

Advanced Solar Thermal and Natural Gas

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“Natural Gas and Southern California’s Renewable Energy Future”

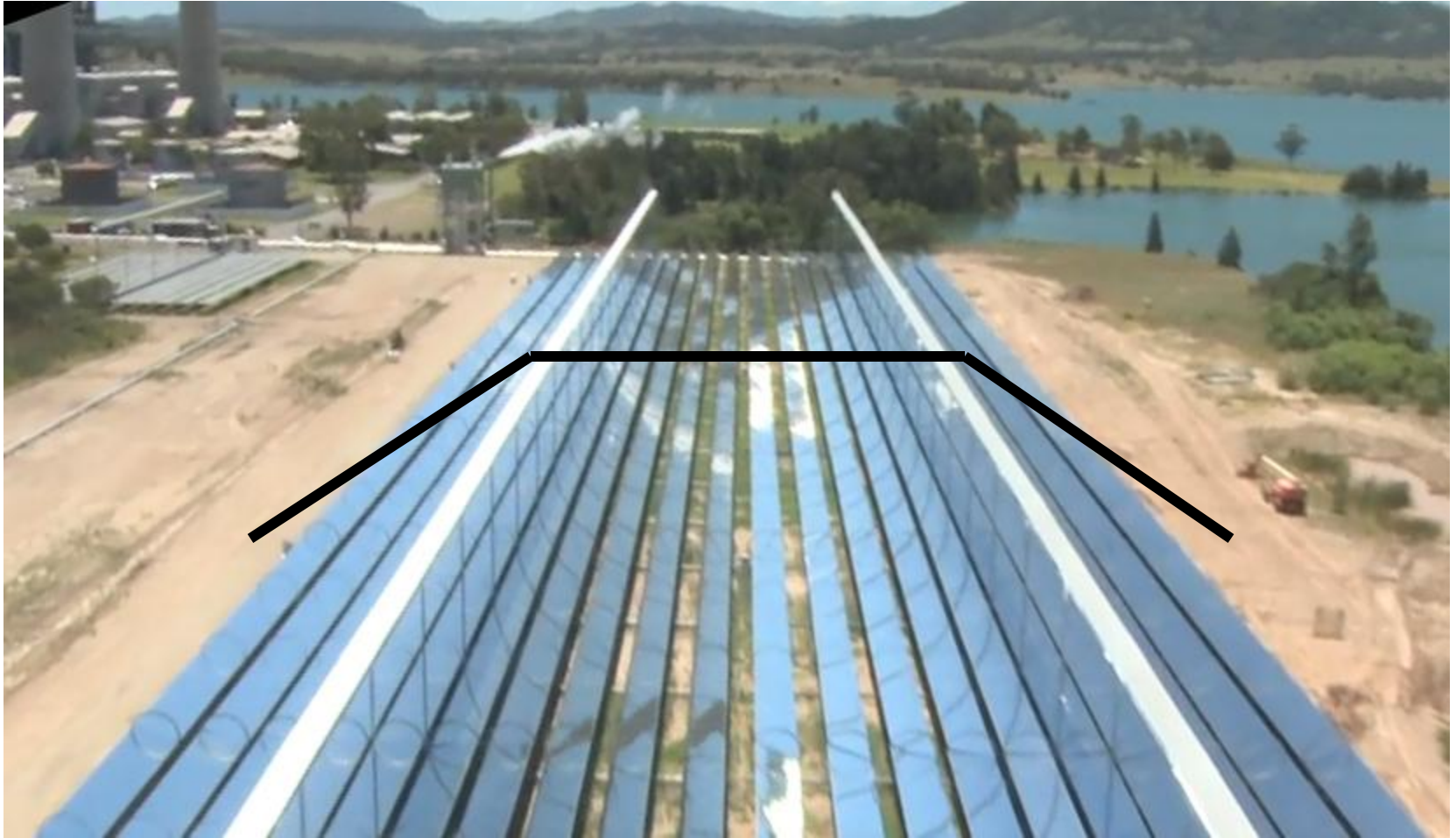


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Chromasun Background



2008 Chromasun Formed

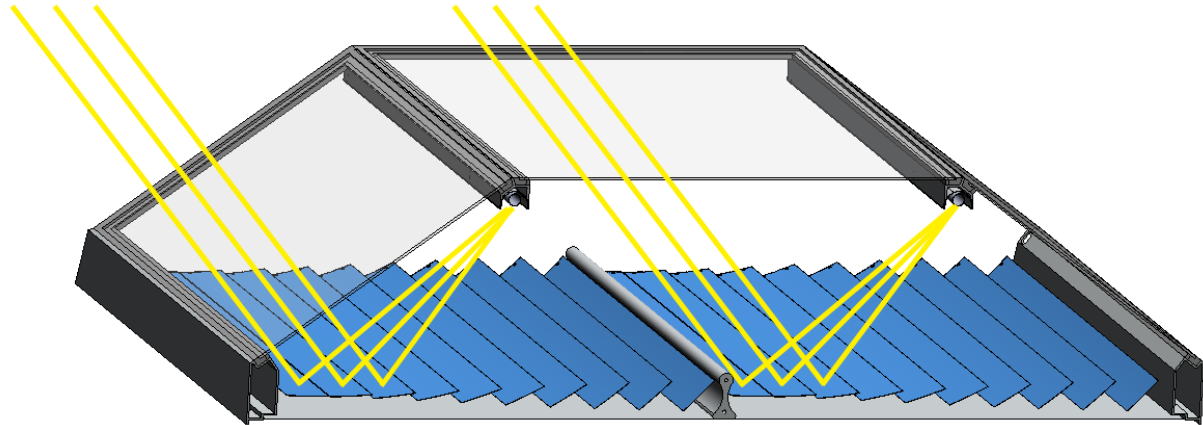


Micro-Concentrator (MCT)



