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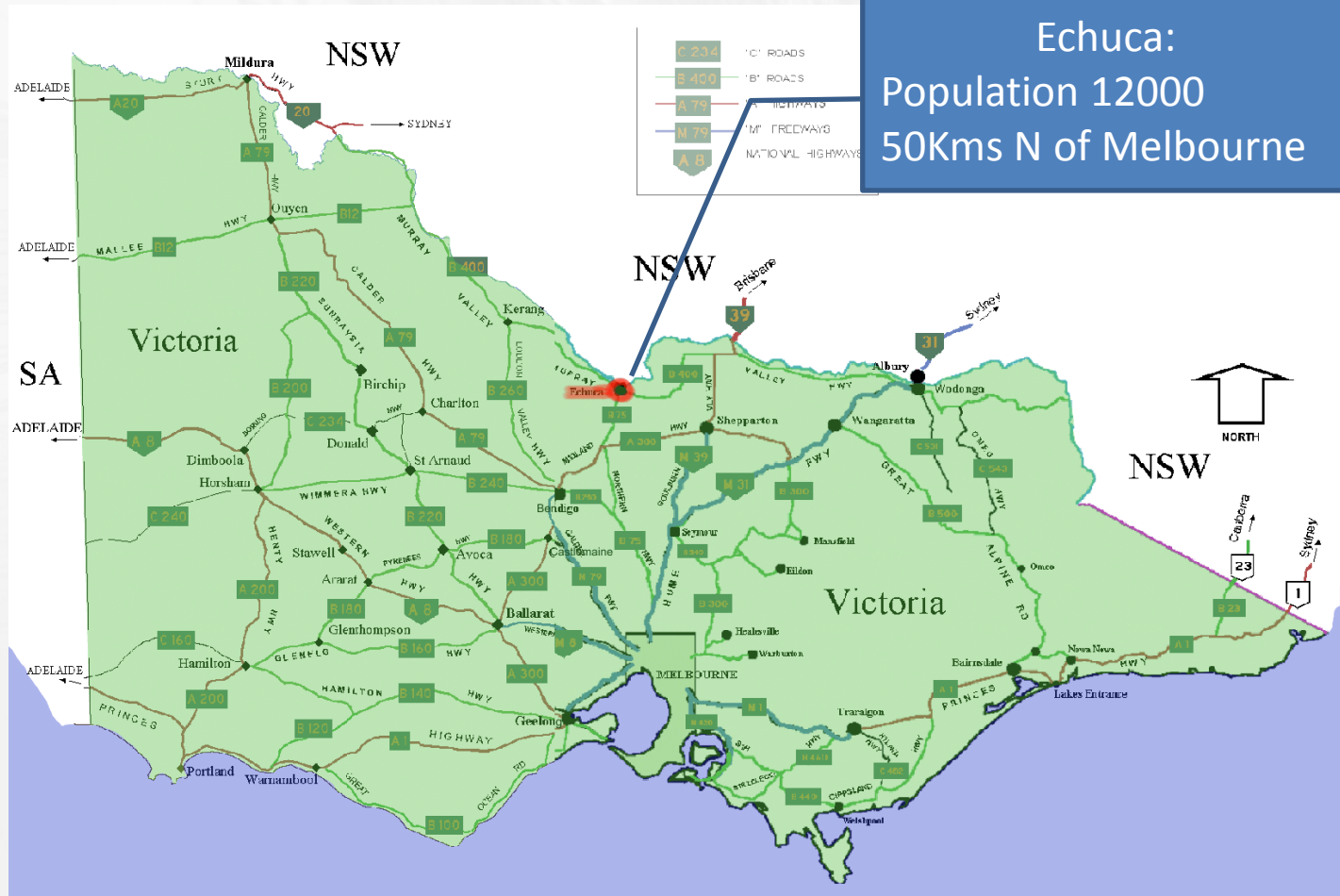
Engineering Design

