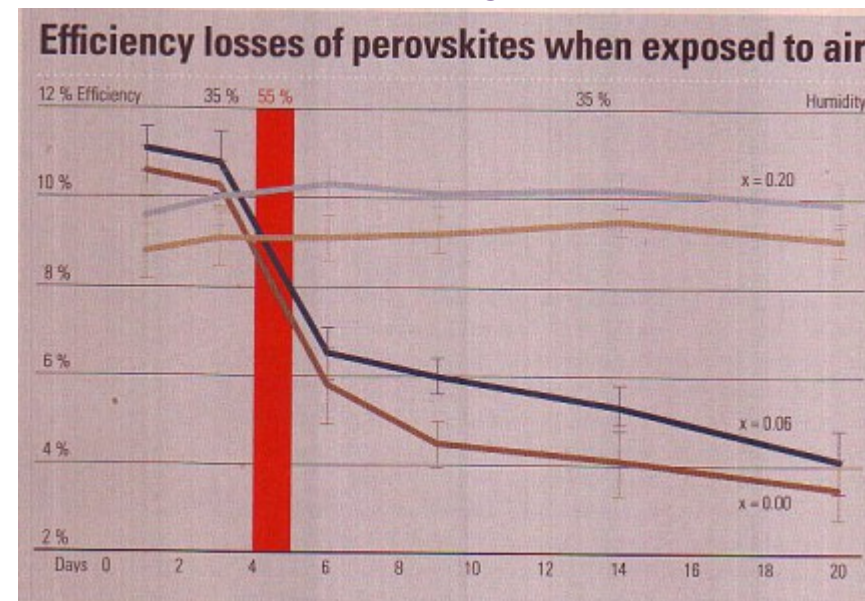
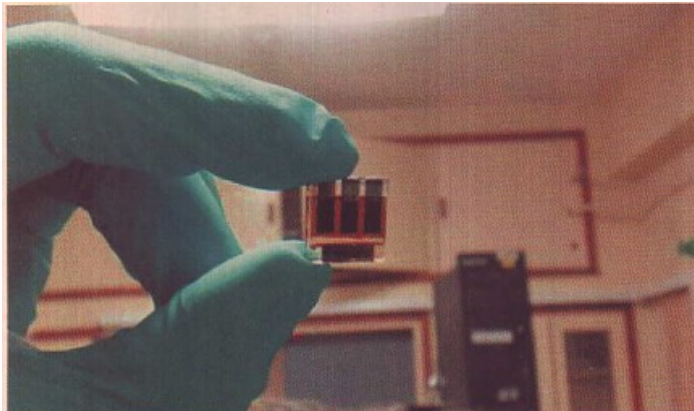


Perovskite

Rapid improvement

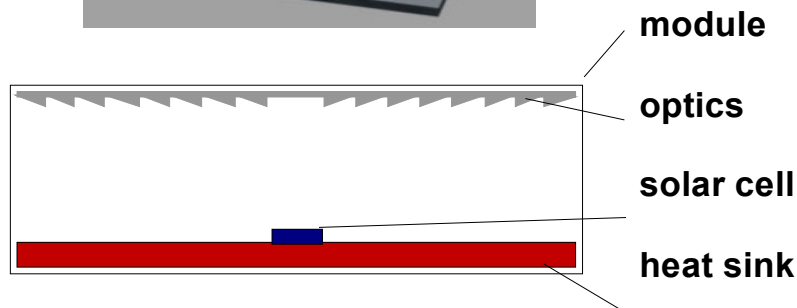
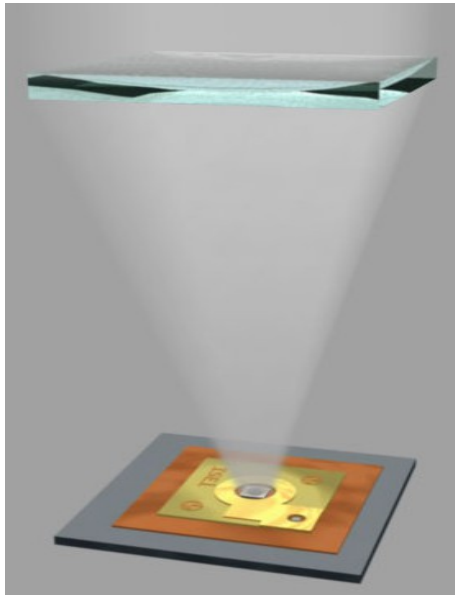


Stability issue



Concentrating PV (CPV)

- High conversion efficiency
- High cost
- Use only direct radiation
- Sensitive to soiling