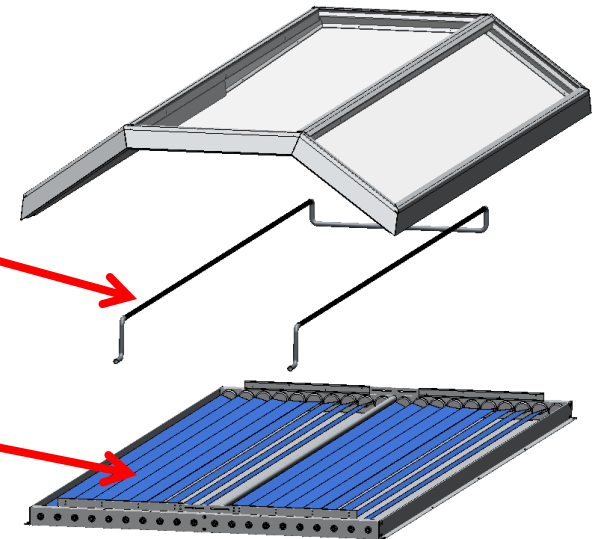
And made it 100X smaller!

MCT Exploded View



Receiver Pipe
(SS 304 A213 Tube)

Parallel Mirrors



Chromasun's Global Testing Partners



Santa Clara University



Southern California Gas



Pacific Energy Testing



GE - Bangalore



Australian National University



GE - Munich



Chromasun MCT – Highest temperature rated panel



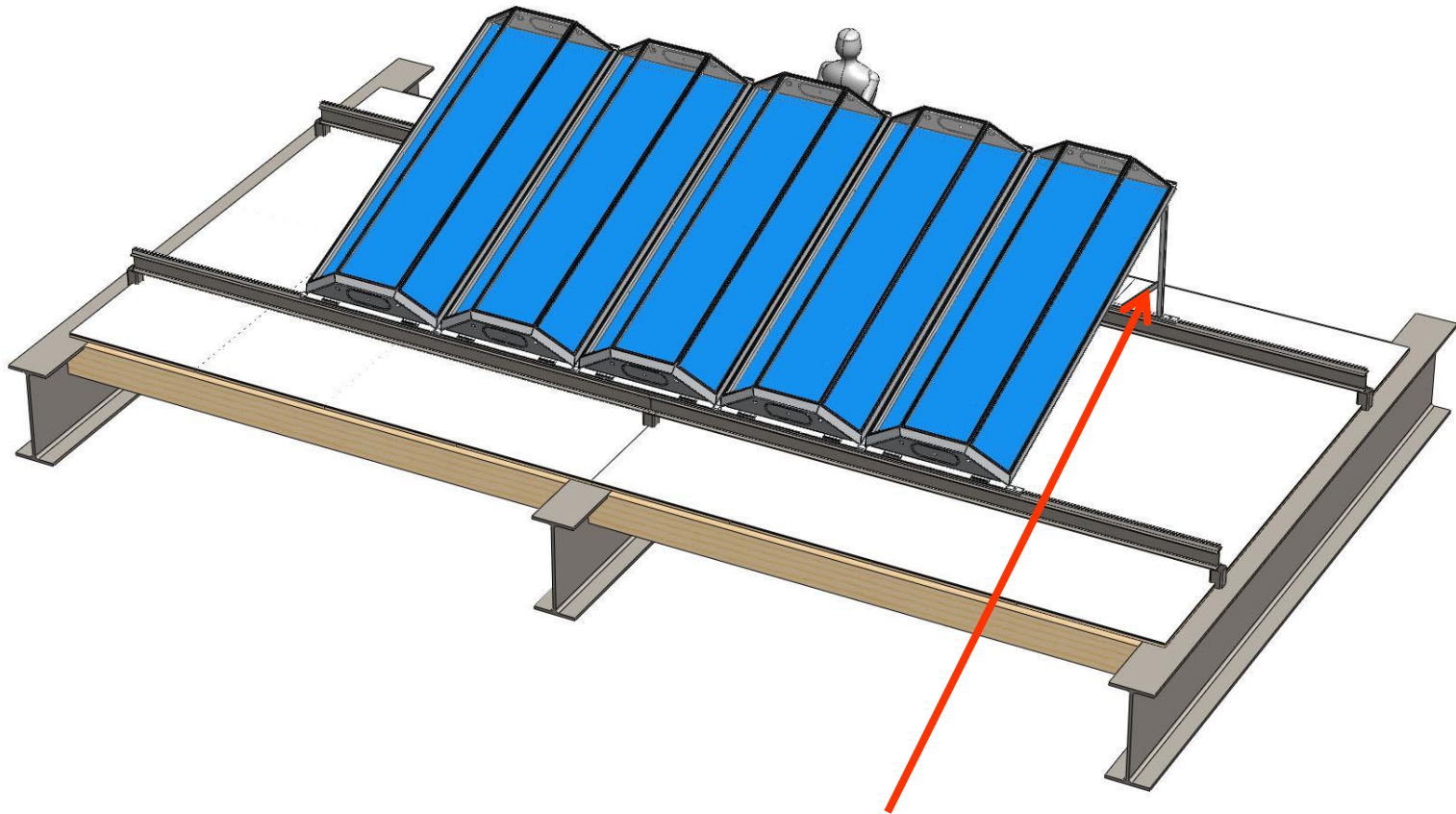
- Certified to OG-100 Standard 600 Exposure tested at 179°C (354°F)
- Highest temperature rated solar collector in the USA