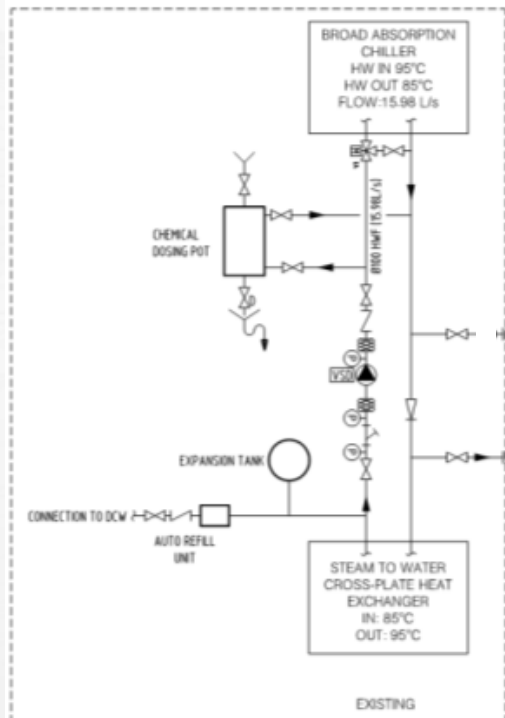
The fusion of technical knowledge and creativity

Providing the narrative



Echuca:
Population 12000
50Kms N of Melbourne





Absorption Chiller:
Heat input 500kW
Single Stage Machine 95 C f, 85 C r

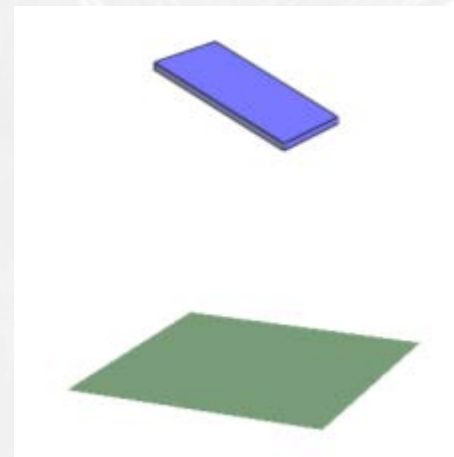
Heating Hot Water supplied by a
Steam to Water x plate heat
exchanger.

Boiler:
Heat Output 175kW
Capable of 10 C^oΔt at 4.2 l/sec

Panel efficiency data

working temp C	95		
	FP	ET	MCT
10	78.00%	76.00%	75.00%
20	75.00%	74.00%	74.00%
30	72.00%	71.00%	74.00%
40	68.00%	68.00%	73.00%
50	65.00%	65.00%	73.00%
60	60.00%	62.00%	72.00%
70	52.00%	55.00%	72.00%
80	44.00%	50.00%	71.00%
90	42.00%	47.50%	71.00%
100	40.00%	46.00%	70.00%
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130n/a		n/a	68.00%
140n/a		n/a	67.00%
150n/a		n/a	66.00%
160n/a		n/a	65.00%
170n/a		n/a	64.00%
180n/a		n/a	63.00%
190n/a		n/a	62.00%
200n/a		n/a	61.00%

Verified Complex Simulation Modelling



Panel Type	Working Temperature	Fluid	Storage
Evacuated Tube	95 C	Water	4000 litres
(Greenland systems GL100-16)			
Field Collector Area	Absorber area/ module	Efficiency	
250 m ²	2.95 m ²	33.9% ave annual	
Field Cost	Cost / module	Number of modules	
\$211,472.52	\$2,517.53	84	
Field Production	Field Yield / m²	Energy / Module	Nett Energy Cost
792.4 GJ/annum 220.1 MWh _{th}	3.169 GJ /m ²	9.43 GJ	0.27 \$/MJ
Field peak output	Average field output	Peak flow based on	95.00 C flow
179.18 KW	55.1 KW	4.29 l/sec	85.00 C return



The Good Stuff:

- It worked!
- It worked above expectation!!
- Simple and straightforward installation.
- Easy to understand, deploy and maintain

The Iffy Stuff:

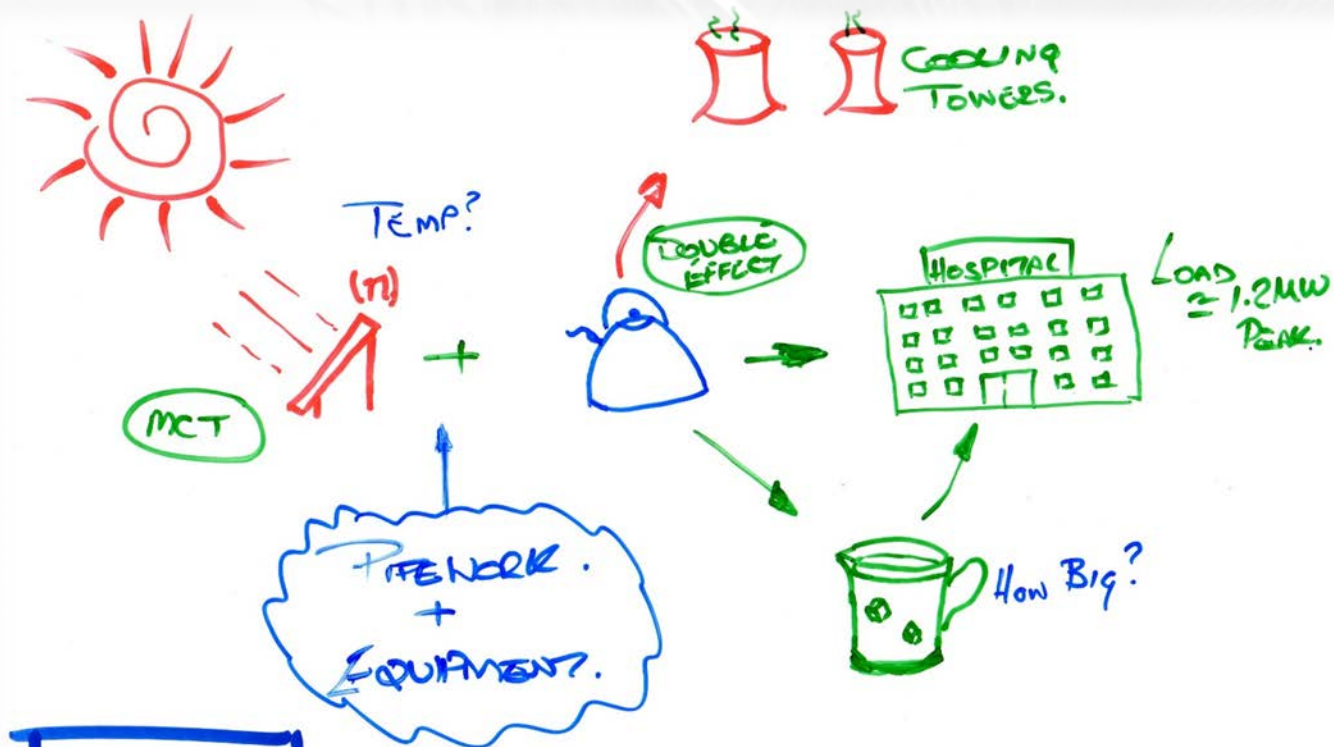
- Largely uncontrolled –
More Sun = more heat = boiling water in storage
- Poor heat rejection when most needed.
- System elements designed purely to obtain RECs

Hindsight is something to look forward to

System Rethinks:

- Load
- Heat Rejection
- Efficiency
- RECs and Storage





THINK
BIG

ECHUCA CONCEPT
SOLAR COOLING.
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Load:

- Redevelopment of the hospital site requires a peak Chilled Water load of 1.2MW
- Profile of the load matches the solar energy profile
- Desire not to exceed the current site electrical maximum demand