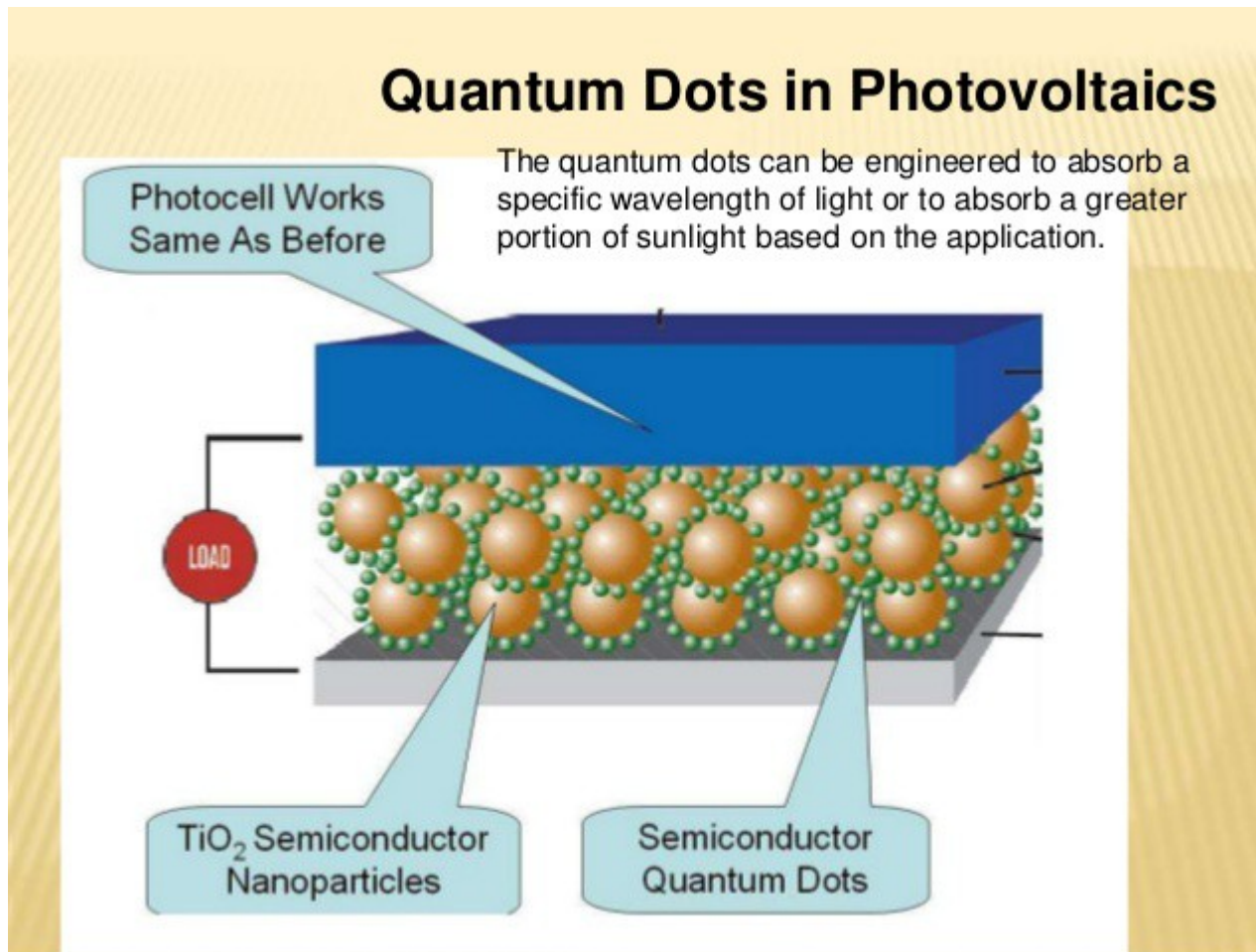


High-concentration PV



Novel PV concepts

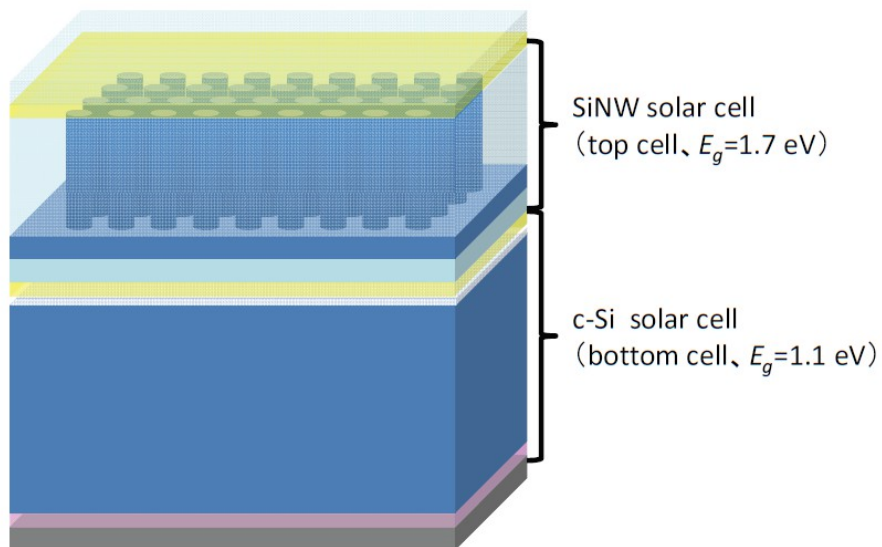
Quantum dot solar cell



High efficient c-Si solar cell

High Efficiency SiNW/Si Tandem Solar Cells

Target eff > 30%



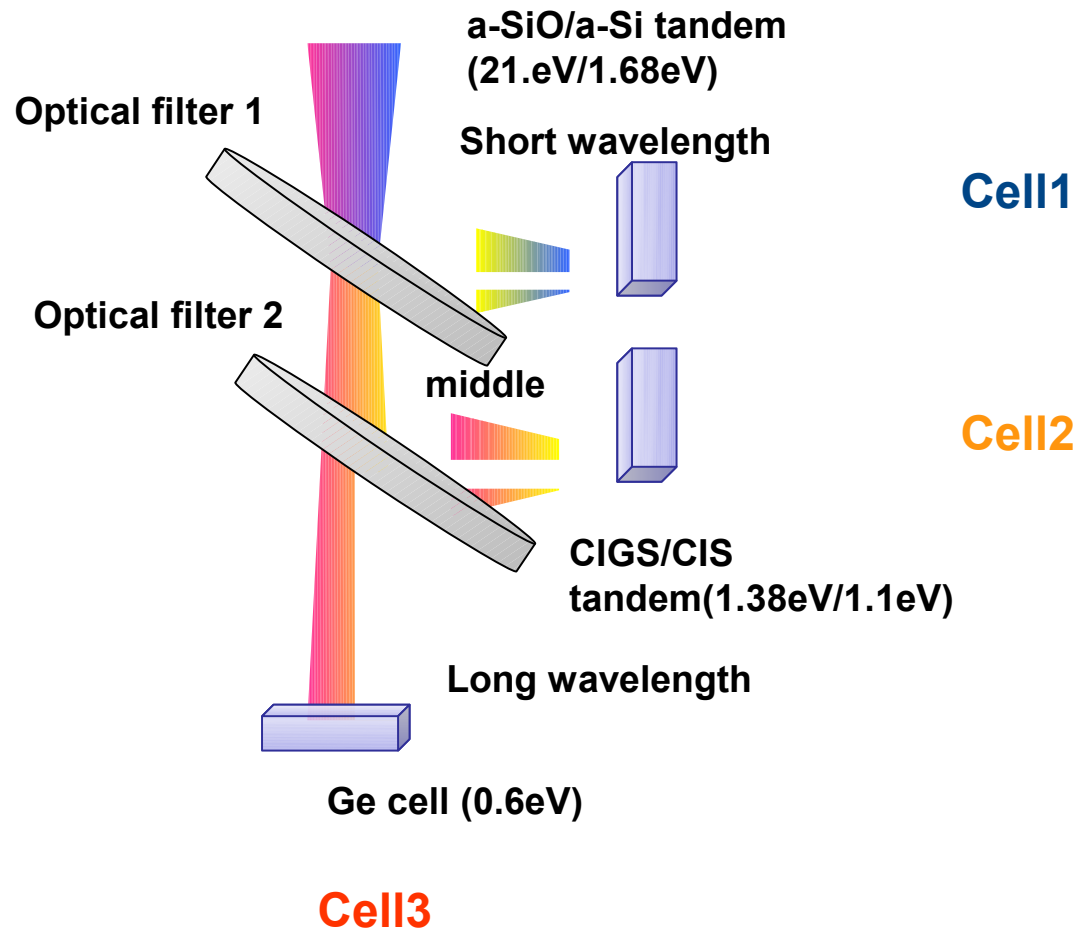
Top: Si nanowire cell

Bottom: Crystalline Si cell

Source: FUTURE-PV Innovation, JST Japan

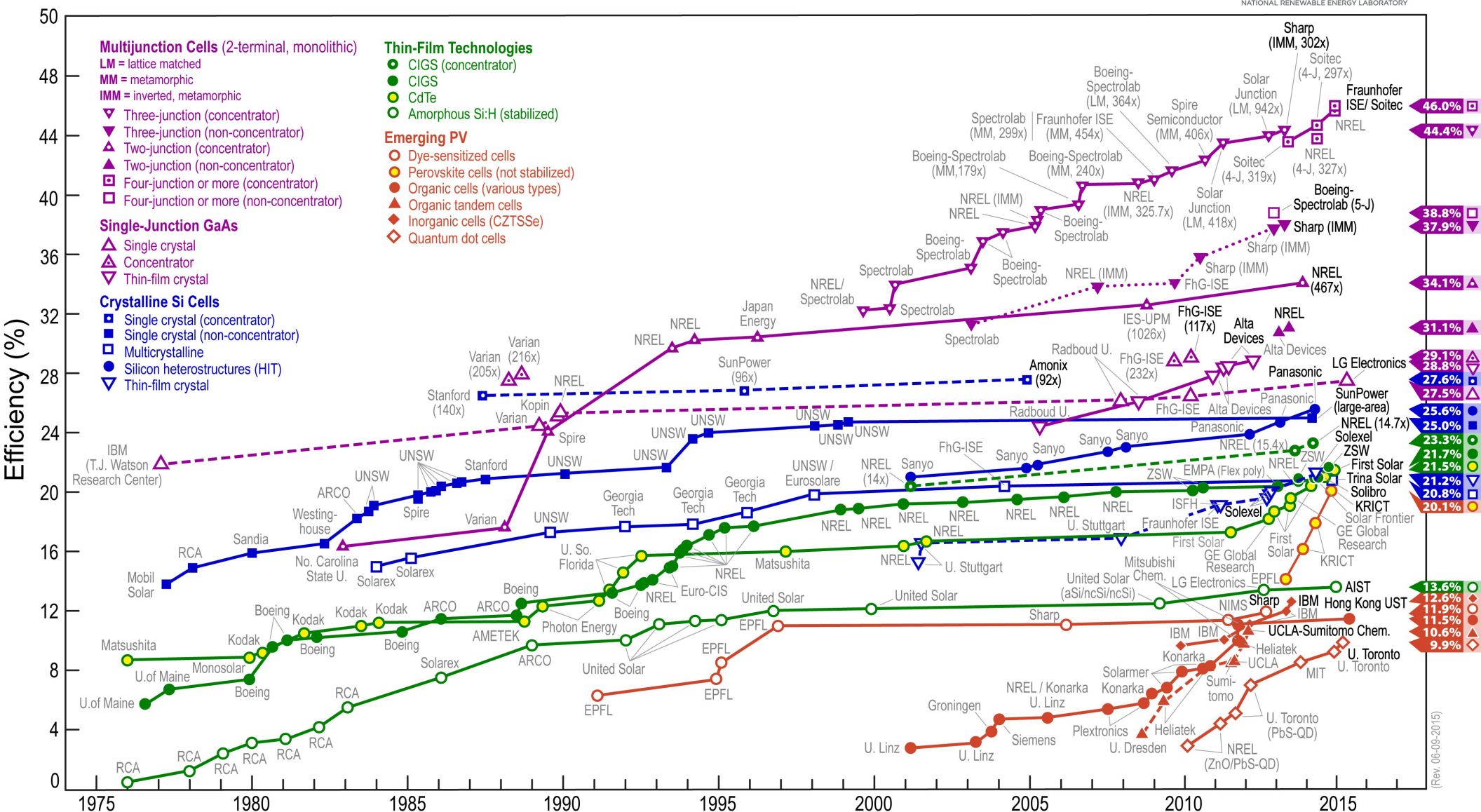
Full spectrum solar cell

Spectral Splitting Structure with dual optical filters



BEST CELL EFFICIENCIES -Lab scale

Best Research-Cell Efficiencies



