

Rooftop Micro-Concentrators

A review of a 120kW thermal project in Santa Clara and applications









Background = Fresnel CSP



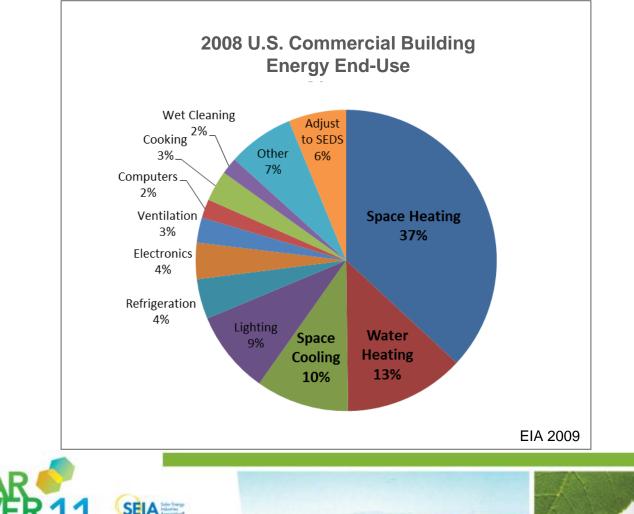




- Chromasun's team background is building large Fresnel CSP plants for direct steam generation.
- These systems are 'fixed' to the ground with pressurized receivers that do not move.
- Arguably the lowest cost solution.

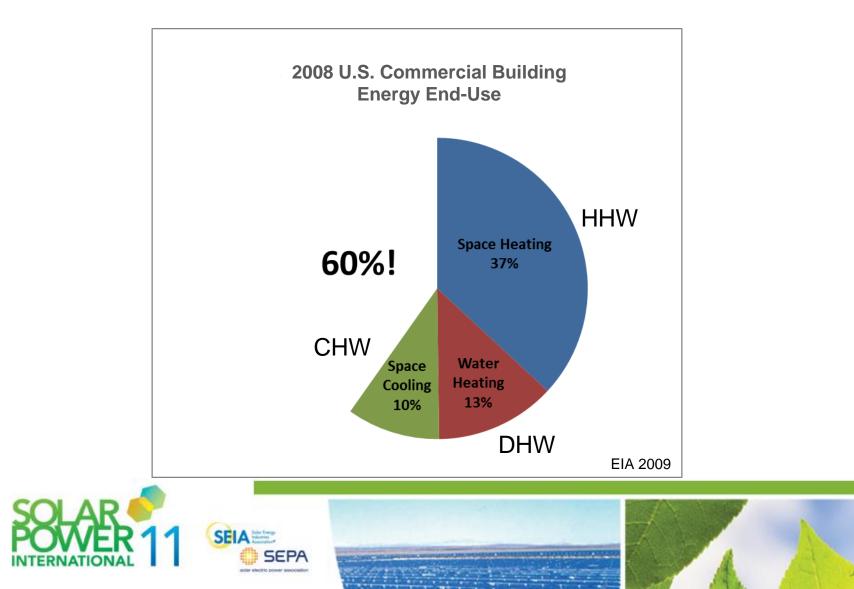


BTU's or kWh's?



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Heating and Cooling



Bringing CSP to the rooftop?



- Most process heat and cooling loads are in urban areas.
- Could Fresnel CSP be made to work on rooftops?.....



Chromasun MCT Panel



- Flat panel format
- Internal tracking
- High temps
- Turns on and OFF
- No external moving parts
- Easy installation and O&M
- Low wind and roof loadings

