

**Main presentation, part B (1 ½ h, about 30 slides)**

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## Primary energy analysis

### Definition

thermal chiller driven by solar energy:

$$\begin{aligned}
 PE_{spec,solar} &= \frac{Q_{backup}}{\varepsilon_{fossil}} + PE_{spec,coolingtower} \\
 &= \frac{Q_{backup}}{\varepsilon_{fossil}} \frac{1}{Q_{cold}} + PE_{spec,coolingtower} \\
 &= \frac{Q_{drivingheat} (1 - F_{sol})}{\varepsilon_{fossil}} \frac{1}{Q_{cold}} + PE_{spec,coolingtower} \\
 &= \frac{(1 - F_{sol}) Q_{drivingheat}}{\varepsilon_{fossil} Q_{cold}} + PE_{spec,coolingtower} \\
 &= \frac{(1 - F_{sol})}{\varepsilon_{fossil} \cdot COP_{thermal}} + PE_{spec,coolingtower}
 \end{aligned}$$

where:  $COP_{thermal} = \frac{Q_{cold}}{Q_{drivingheat}}$

cooling tower:

$$\begin{aligned}
 PE_{spec,coolingtower} &= \frac{E_{coolingtower}}{\varepsilon_{elect}} = \frac{E_{spec,coolingtower} Q_{heatrejected}}{\varepsilon_{elect} Q_{cold}} \frac{1}{Q_{cold}} \\
 &= \frac{E_{spec,coolingtower}}{\varepsilon_{elect}} \frac{(Q_{drivingheat} + Q_{cold})}{Q_{cold}} \\
 &= \frac{E_{spec,coolingtower}}{\varepsilon_{elect}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{COP_{thermal}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

## Primary Energy Ratio

$$PER = \frac{Q_{cool}}{Q_{el} \cdot PEF_{el} + Q_{h,add} \cdot PEF_{gas}}$$

Cooling energy divided by the sum of consumed electricity and additional thermal energy multiplied by the PEF factors of 2.7 for electricity in Germany (GEMIS) and 1.1 for gas boiler.

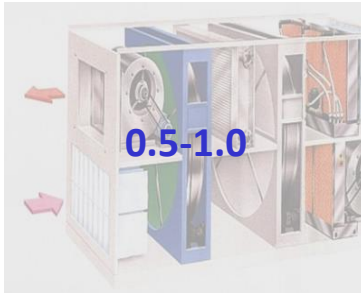
Electric compression chillers, PER: <1.0  
Solar thermal cooling systems today: 1.0 – 1.7

Potential thermal for COP<sub>el</sub> = 10 -12: 3.5 – 4.5 (where COP<sub>el</sub> = Q<sub>cool</sub> / Q<sub>el</sub>)

## Energy Efficiency

**Coefficient of Performance (COP) = Cold produced / Heat input**

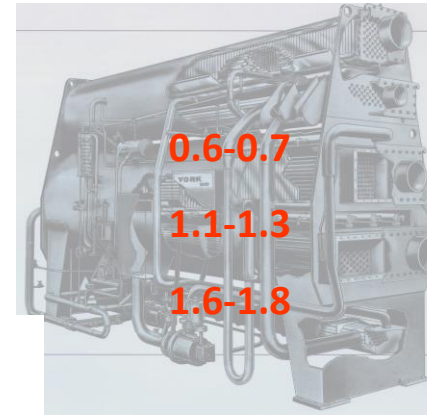
Desiccant Cooling



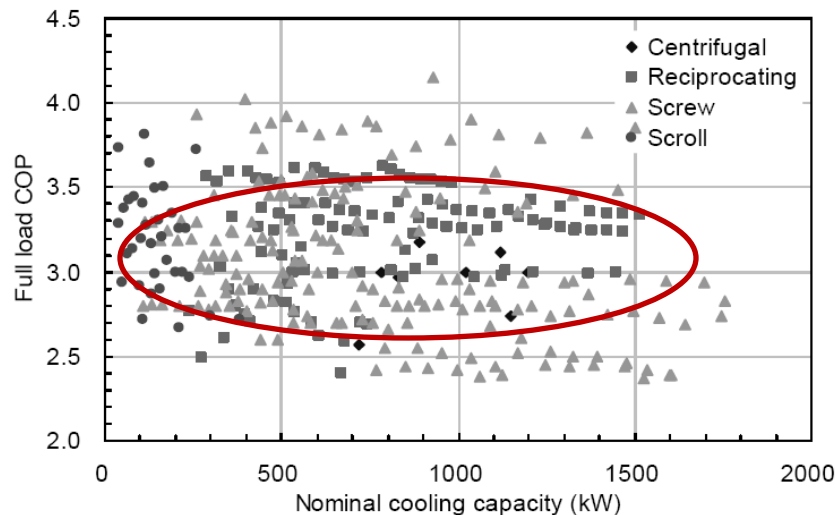
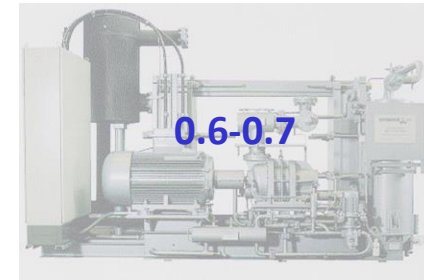
Closed Adsorption