Current status of different PV technologies

PV type	TC for power (%/°C)	Lab efficiency ^{*1} (%)	Module efficiency (%)	Cost per watt ^{*2} (USD)
Mono c-Si (hetero type)	-0.45 (-0.30)	25.0	15-19	0.88-1.14
Multi c-Si	-0.45	20.4	13-15	0.80-0.85
a-Si/micromorph Si	-0.25	13.4	6-9	0.65-0.75
CIGS	-0.30	20.4	10-12	0.77-1.0
CdTe	-0.25	18.7	9-11	0.77-1.0
GaAs	-0.10	30.8	24.2	n.a
Organic	n.a	14.1	1-4	n.a
Concentrated PV	n.a	44.0	35	3.1-4.4

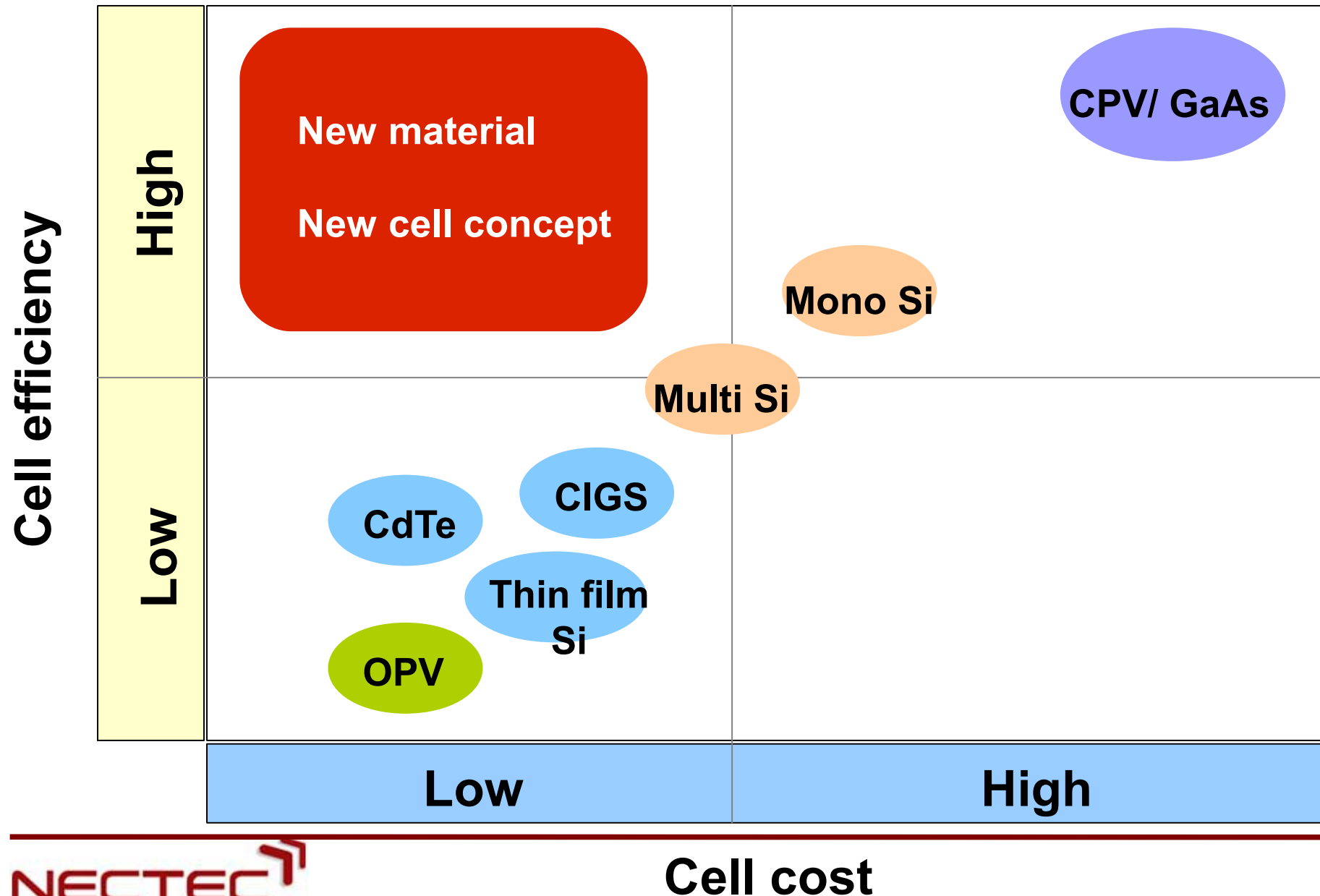
Source:

^{*1} NREL, Best Research-Cell Efficiencies updated June 2014.