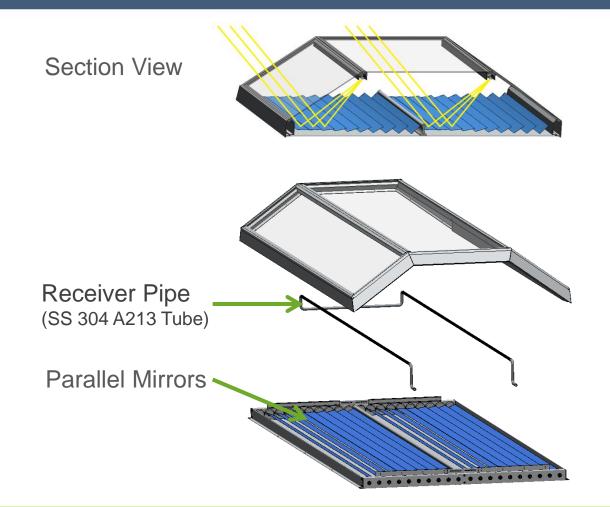






How MCT works





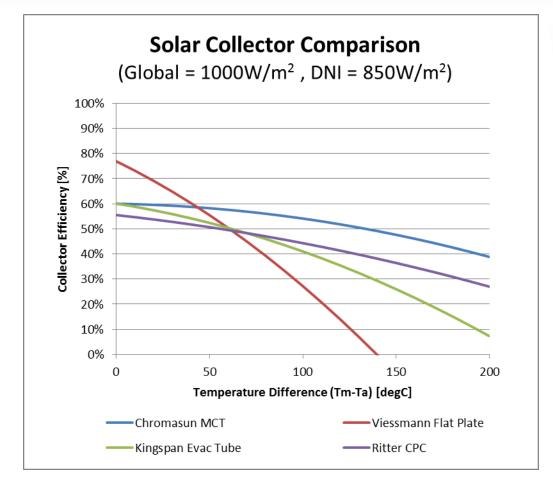








MCT v flat panel





Evacuated Tube Collector

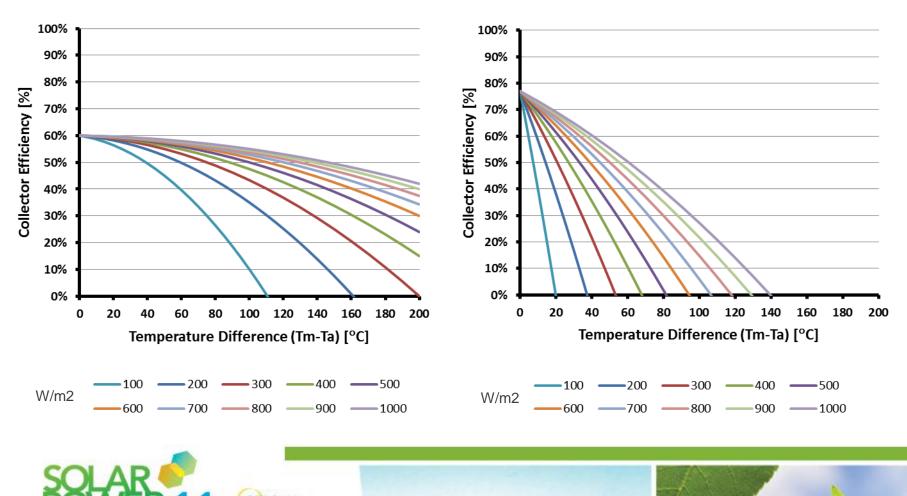




Efficiency at full and partial sun

MCT

Flat Plate



Testing program



Santa Clara University, California



GE Global Research – Bangalore, India



SoCalGas - Los Angeles



Australian National University



SRCC - Menlo Park, California



GE Global Research - Munich, Germany









Process Heat Applications

- Steam
- Boiler Feedwater Pre-heat
- Hydronic Heating
- Domestic Hot Water



Benson Commercial Showcase



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Santa Clara **University Benson** Building

- 60 MCT panels •
- 2,682 square feet
- 120KWt peak
- 410 Mbtu/h
- 6,727 therms PA

Boiler feedwater preheat application

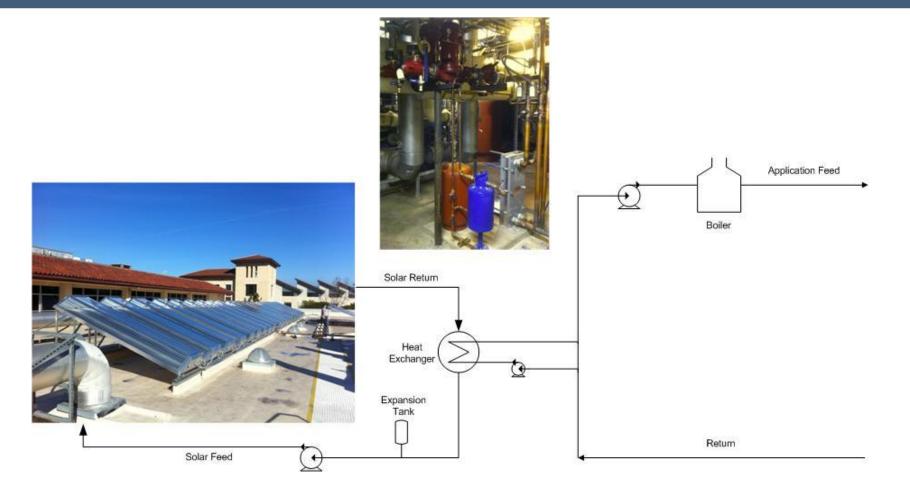
HHW and DHW (2,880 GPD) for main cafeteria