Chromasun 40MW annum San Jose facility



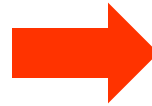
Chromasun MCT – Simple Installation



MCT is self-supporting and has an integrated stand.
Technology can be deployed quickly and into remote areas



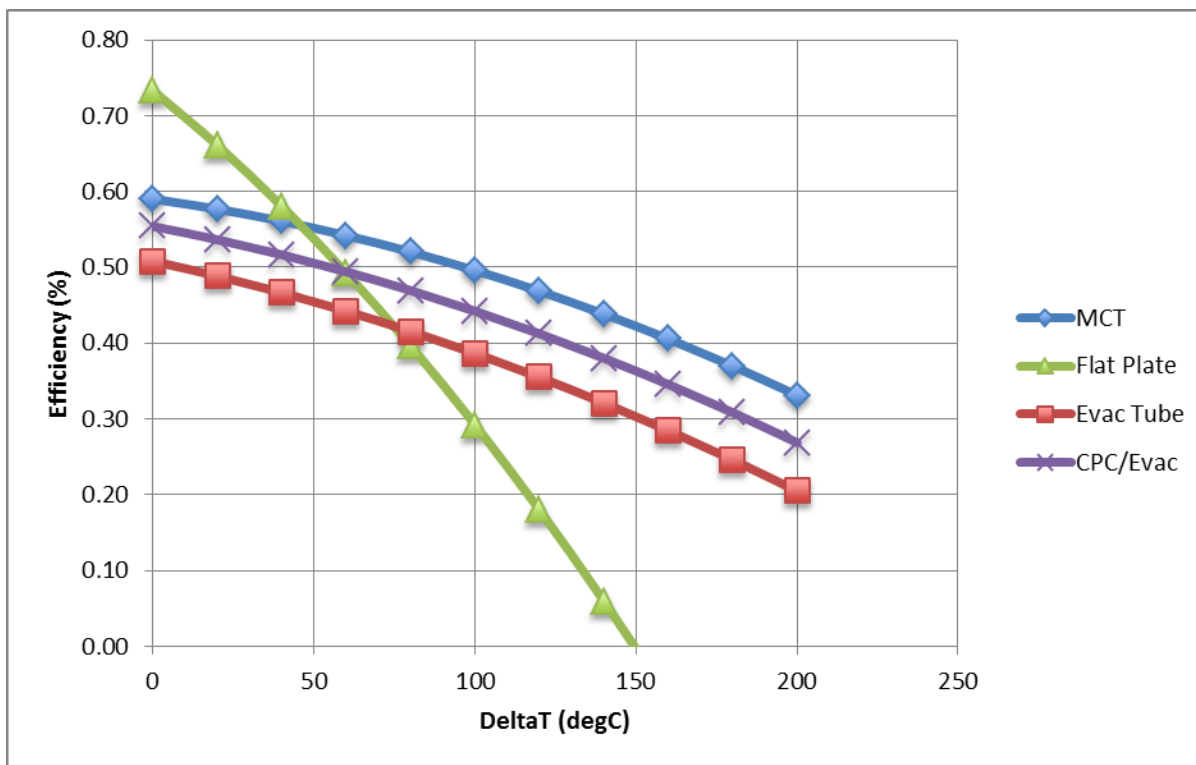
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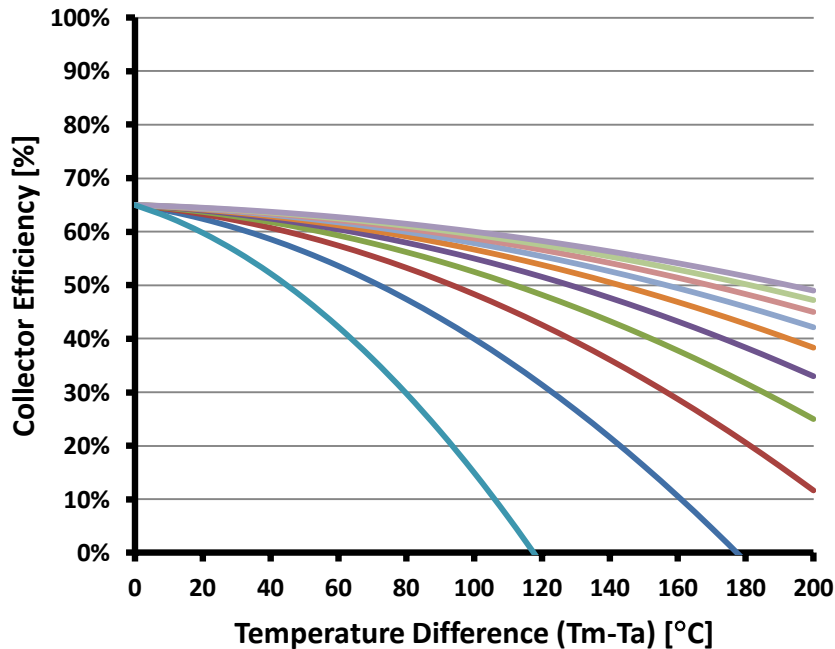
Chromasun MCT – Advantages of concentration

