

# SunChiller

## Solar Thermal Energy Combined Systems for Alaska

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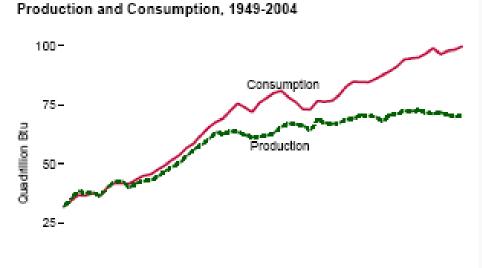
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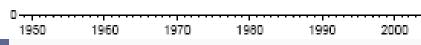


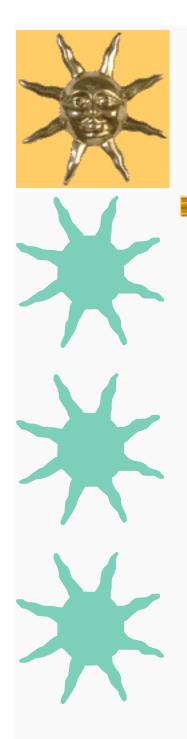
# Solutions to Energy Price and Climate Change Challenges

Use less energy
Diversify to non fossil

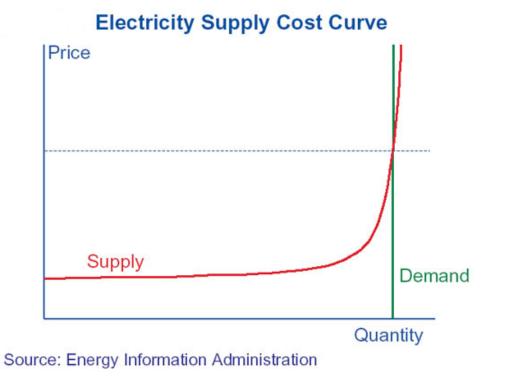
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## Non-Linear Behavior of Energy Price During Tight Demand-Supply Balance





### Climate Change Enormous Risks

- Fossil fuels millions of years of storage of solar energy in biomass and concentration
- More GHG released than absorbed - potential for non-linear response
   Solar Energy – "No Regrets" Strategy





Cooling, Heating, and Water Heating Major Demand for Energy

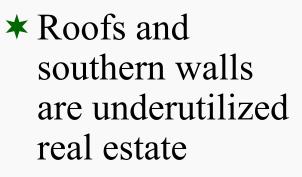
 About ½ of energy used in residential and commercial buildings is for space cooling, heating, and hot water