Installed 2010





Benson System Schematic



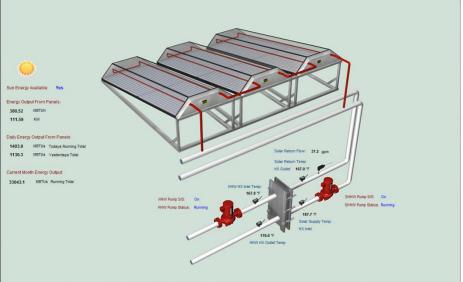


Performance Monitoring

Solar Monitoring Equipment

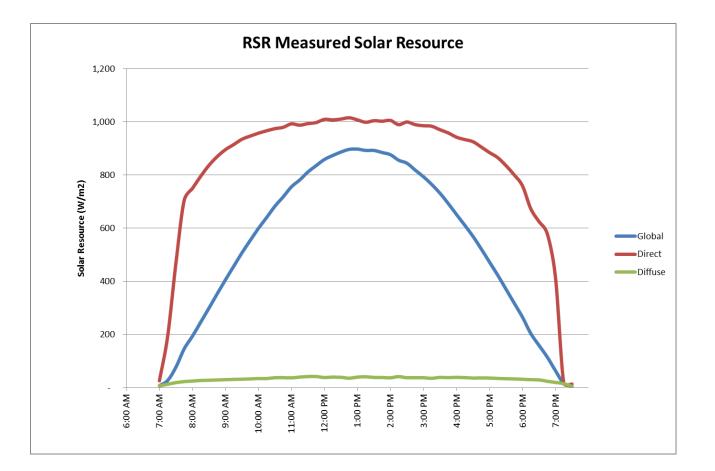
Thermal/BTU Metering





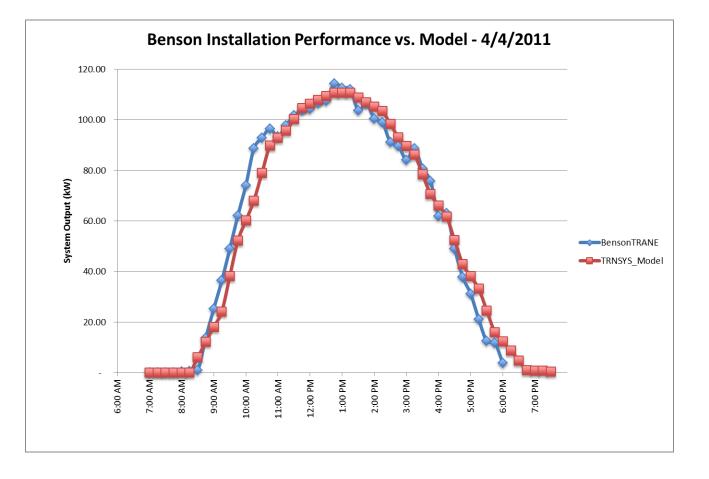


Measured Performance



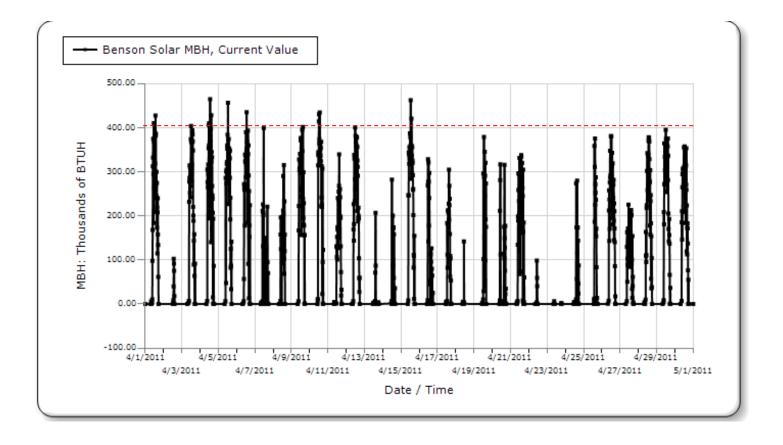


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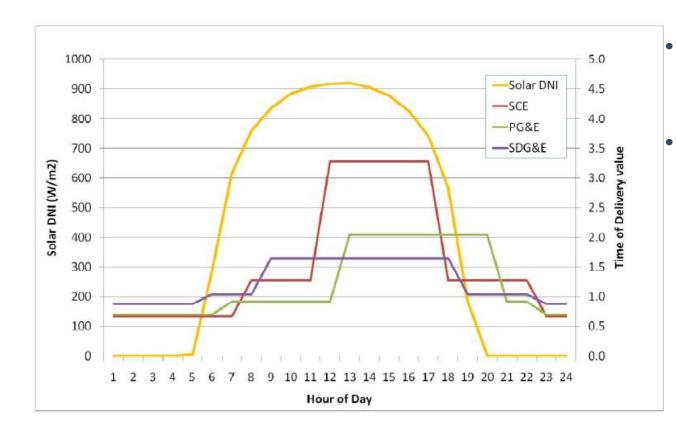


Solar Cooling Applications

- DX Unit Pre-cooling to return air
- Chilled Water production (to loop or fancoil)
- Domestic Hot Water
- Reject Heat
- Nominal 135% efficiency
- Some configurations up to 370%.



Solar cooling is a good idea.



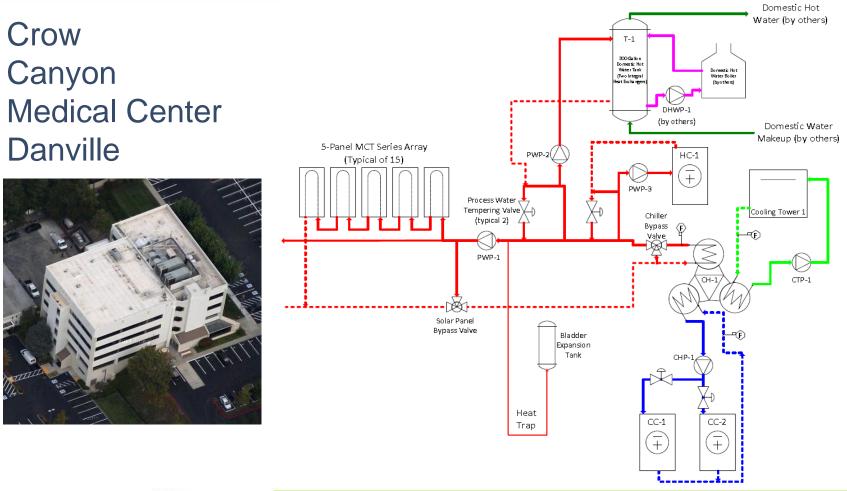
- Cooling loads drive peak grid demand.
- There is strong correlation between summer peak electricity costs and solar resource.