Gross Aperture Efficiency at 1000W Global/850W DNI



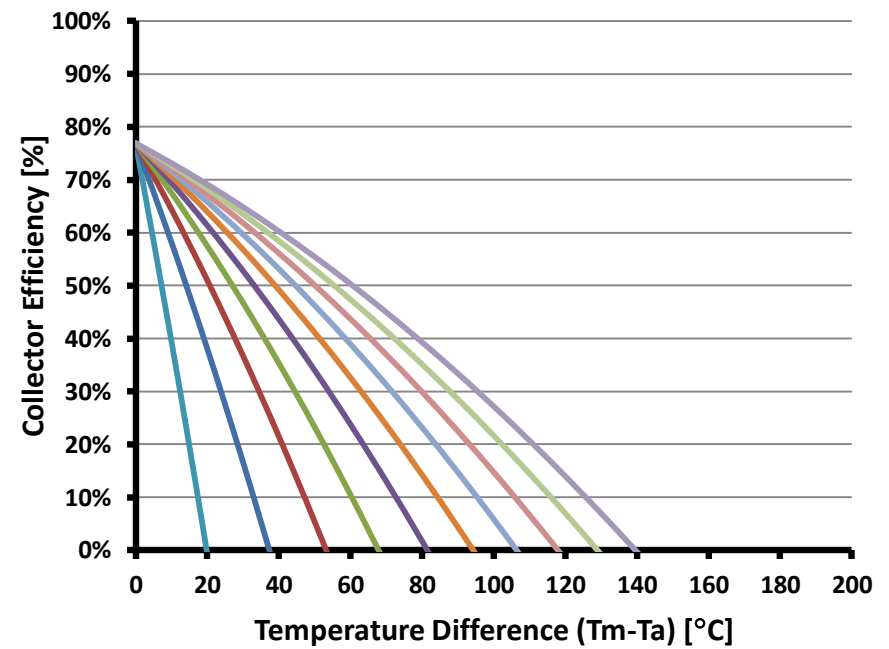
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Solar Concentrator Efficiency



100 200 300 400 500
600 700 800 900 1000

Flat Plate Collector Efficiency



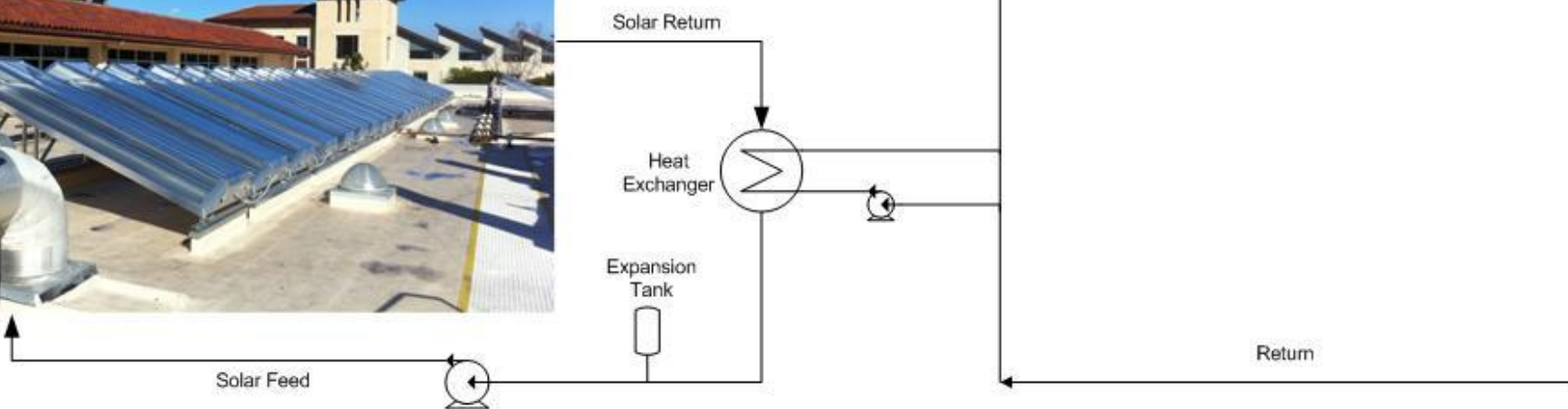
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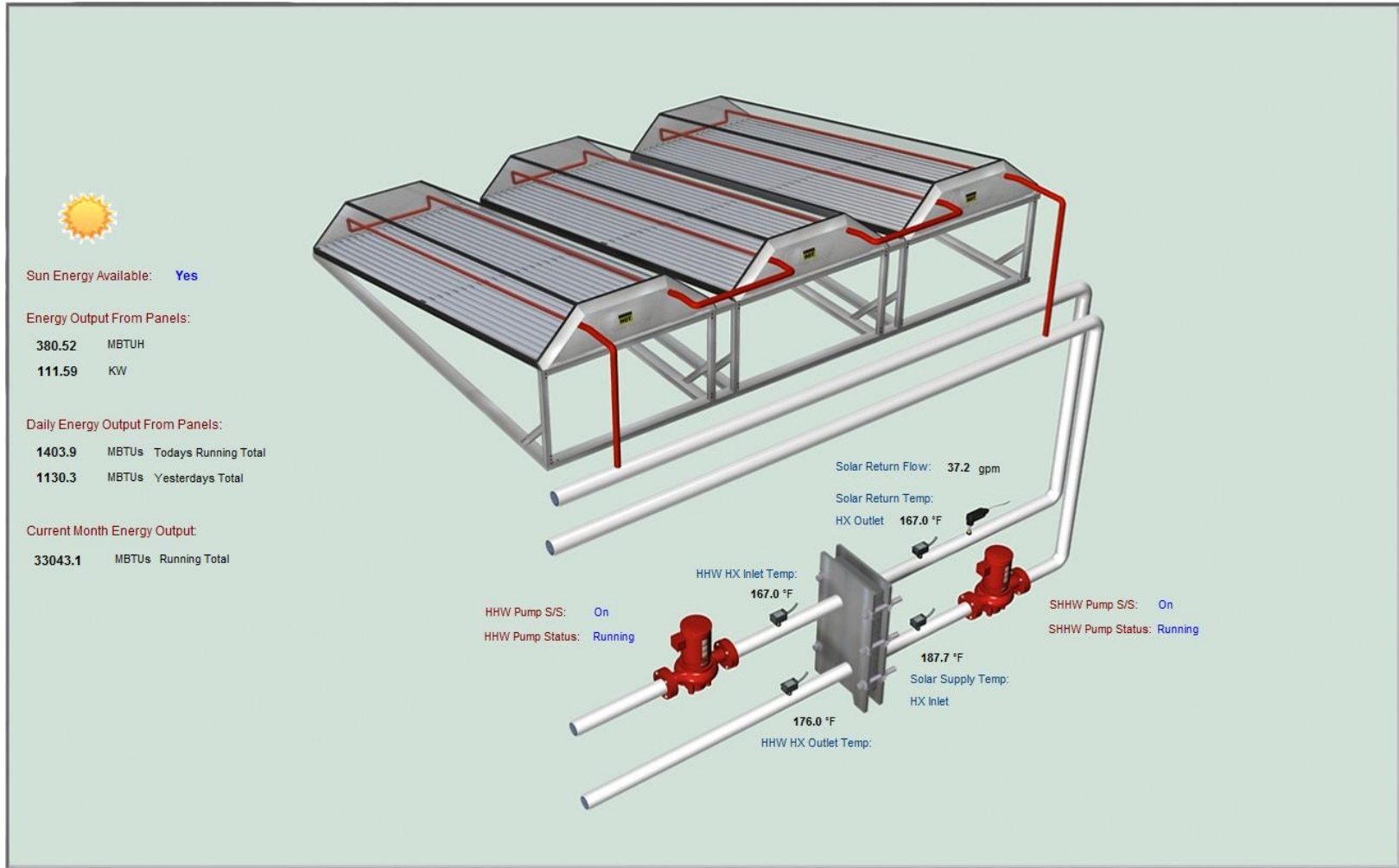
Santa Clara University Benson Showcase Project