 Alaska - Heating demand huge



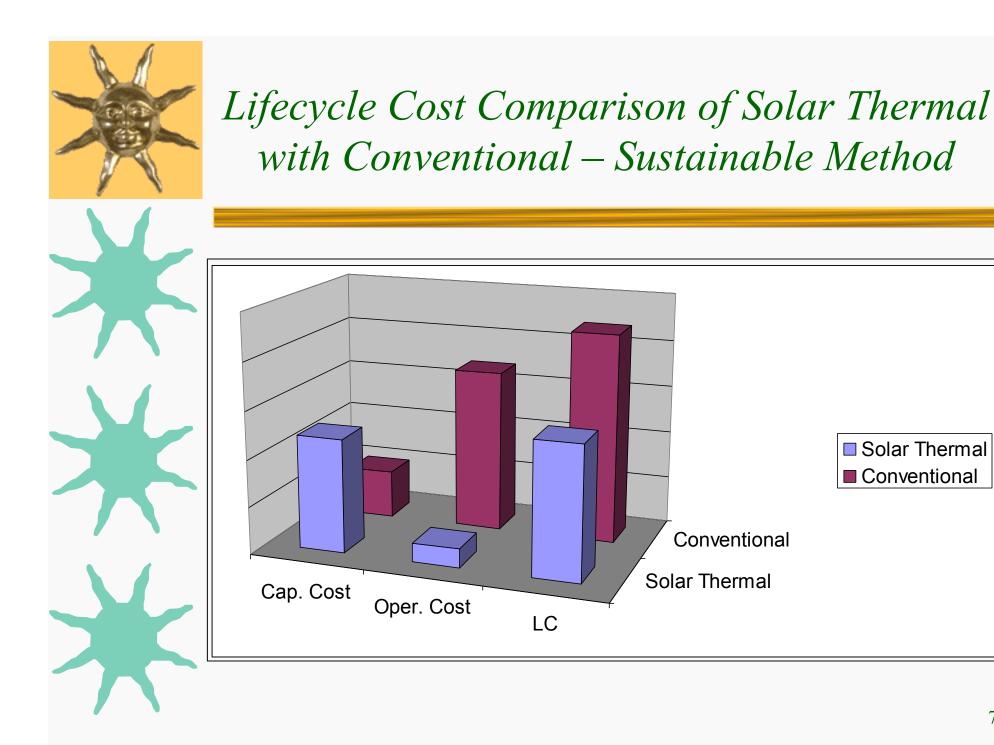


Solar Thermal Energy "low hanging fruit"







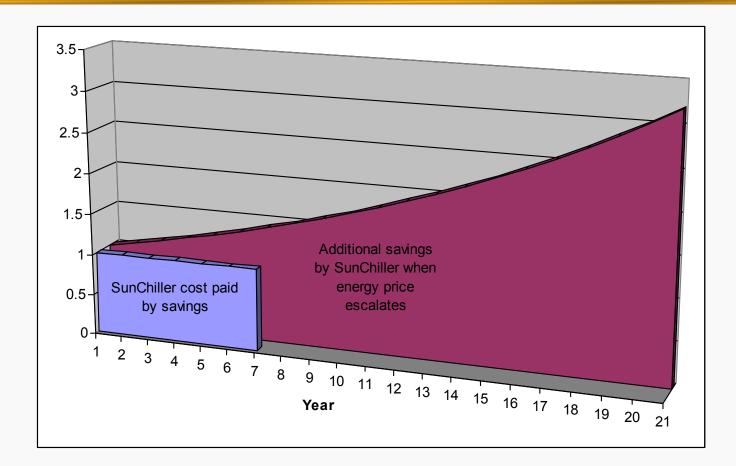


Solar Thermal

Conventional



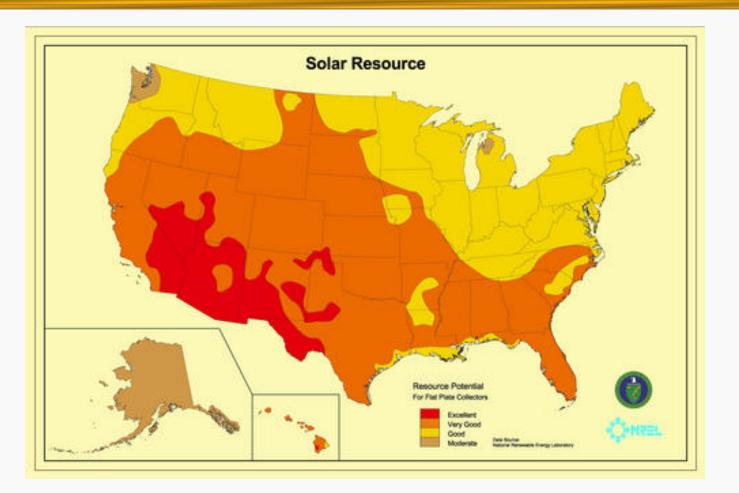
#### Hedge Against Energy Price Escalation



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#### US Solar Resource





# Features of Sun's Energy

Delivered wireless to user (alternative grid)No end in supply

- ★ No "externalities"
- \* More supply in summer
- Challenge/opportunity for long-term storage
- ★ "Smart storage" important
- ★ Dilute and intermittent
- \* "Smart receiver" necessary to harvest
- \* Advancing technology "smart receiver" getting more efficient and simpler