1 MCT = 1.35 CHW and 2.35 CW



Solar Cooling System Schematic









Heat Pump Applications

- Hydronic Boiler supplementation
 - Domestic Hot Water
 - Hydronic Heating Water
- Simultaneous Chilled Water production
- Nominal efficiencies up to 220%



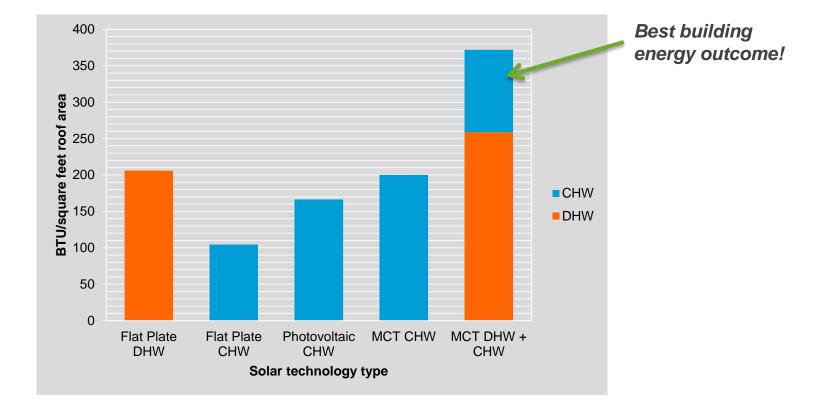
1 MCT = 0.6 CHW + 1.6 DHW = 220%



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Rooftop solar energy yields



1000W/global, 850W/DNI solar resource



Summary



- Heating and cooling loads are dominant building loads
- CSP devices like Chromasun MCT can offset these loads
- Subsequent best rooftop energy outcomes are from solar thermal collectors like MCT and not PV.







THANK YOU

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