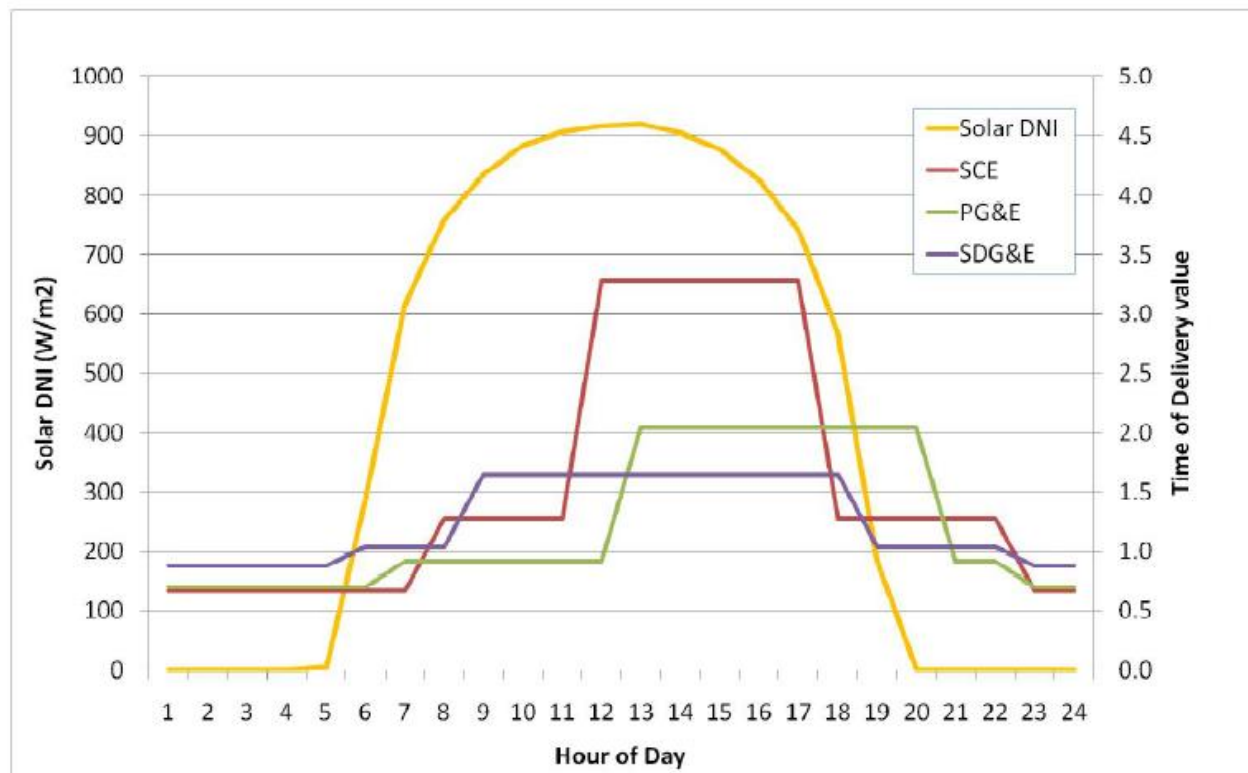
MCT Use: Boiler Feedwater Preheat (gas supplementation)