# Advantages of Evacuated Tube

- ★ Easier installation
- Superior insulation vacuum more heat collection in winter and windy conditions
- ★ Easier servicing
- \* Longer life
- ★ Higher efficiency
- ★ Better fit for combined space heating and DHW
- ★ Better collection early and late in the day plus during cloudy conditions



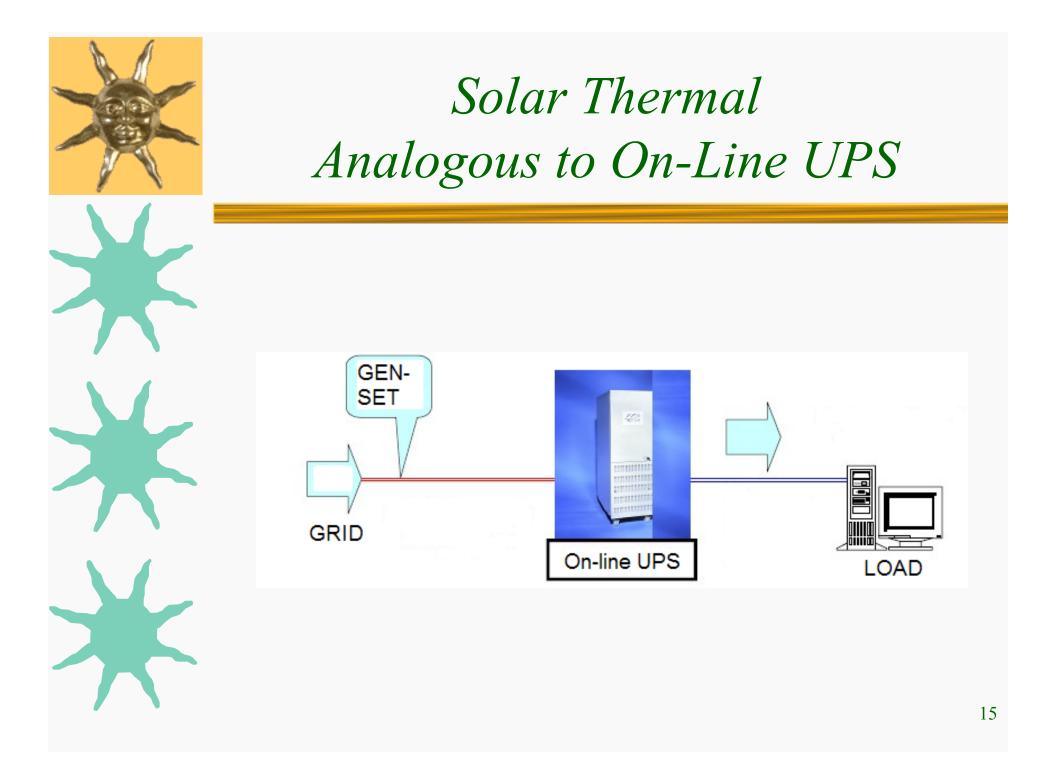
# Advantages of SUNDA Evacuated Tube Collectors

- \* Proprietary IP for glass metal fusion
- \* Longevity
- \* Single glass yields higher efficiency
- ★ 20 years of track record with millions of tubes installed worldwide
- ★ R&D department
- ★ Wide range of products