^{*2} Overall price in market (2013)

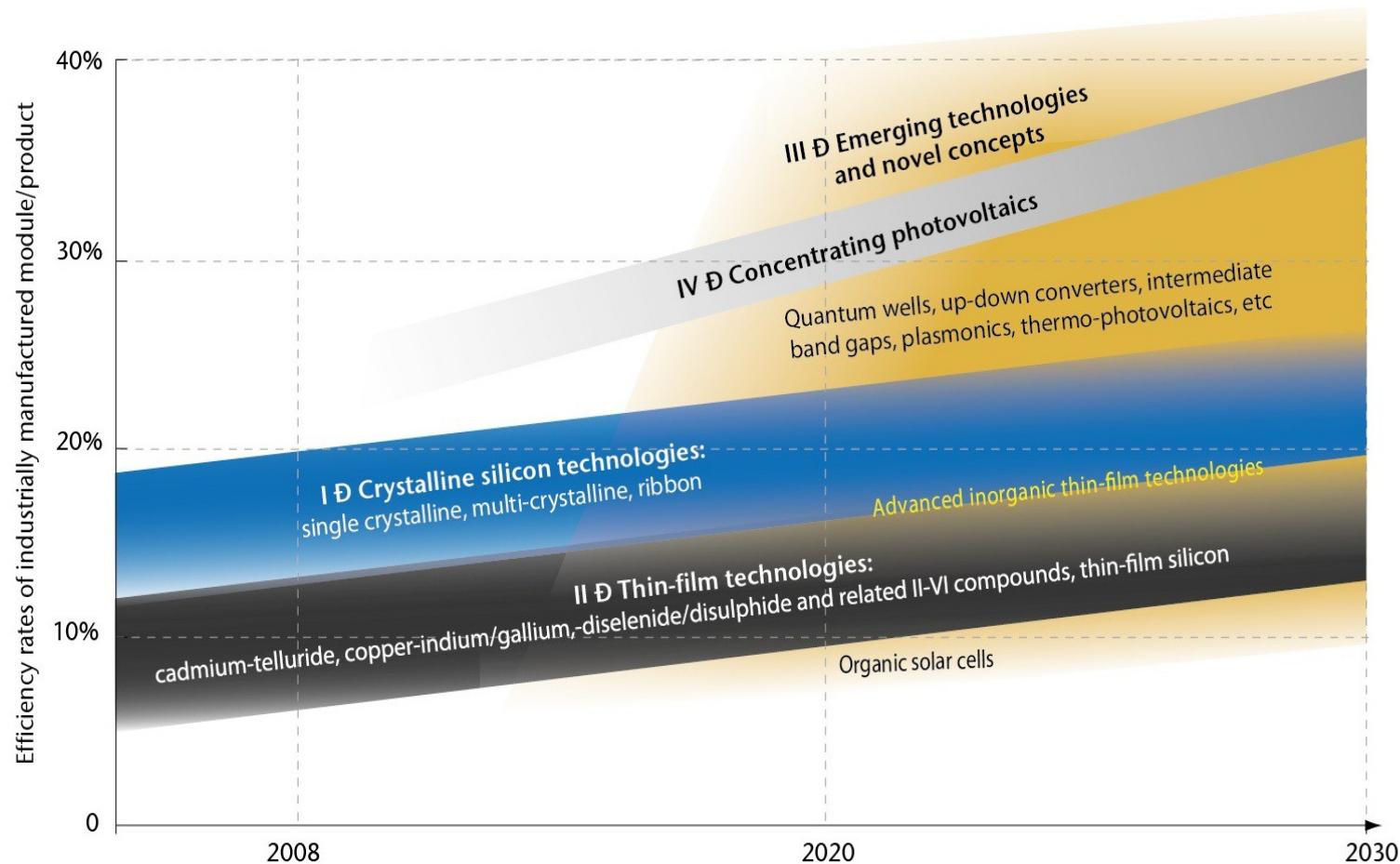
PV cell efficiency vs cost

Eff >40%
Niche market



Photovoltaic technology status and prospects

- Current technologies will co-exist with emerging technologies.
- New technologies need time to prove performance and reliability.



Source: IEA PVPS.

PV Target by 2050

Target	2020	2030	2050
Module efficiency (%)	Crystalline up to 20% Thin film 15%	Crystalline up to 25% Thin film 18%	Novel concept up to 40%
Energy-pay-back time (year)	1	0.5	0.25
Operational lifetime (year)	30	35	40
Solar electricity cost (Euro/kWh)	0.12-0.15	0.06	0.03

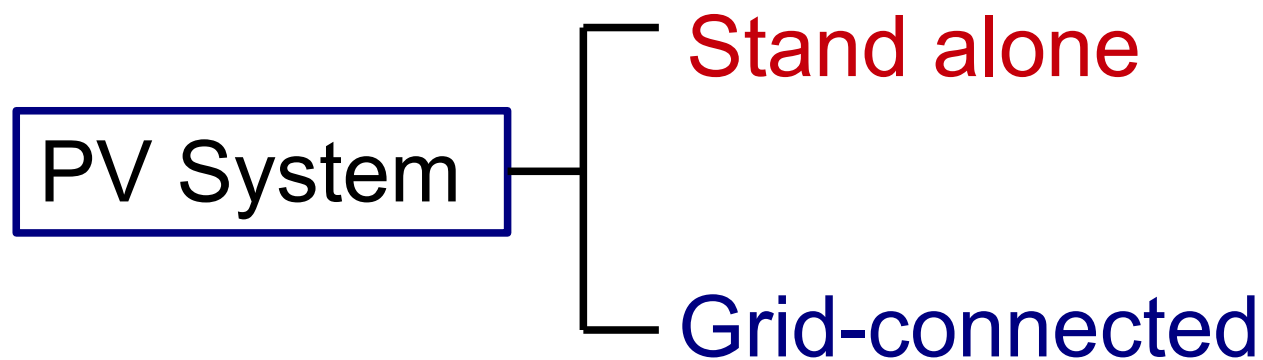
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Not only **module efficiency** and **cost**,

module lifetime and **energy-pay-back time** are also topics of concern.