BTU - Energy Metering



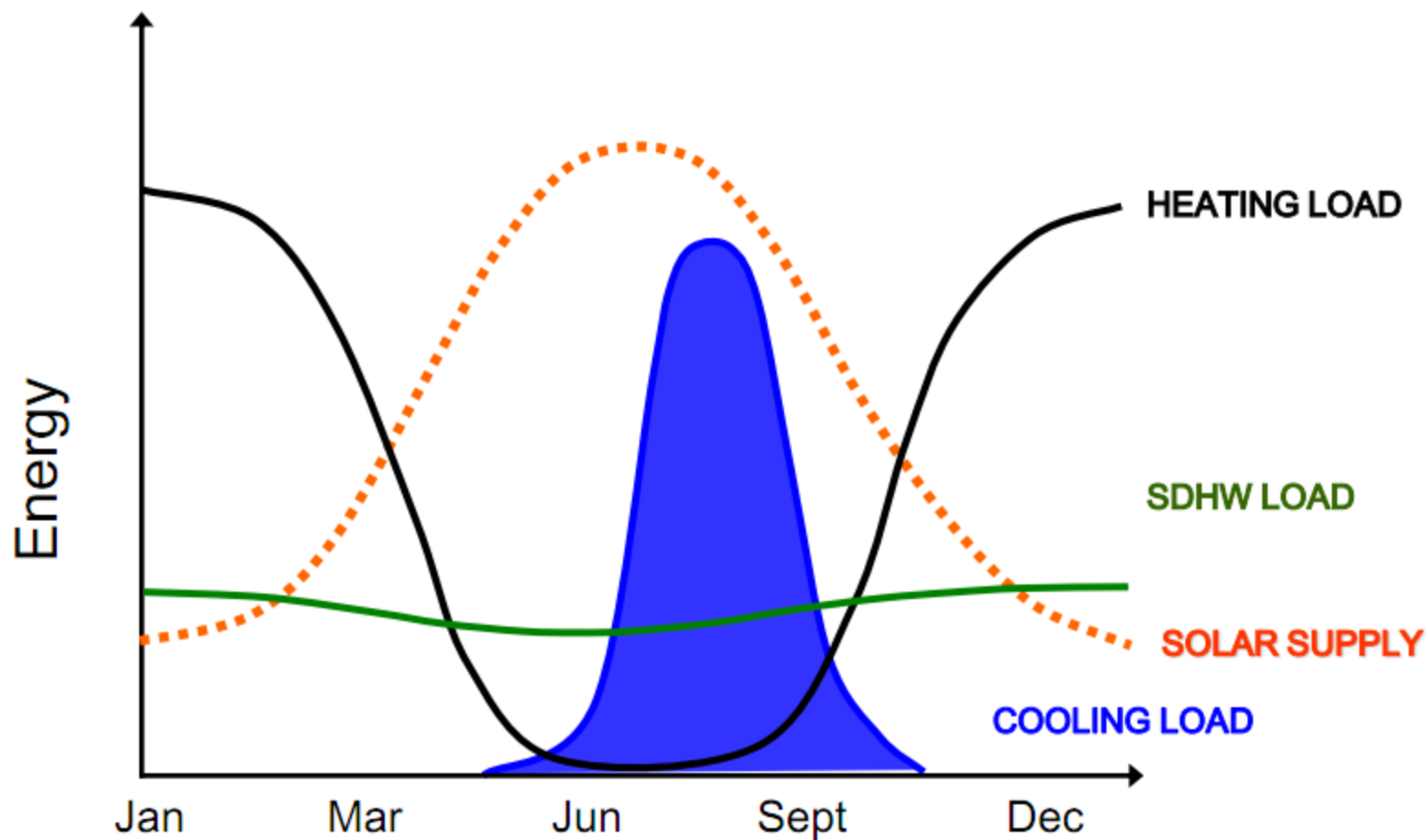
Opportunity: Grid Peaking correlates with Solar Resource



There is strong correlation between when electricity is peaking and the solar resource. Utilities value the energy greater during these times