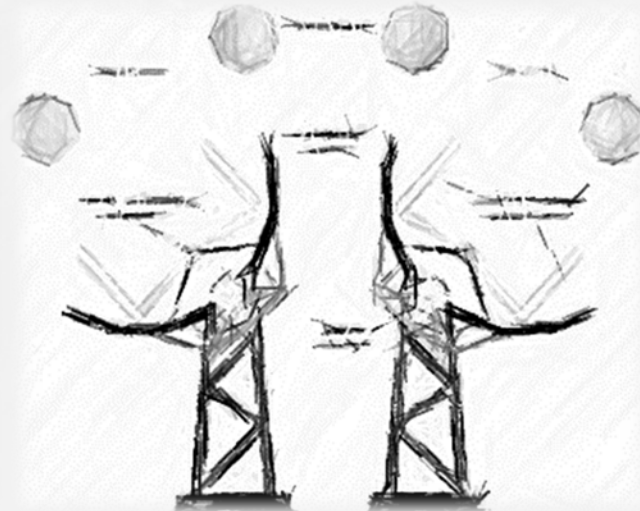
Heat Rejection:

- Utilise cooling towers. Common practice element for heat rejection at this location.



Efficiency:

- Exploit the higher efficiency of MCT panels to produce hotter water
- Run through a Double Effect Absorption Chiller




RECs and Storage.

- Avoid using storage for hot water but still look to claim RECs
- Store chilled water for peak lopping



MCT Panels:

- Chromasun Funding Bid
- Number Panels limited by physical installation space
- 265 MCT Panels

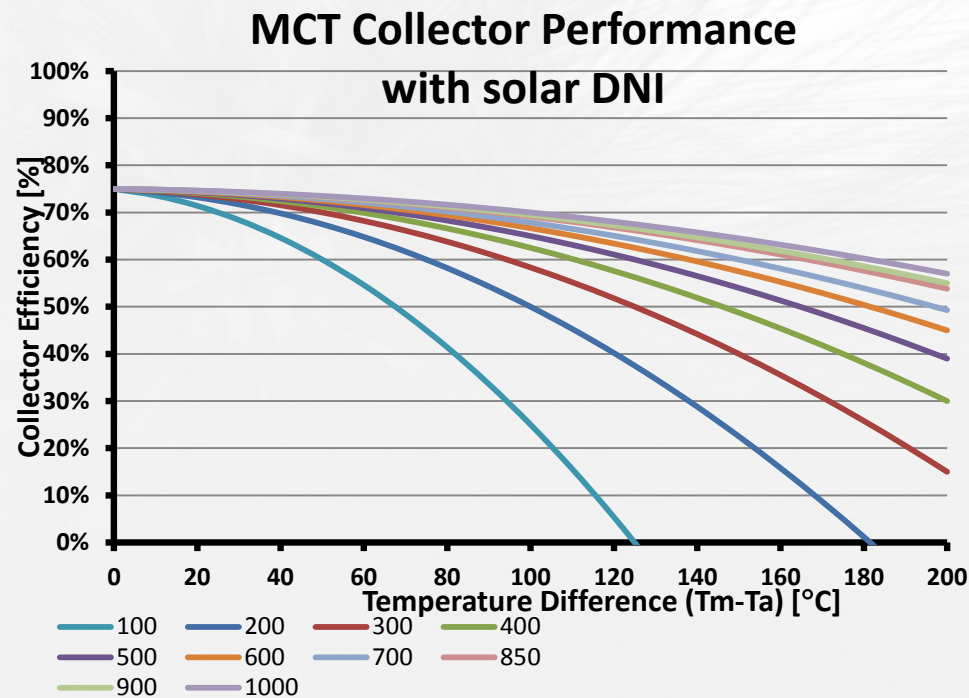
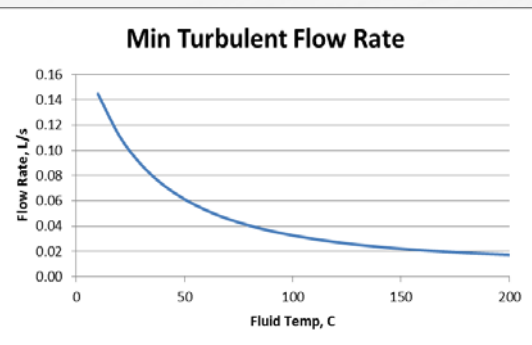
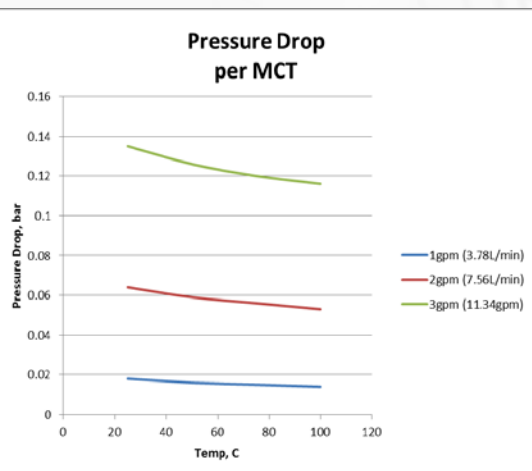