Absorption  
H<sub>2</sub>O - LiBr



Absorption  
NH<sub>3</sub> - H<sub>2</sub>O

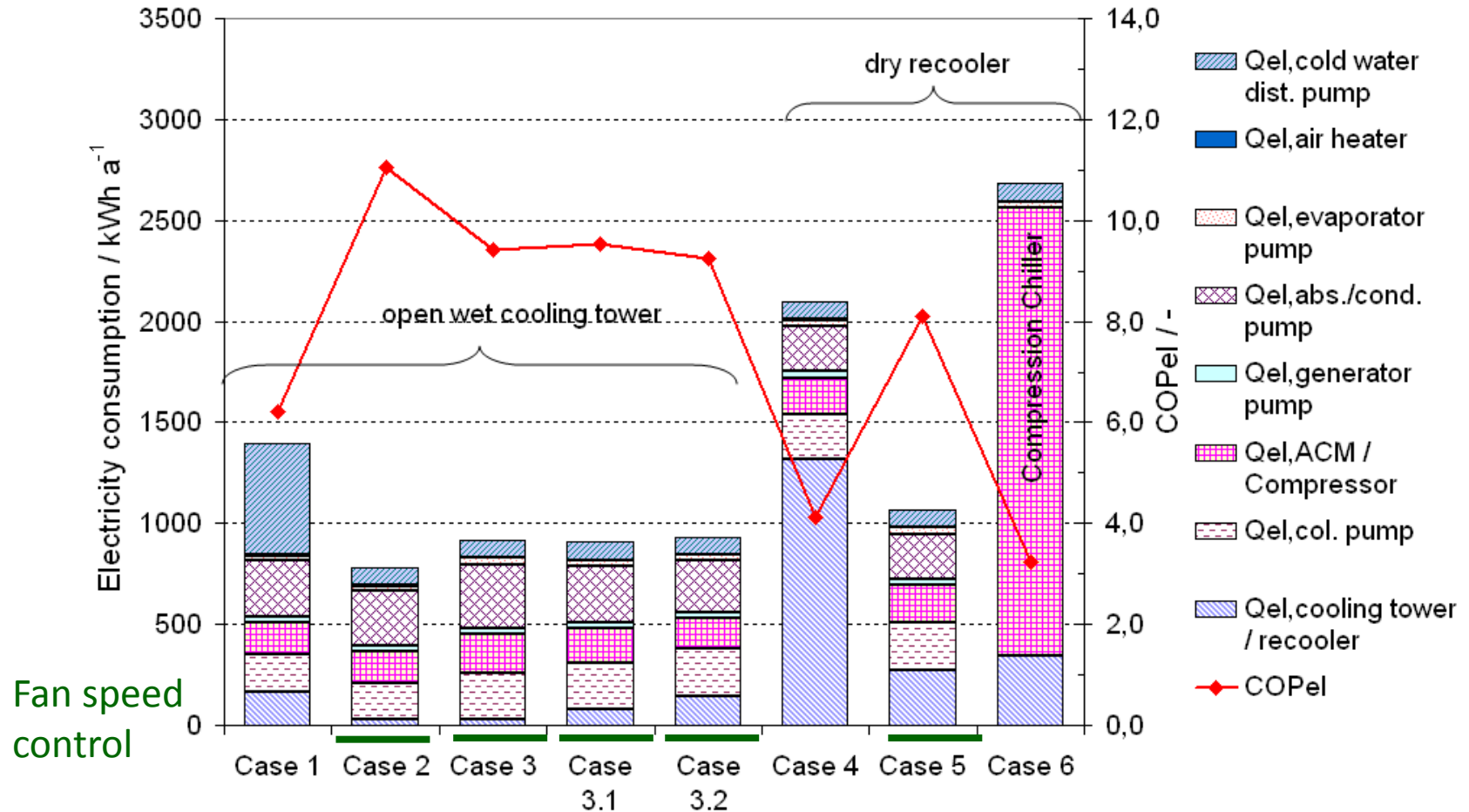


Air cooled compression chiller  
 Source: F. W. Yu, and K. T. Chan  
 Department of Building Services Engineering,  
 Hong Kong Polytechnic University