MCT Use - Solar Cooling Load Correlation



HHW, CHW and CW with Solar Thermal Panels/Natural Gas



Sunlight



MCT Panels

1 @ 175° C
HHW

and/or

Natural Gas



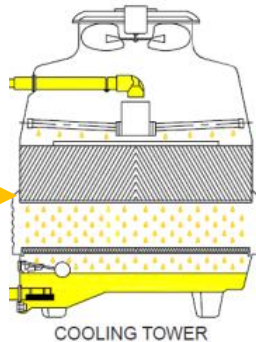
Cool Building

1.35 @ 7° C
CHW



DE Multi-Fire Absorption Chiller

2.35 @ 30° C
CW



Heat Rejection

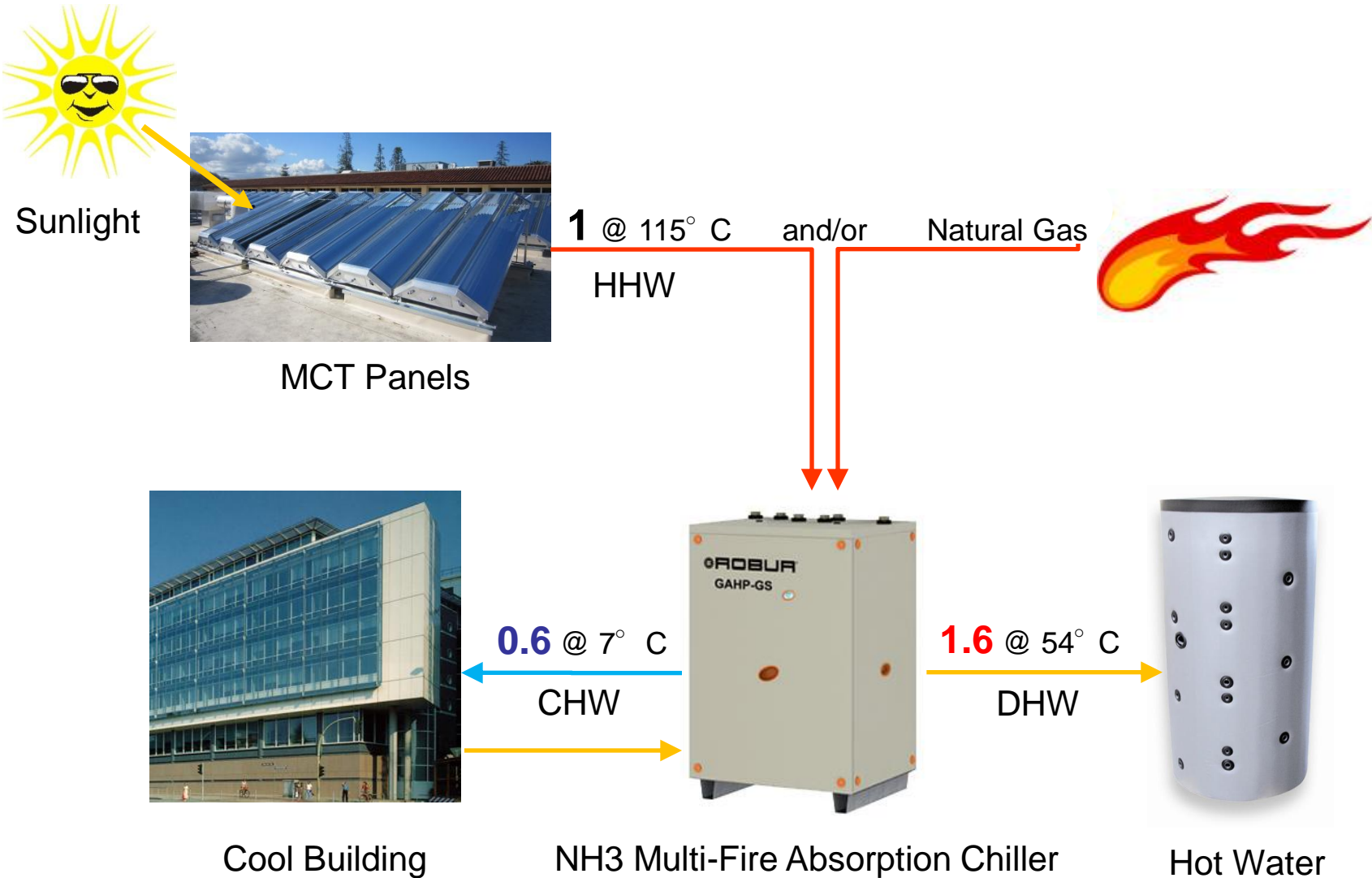


Opportunity: Low gas prices and high peaking power prices

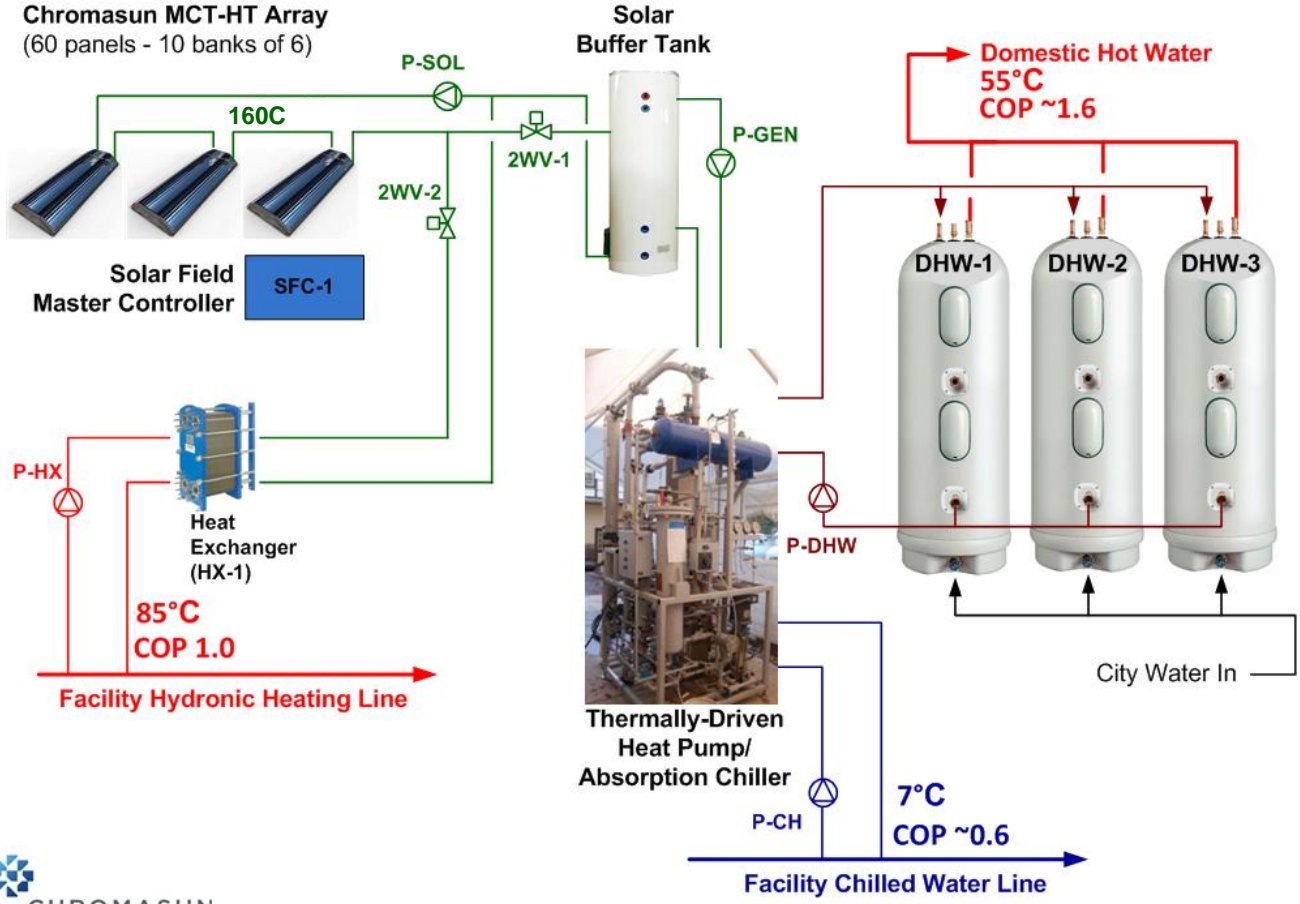
Gas Fired Chiller Comparison with Electric Chiller		
<i>Gas Fired Thermal Chiller</i>		
Chiller COP	1.35	
Gas Price	\$0.85 therm	
CHW Price	\$6.30	MMBTU
<i>Electric Chiller</i>		
Chiller COP	4.00	
Electricity Price	\$0.13 kWh	
CHW Price	\$9.52	MMBTU
Difference	66.12%	