PV Applications

PV portable products: Lightening, charger.. etc

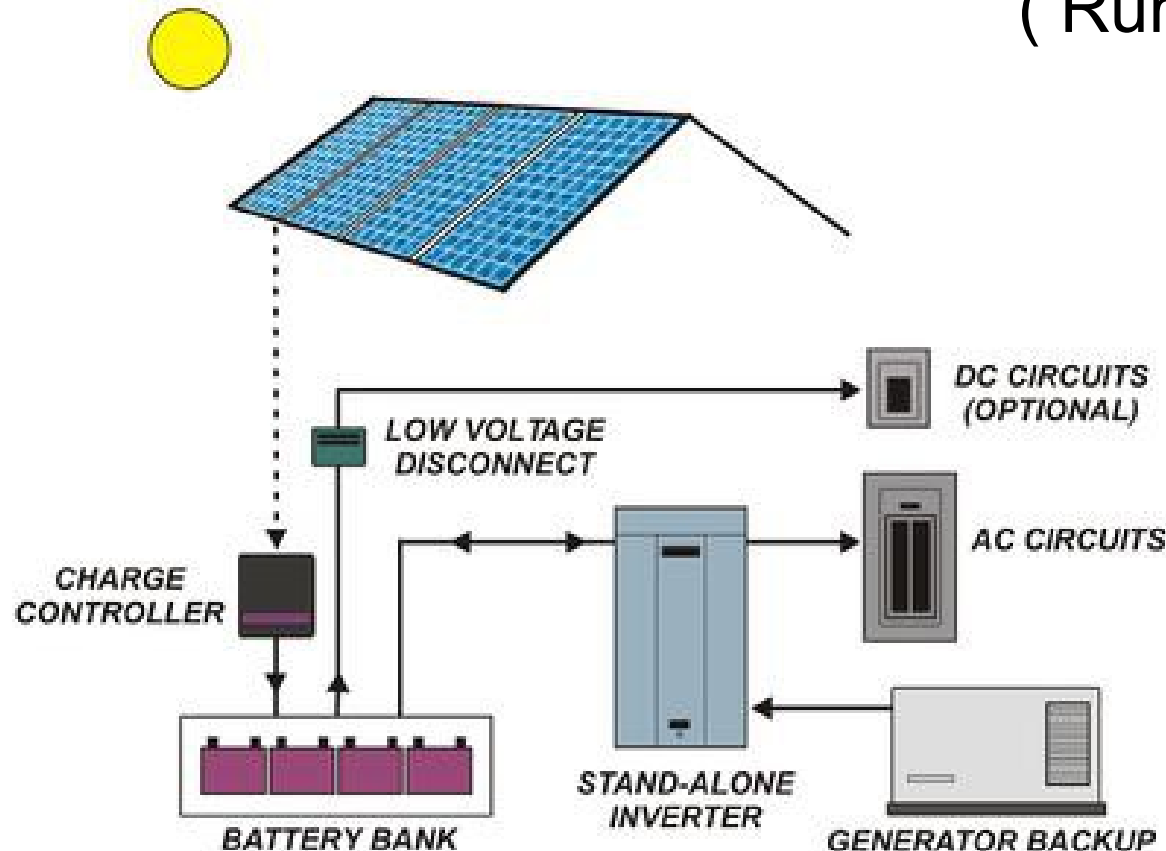


Stand alone

Stand alone systems are used in areas that have no access to an electrical grid.

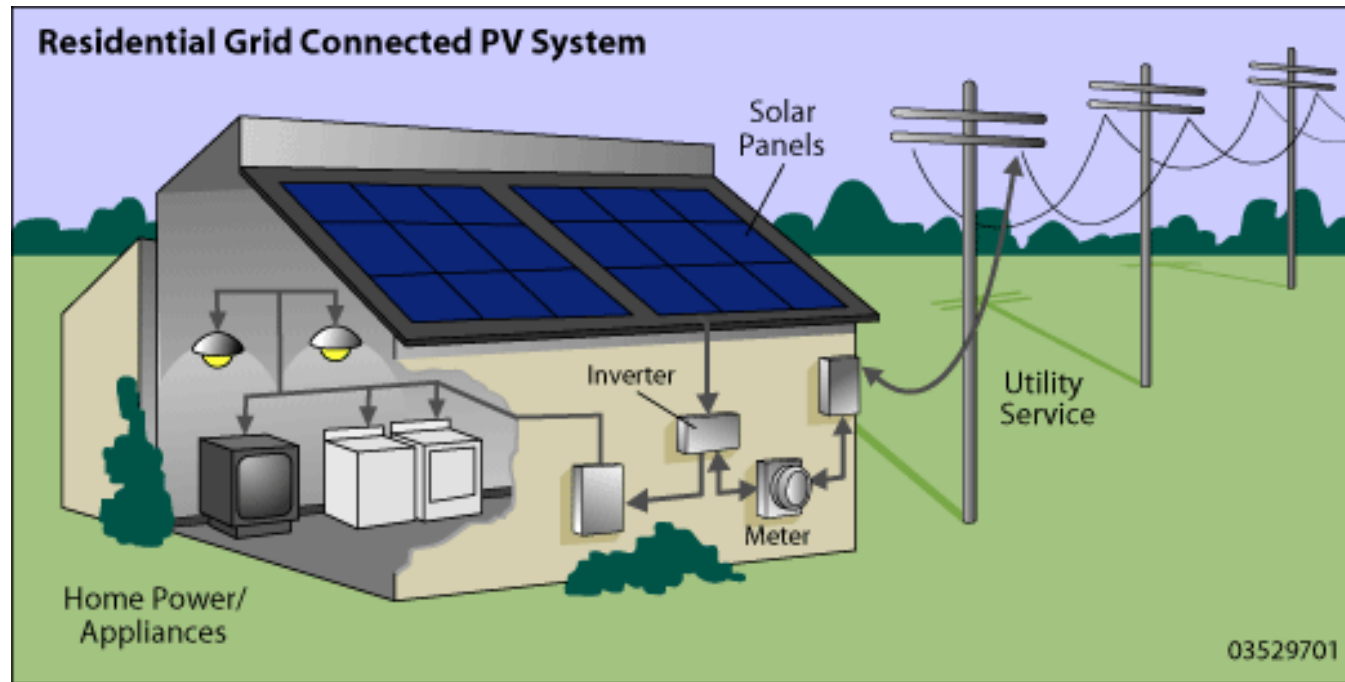
(Rural, mountains, islands)

***Batteries are necessary.**



Energy produced normally being stored in batteries.