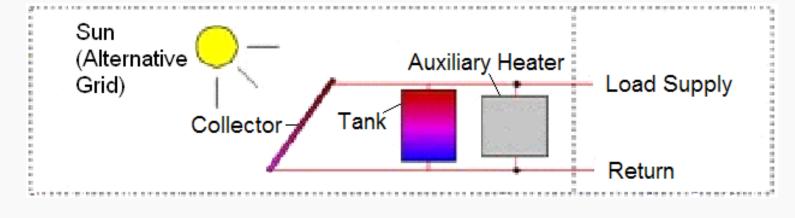
## SEIDO 5-8 in South Pole





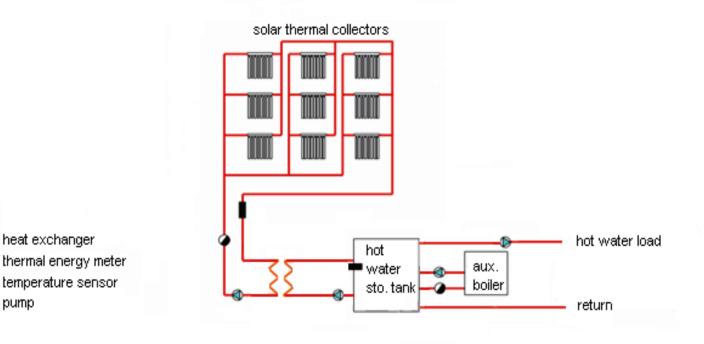
# Solar Thermal Tank Analogous to On-line UPS Battery





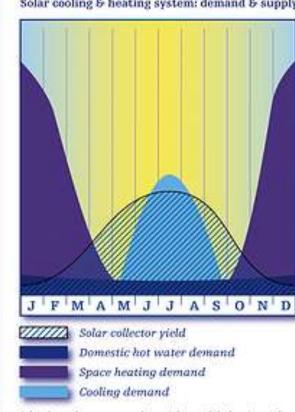


# Solar Thermal Collector Array Works Similar to Boiler





#### Solar Energy Supply and Thermal Loads

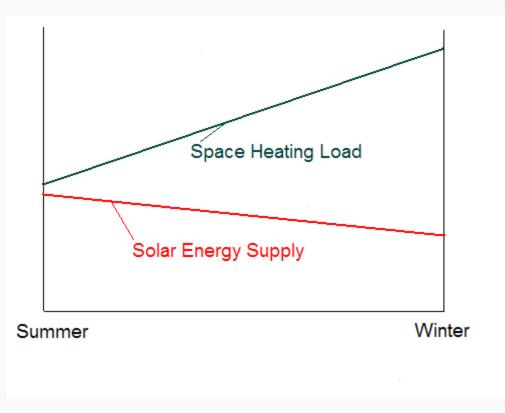


Solar thermal can cover a substantial part of the heating and cooling demand in a typical Central European building.

Solar cooling & heating system: demand & supply

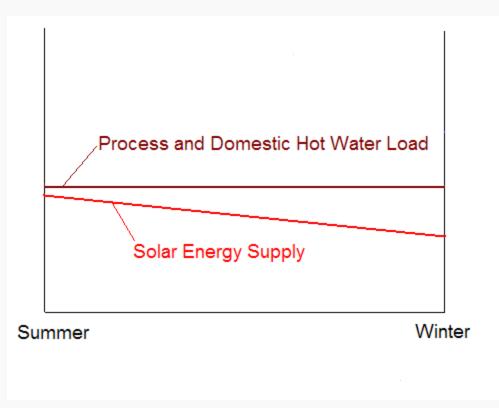


#### Space Heating Load and Solar Energy Supply





#### DHW Load and Solar Energy Supply



# SEIDO 5-16AS Right Collector for Alaska

- Concave absorber plateBetter collection
  - More capture early and late in the day without tracking
  - More capture in cloud
  - More capture in winter



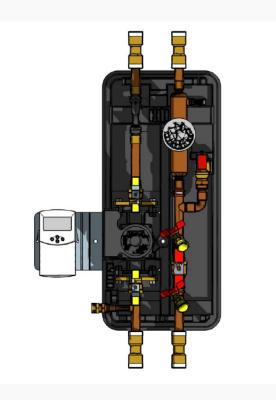


#### Certification of Solar Thermal Collectors

- \* Solar Rating and Certification Corporation SRCC
- \* Tests with single collector
- ★ Tests under laminar conditions
- \* Impact of wind not incorporated
- Evacuated tube collectors perform superior to SRCC data in real conditions