Lowest LCOE:
Australian pilot of rooftop CST and CPVT
micro-concentrator systems

Australian Solar Institute
Round 3 Funding Application

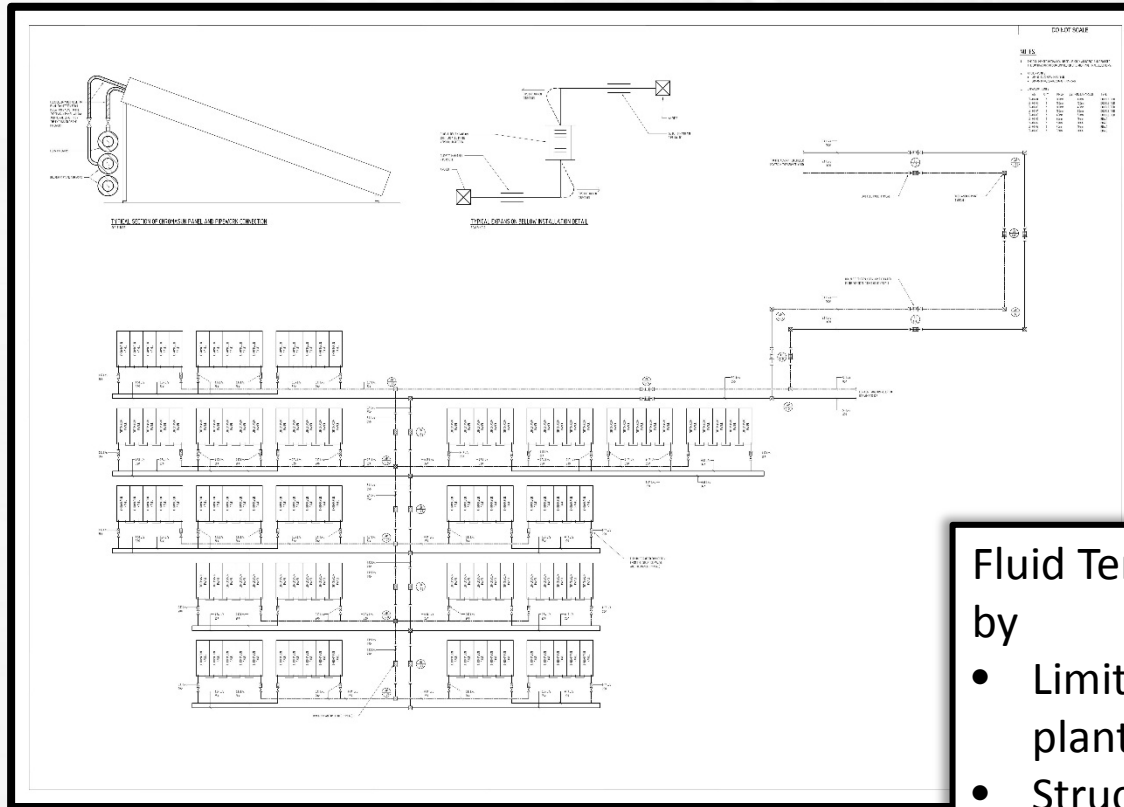
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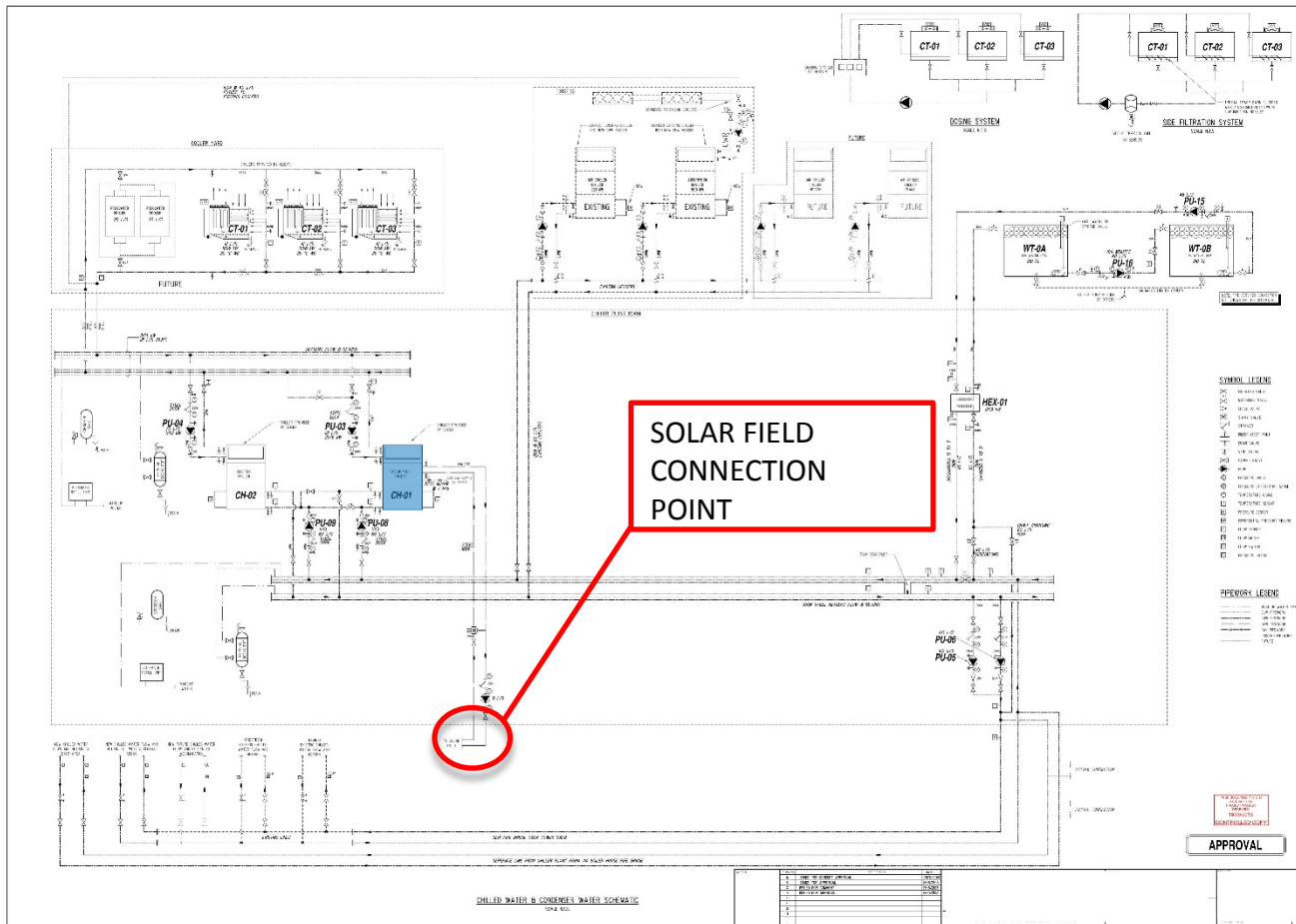
Most useful Information is not about the Panel.

- How is it delivered?
- What are each of the parties expected to do?
- How is it Controlled?
- Certification.



Fluid Temperature determined by

- Limiting factors on the plant
- Structural Loading
- Safety







1. Scalability applies only to the output of the panel
2. Distinguish between theory and practice.
3. Question everything including the data.
4. For higher temperature systems the cost of plant and materials is greater than the cost of the panels.
5. Change what is being made not what is commonly built.
6. Buy lots of pants+-