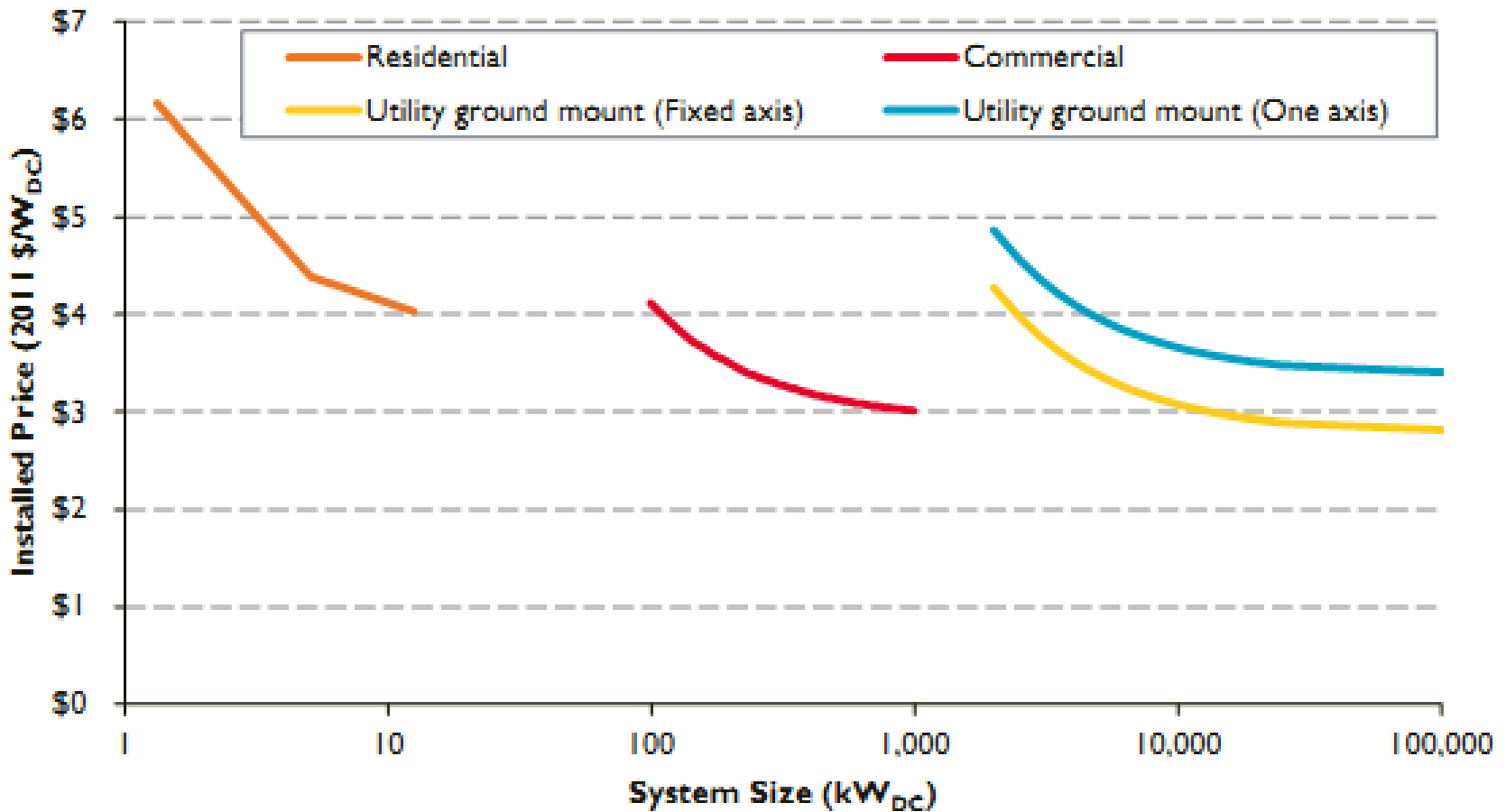
Grid connected



Solar farm (Solar power plant)



Economy-of-scale benefits: residential and commercial rooftop, ground-mount utility-scale PV



Source: NREL, Photovoltaic Pricing Trends, November 2012

Hybrid system

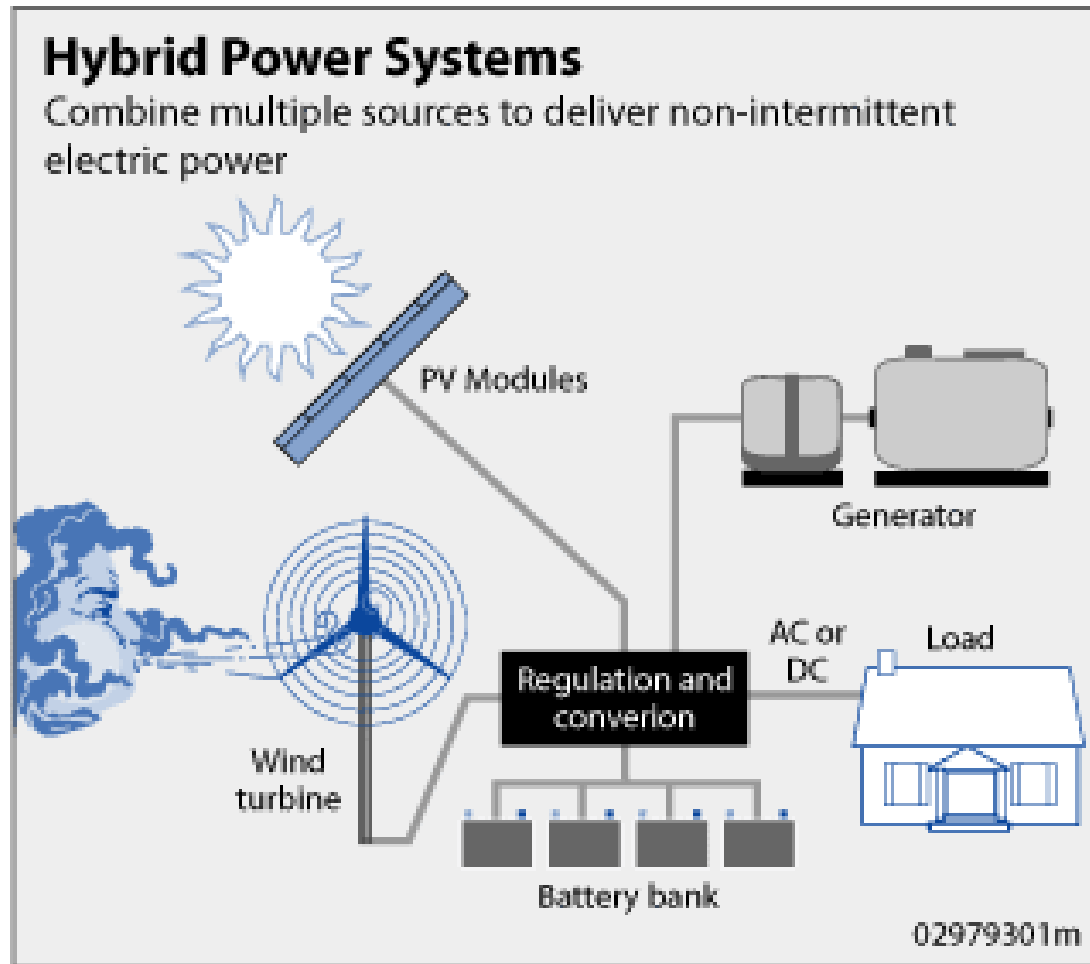
More than one type of electricity generator is employed.