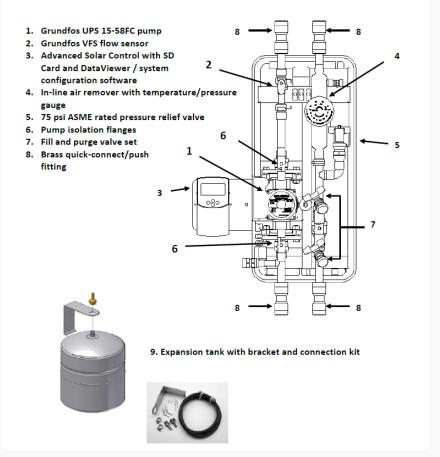
#### SunChiller Pump Station 1 or 2 Collectors





#### Features of SunChiller Pump Station







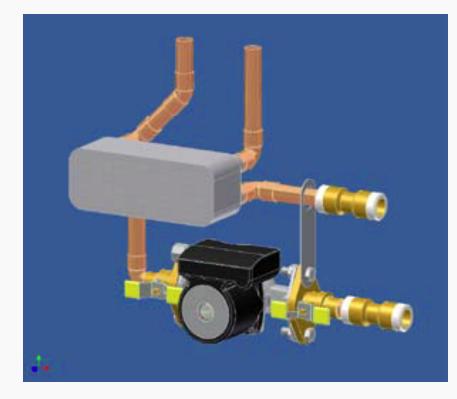
#### SunChiller Pump Station Specifications

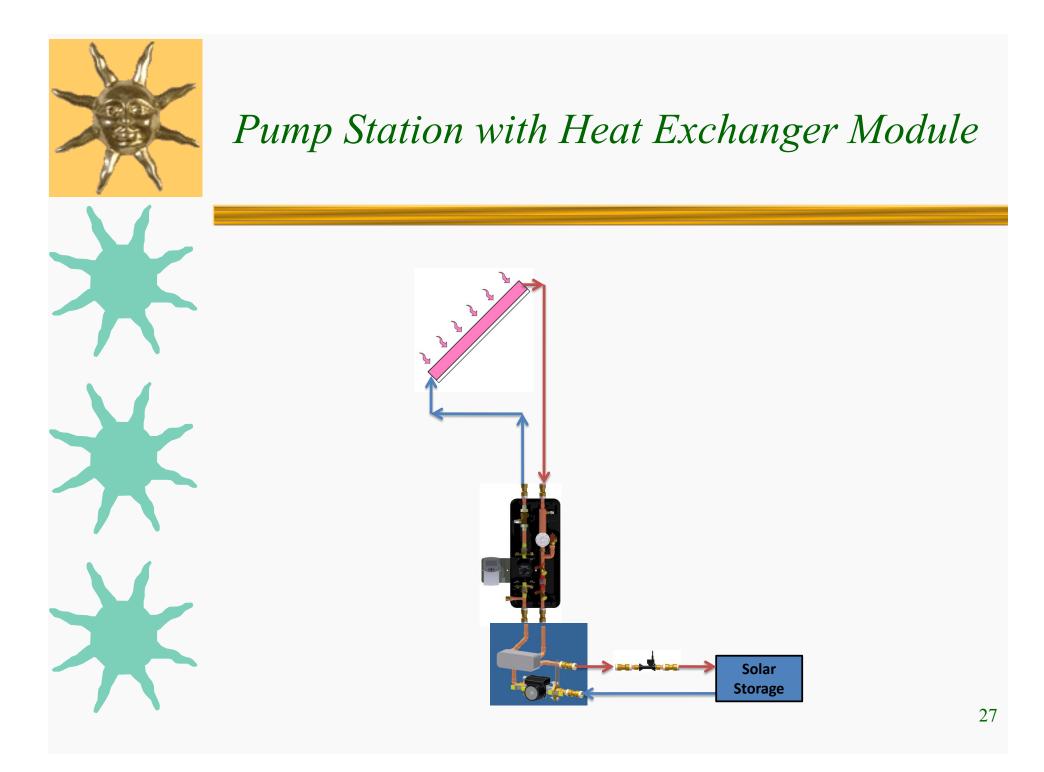
#### **Specifications**

Pump Station	
Dimensions	Height = 24"; Width = 17.65" (inc. control); Depth = 8.5"
Pump	Grundfos UPS 15-58FC *
Solar Control	Advanced Solar Differential Control
Flow sensor	Grundfos VFS 2-40
Supply and Return connections	Watts ¾″ Brass Quick −Connect
Expansion tank	Watts ETX-30
Maximum operating temperature	230° F
Maximum operating pressure	75 psi (5.17bar)
Maximum current consumption per pump	0.75 A
Solar fluid	Inhibited propylene glycol/water mixture (No greater than 50% glycol solution)