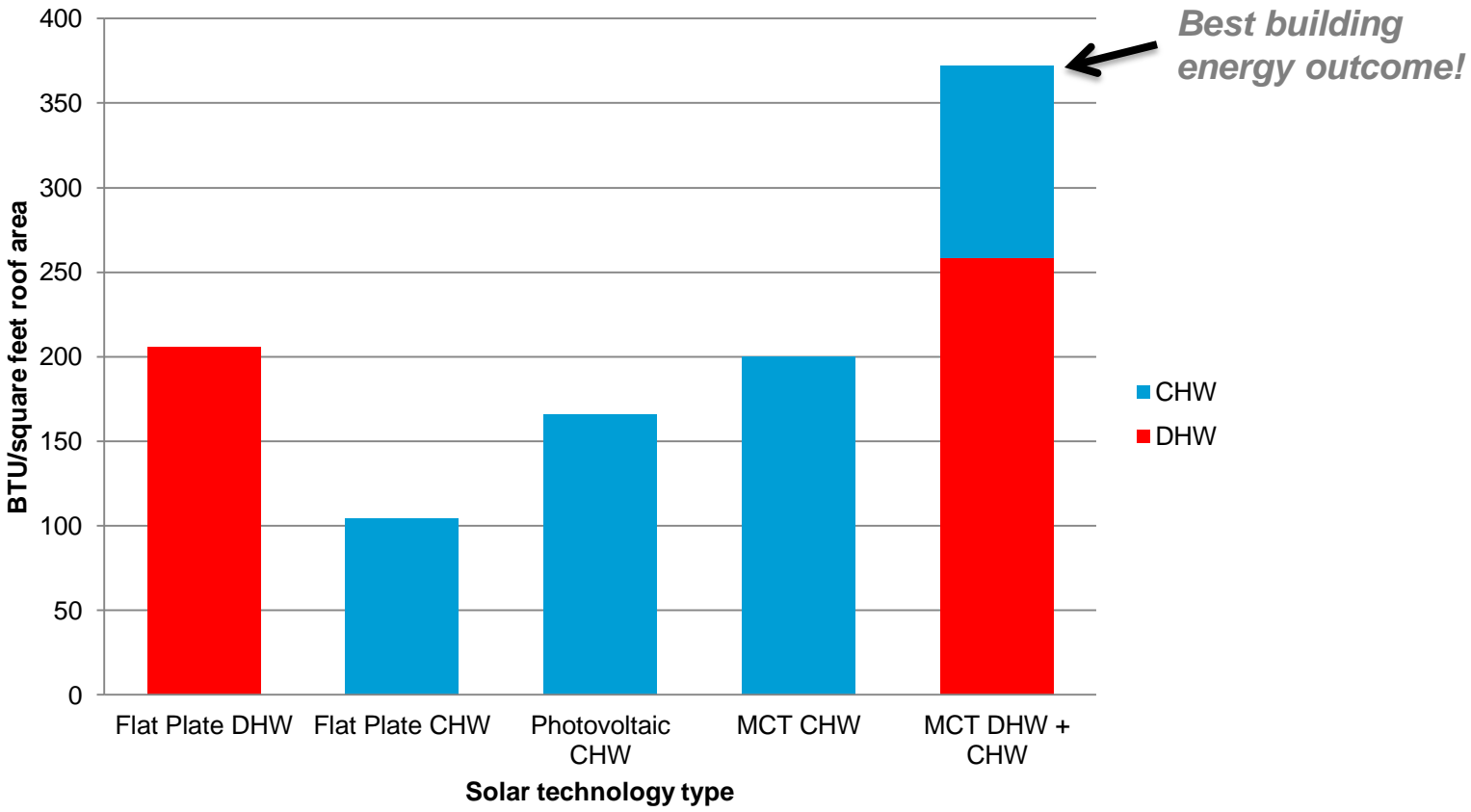
HHW, CHW and DHW with Solar Thermal Panels/Natural Gas



Phase 2: Benson Center Design



Rooftop solar energy yields for the building



1000W/global, 850W/DNI solar resource



Summary

- Chromasun MCT is an example a new generation of urban solar technologies
- High temperature solar thermal provides best building energy outcomes.
- Thermal heat pumps offer spectacular performance efficiencies
- Natural gas is the perfect supplement to these systems.
- With current state and federal policy settings, Chromasun MCT is cost effective.



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