Example

PV + Wind

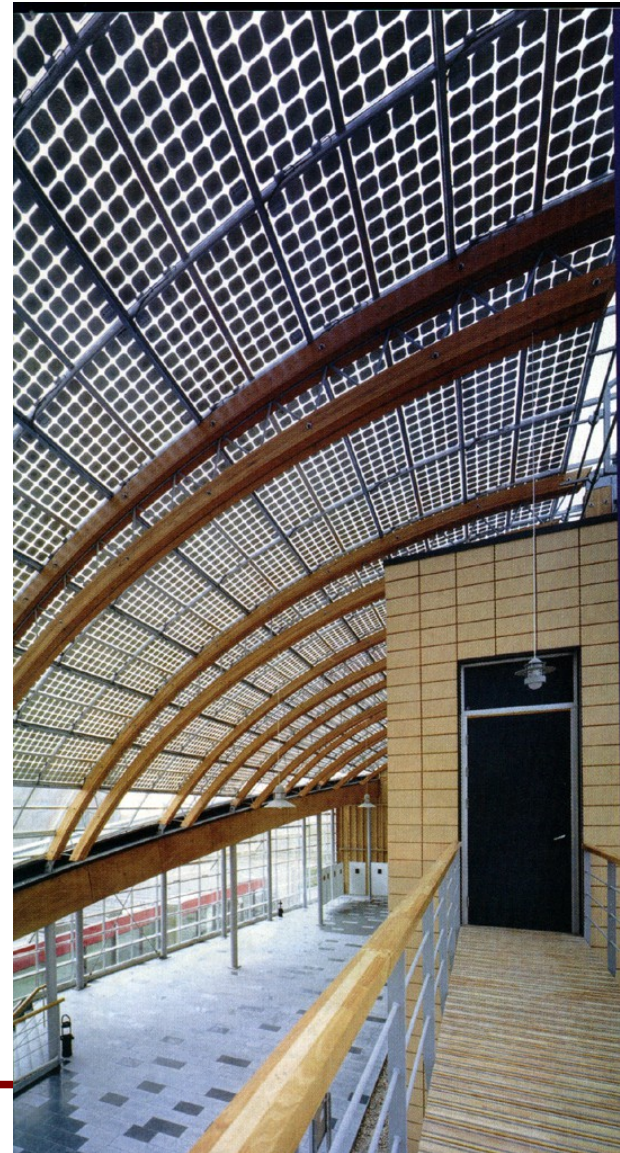
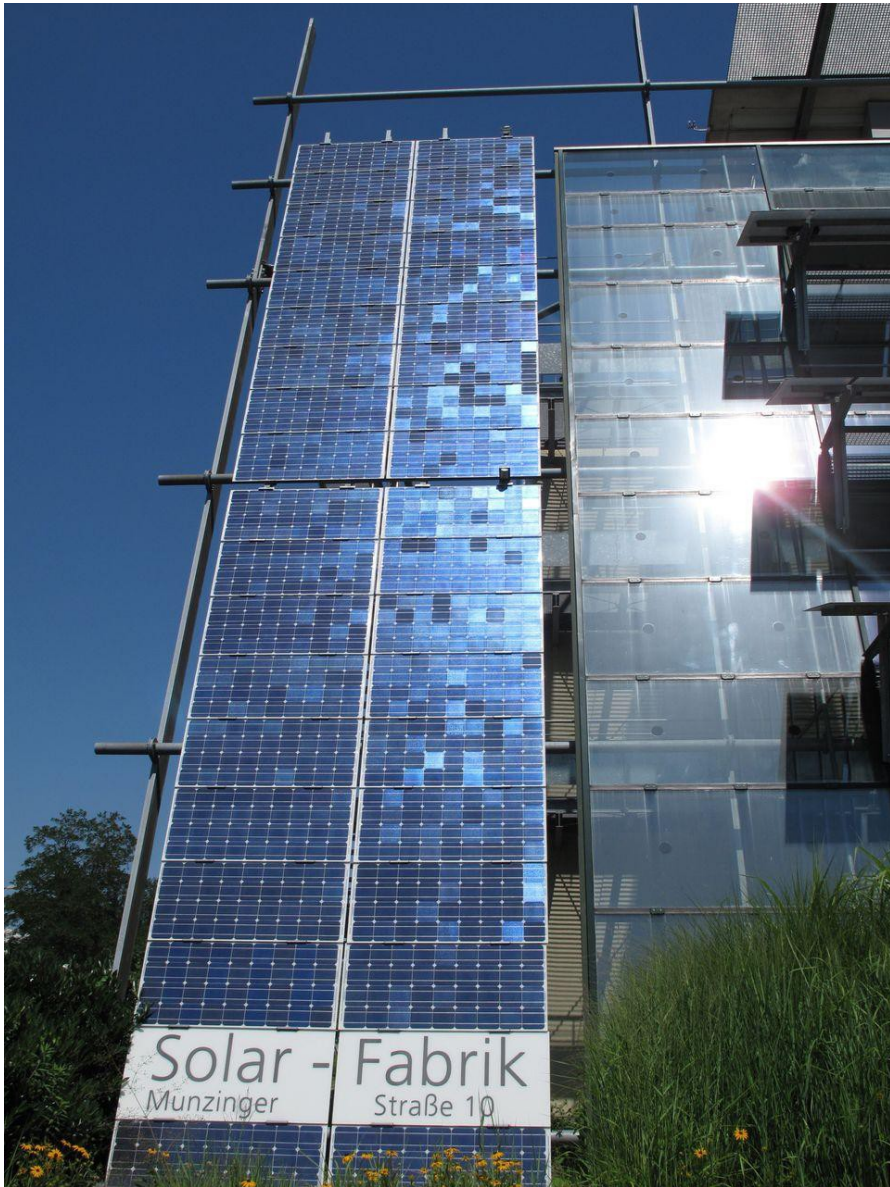
PV + Hydro

PV + diesel engine



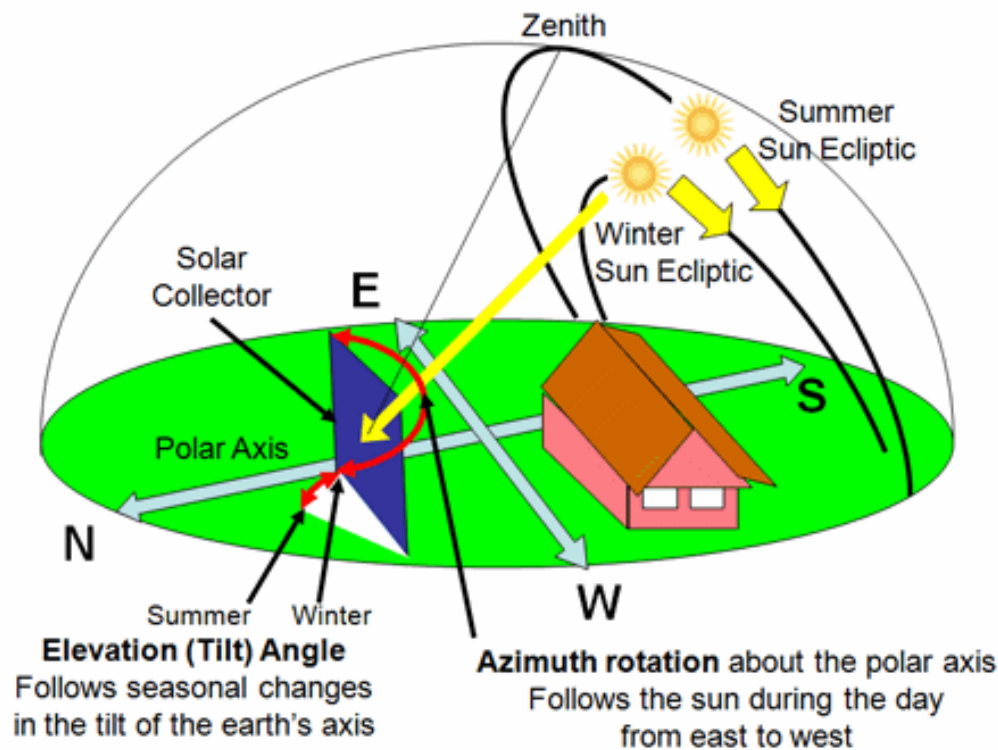
Building Integrated Photovoltaic (BIPV)

A special application in which PV are installed either in the facade or roof or any part of a building.



PV Tracking system

- The amount of energy captured by a solar system can be maximized if the collector or PV can **follow the ecliptic path of the sun** so that the plane of the collector or PV is always perpendicular to the direction of the sun.