# Heat Exchanger Module





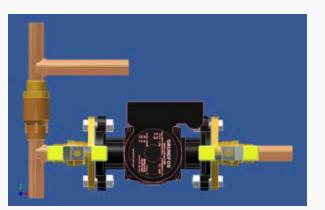


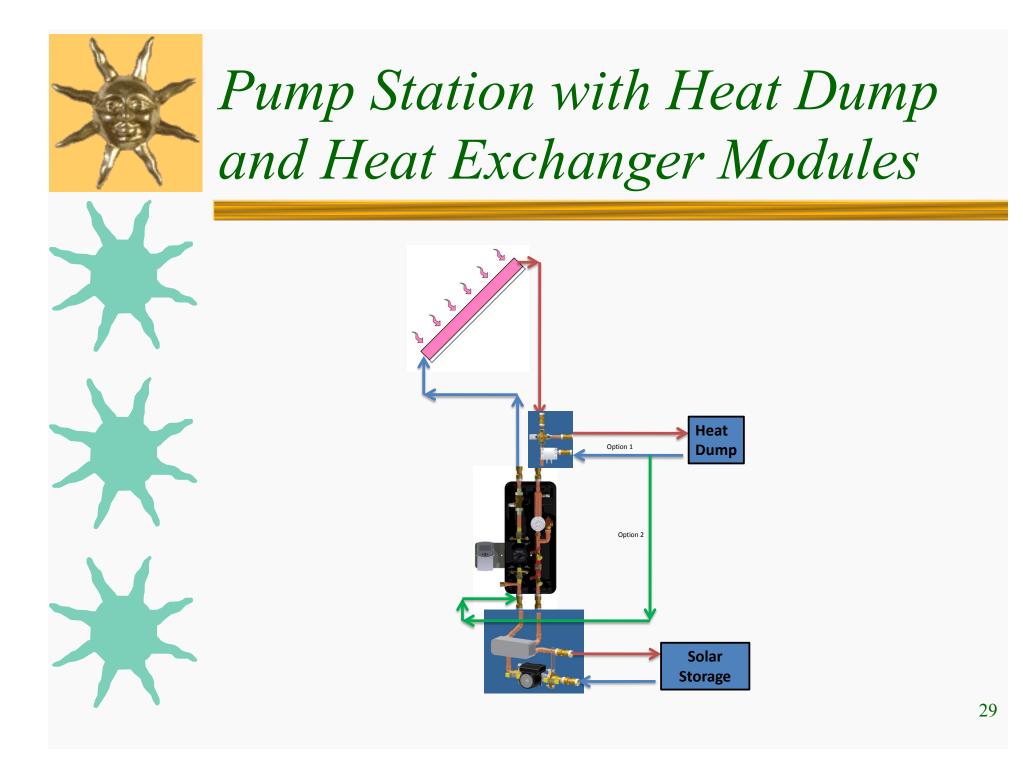
## Heat Dump Modules

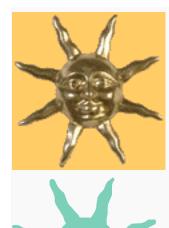


#### with 3-way valve

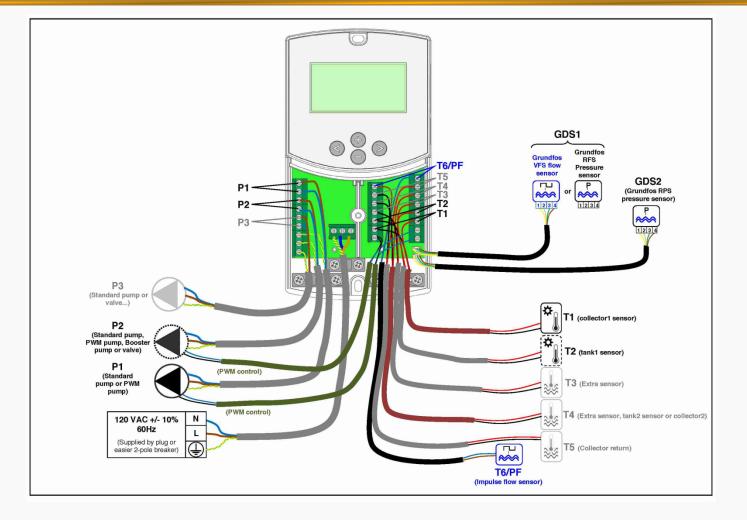
with pump







## SunChiller Solar Controller



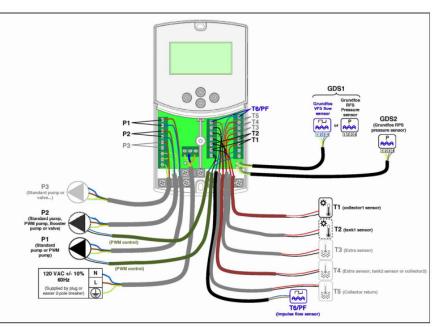


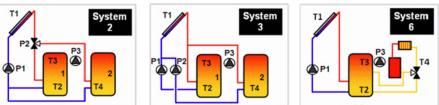
## SunChiller Solar Controller Features

Solar Control

#### Advantages

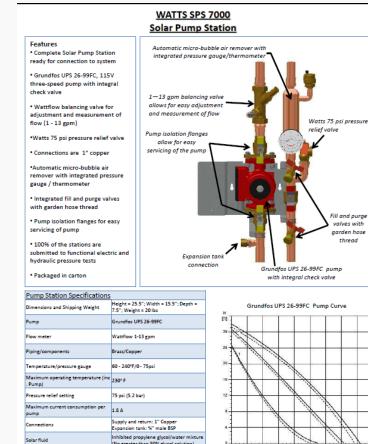
- Well suited to radiant systems
- 8 pre-configured systems
- Easy system set-up and data storage via SD card
- Multiple sensor inputs including flow (energy measurement) and pressure
- Extra functions include anti-stagnation, back-up heat, cooling, freeze protection and drain back
- Compatible with web module (coming soon)
- Has appropriate UL listings required for US and Canada
- Cost effective!





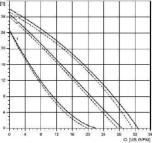


#### SPS 7000 Solar Pump Station for 3 to 12 Collectors



Pump station specifications	
Dimensions and Shipping Weight	Height = 25.5"; Width = 15.5"; Depth = 7.5"; Weight = 20 lbs
Pump	Grundfos UPS 26-99FC
Flow meter	Wattflow 1-13 gpm
Piping/components	Brass/Copper
Temperature/pressure gauge	60 - 240°F/0 - 75psi
Maximum operating temperature (inc . Pump)	230° F
Pressure relief setting	75 psi (5.2 bar)
Maximum current consumption per pump	1.8 A
Connections	Supply and return: 1" Copper Expansion tank: %" male BSP
Solar fluid	Inhibited propylene glycol/water mixture (No greater than 50% glycol solution)

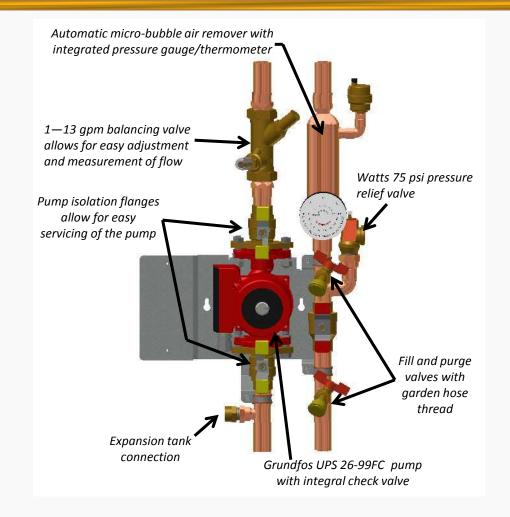
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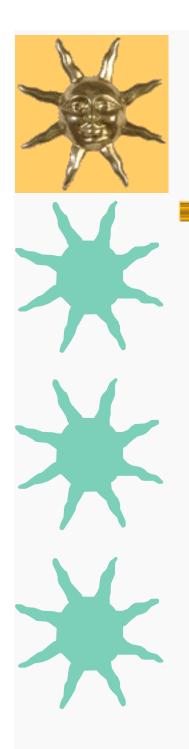
# SPS 7000 Solar Pump Station





# Incentives for Solar Thermal

- ★ Federal Investment Tax Credit 30% until 12/31/2016
- **\*** Will revert back to 10% after 12/31/2016
- \* 5-year Accelerated Depreciation for Commercial
- Collectors, tanks, pump station, mounting racks, and lines "Solar Property"



### Managing Heating Costs in Alaska

- Thermally efficient building can reduce heating load by half or more
  - Super insulation
  - Window placement
  - Windows insulated shutter
- ★ Solar thermal energy combi system
- \* Protect collector from snow
  - 80 deg. tilt angle
  - Overhanging eave
- \* Long-term thermal energy storage



## Managing Heating Costs in Alaska Solar Thermal Combi System

- Combi system can achieve 10-20% solar fraction in meeting combined DHW and space heating loads
- ★ Space heating >> DHW
- Increased solar fraction possible challenge: excess heat in summer
- Long-term thermal energy storage will increase solar fraction



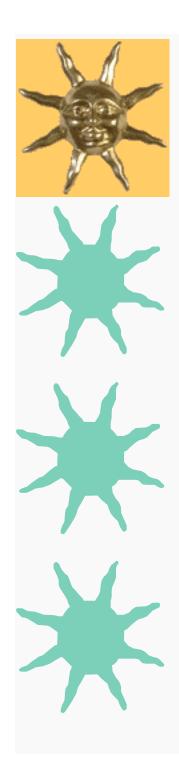
### Storage of Solar Thermal Energy

- ★ Diurnal (daily)
  - Domestic hot water
  - Space heating
- ★ Seasonal (long-term)
  - Space heating



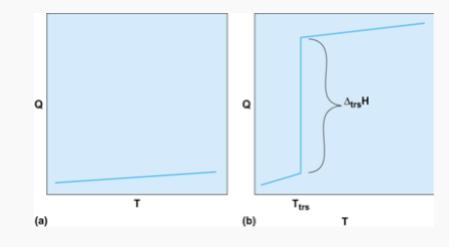
## Storage of Solar Thermal Energy Daily

- ★ Insulated hot water tank DHW
  - 120-125 deg. F
  - 1.3 to 2.2 Gal/gross sq.ft. collector area < DHW load</li>
  - 1.3 for Alaska <DHW load
- ★ Insulated hot water tank space heating
  - 140-180 deg. F
  - 0.7 to 1.2 Gal/gross sq.ft. collector
  - 0.7 for Alaska



## Storage of Solar Thermal Energy Long-term

- \* Economics limits to 200-300 Gal/collector
- \* Need for phase change material
  - High fusion heat density
  - Melting point above operating temperature





## Storage of Solar Thermal Energy Long-term Cont'd.

- ★ Practical for 1 to 1.5 months
- \* No impact in 4 coldest months 60% of load
- **\*** Can increase solar fraction by 1/3 to 1/2
- \* Commercial products not readily available
- ★ Testing in Alaska necessary



# Radiant Floor Space Heating and Domestic Hot Water in WI





### Residential System with Collectors on Balcony Facade





## Combi System in Alaska Mounting with 80 Degrees Tilt









# Wall Installation in Alaska with Overhanging Eave





# Thank You