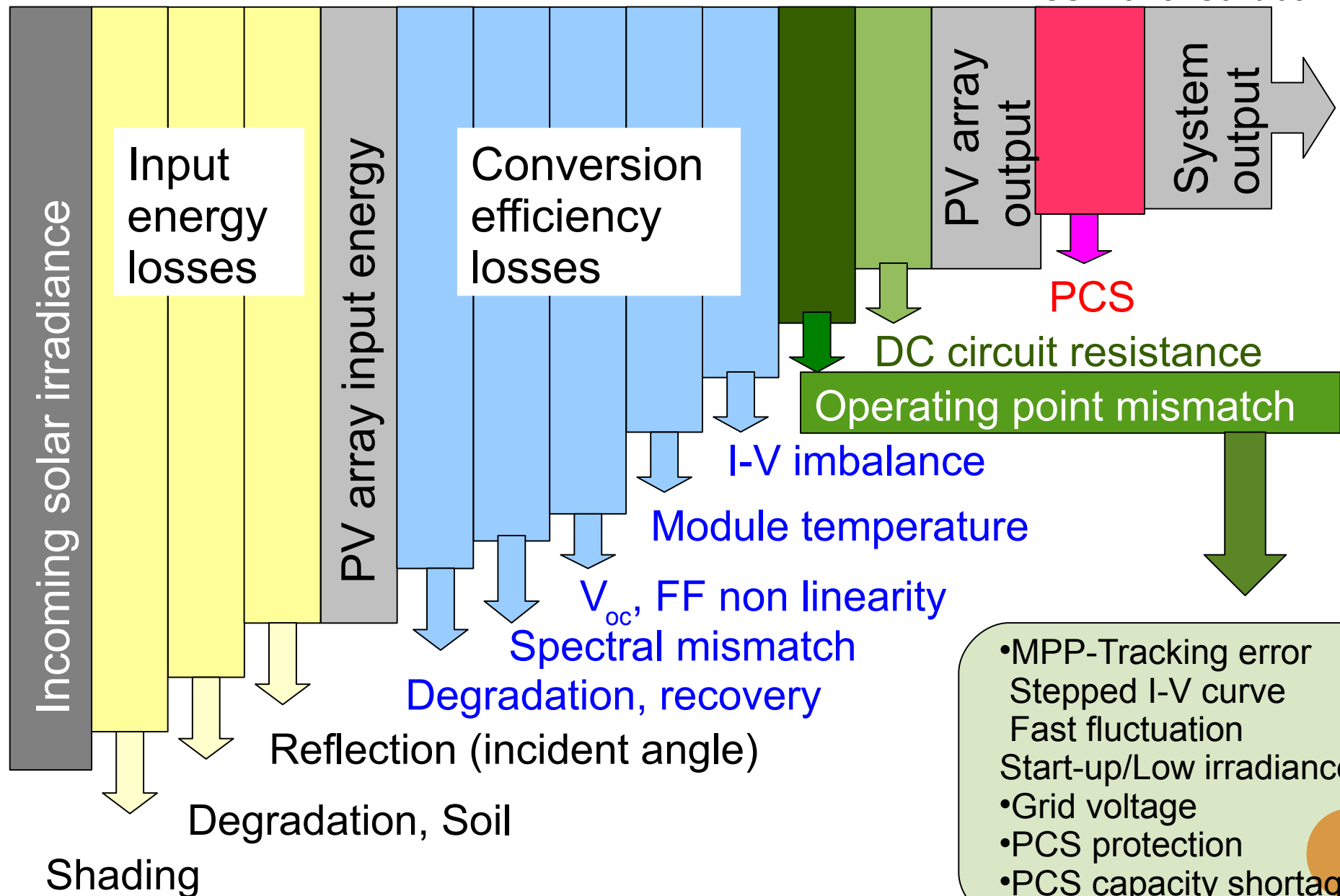


Solar Tracking

Energy loss in PV system

Reference: ENERGY FLOW MODEL of NEDO

PCS: Power Condition System



PV R&D

Basic research

- Materials
- Cell concepts
- Processes



Raw materials

High eff & low
cost solar cells



Solar Cell



Solar Module

Field test

Actual performance

+Reliability analysis



Standardization &
Certification



PV power
station

PV Life Cycle



Recycling
Process



Demounting the
old modules



Generate solar
power for 20 or
more years

PV system

- Energy loss
- Eff. improvement
- PV Inspection
- Monitoring system
- Hybrid system
- Grid penetration
- PID

Recycling

- Material recycle
- Reduction of waste

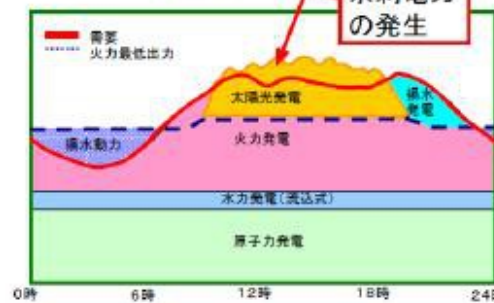
Technologies to support PV diffusion

- * System components BOS such as inverter
- * Forecasting technology
- * Energy management
- * Energy storage

Possible Negative Impact of Large amount of PV

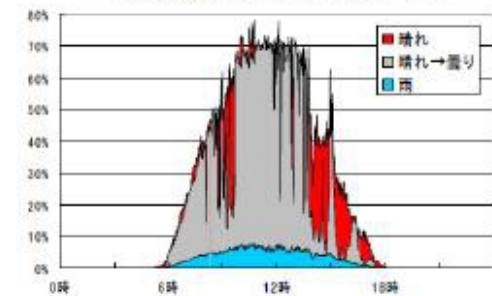
① Surplus Power from PV

＜余剰電力のイメージ＞

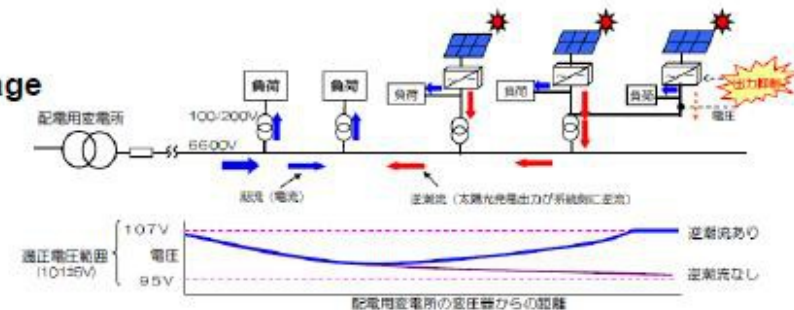


② Frequency Fluctuation

＜太陽光発電の出力変動イメージ＞



③ Over Voltage



Source: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Summary

1) Keys for technology development

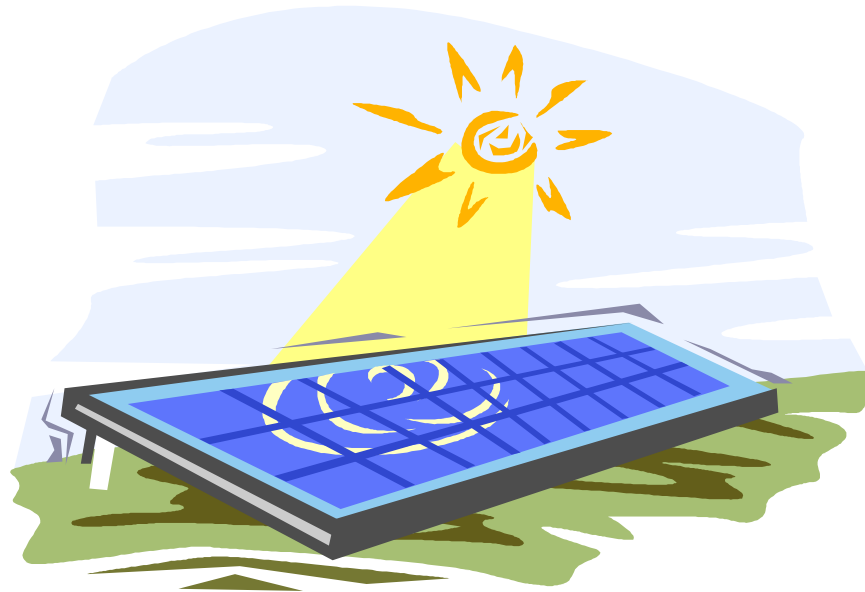
- **Better Efficiency**
- **Lower Cost**
- **Longer Operational Lifetime**
- **Shorter Energy-Pay-Back Time** (Lower energy consumption)

2) **Current technologies will co-exist with emerging technologies.** New technologies need time to prove performance and reliability.

3) **Technologies to support PV diffusion** such as forecasting technology, energy management and energy storage are important.

Thank you

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