# Task 48

Quality Assurance & Support Measures for Solar Cooling Systems

## Electricity consumption and COP<sub>el</sub>



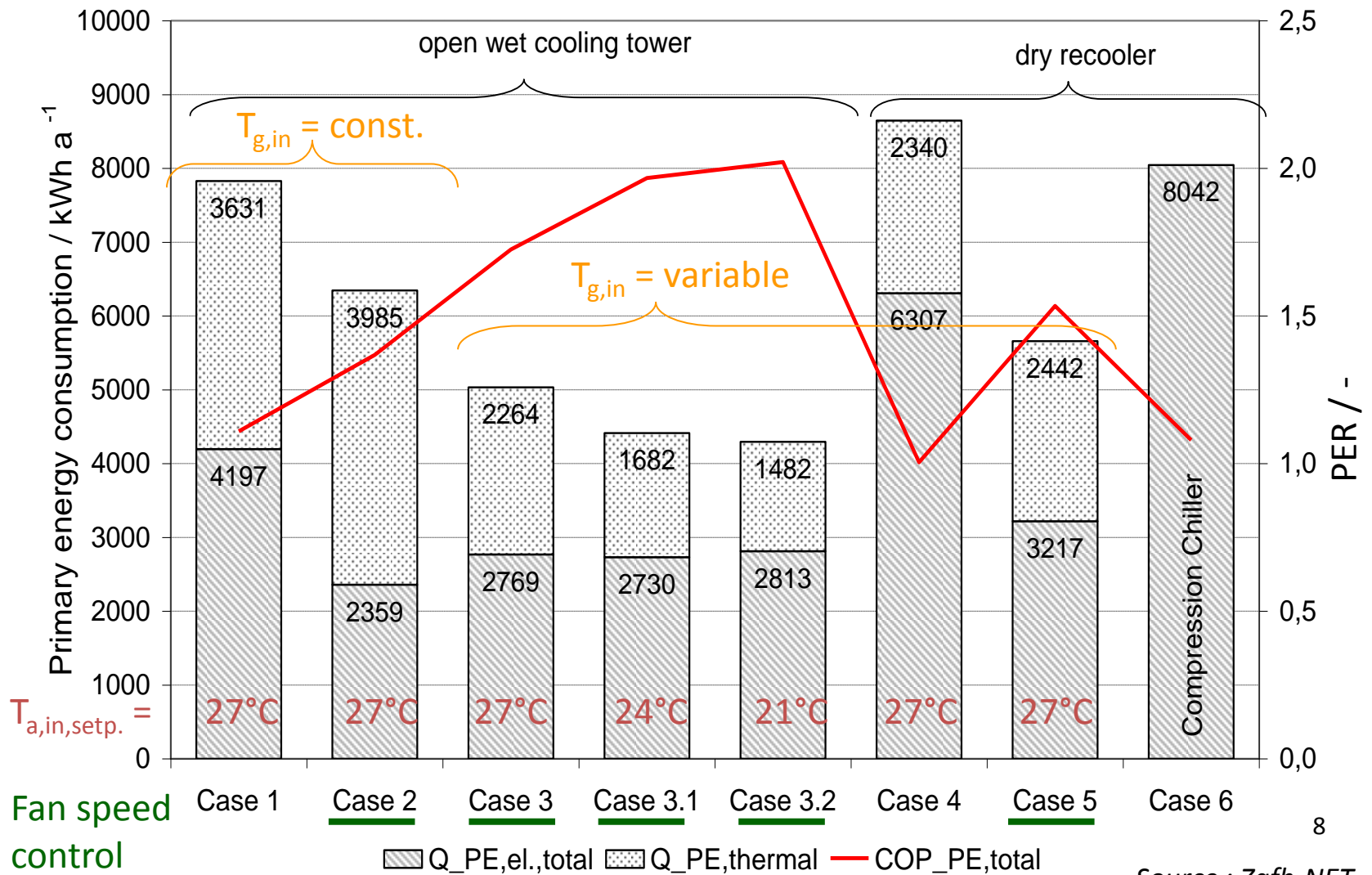
Fan speed control

$T_{a,in,setp.} = 27^{\circ}\text{C} \quad 27^{\circ}\text{C} \quad 27^{\circ}\text{C} \quad 24^{\circ}\text{C} \quad 21^{\circ}\text{C} \quad 27^{\circ}\text{C} \quad 27^{\circ}\text{C}$

(ambient temperature used for the heat rejection)

Source : Zafh-NET

## Primary energy consumption & primary energy ratio PER





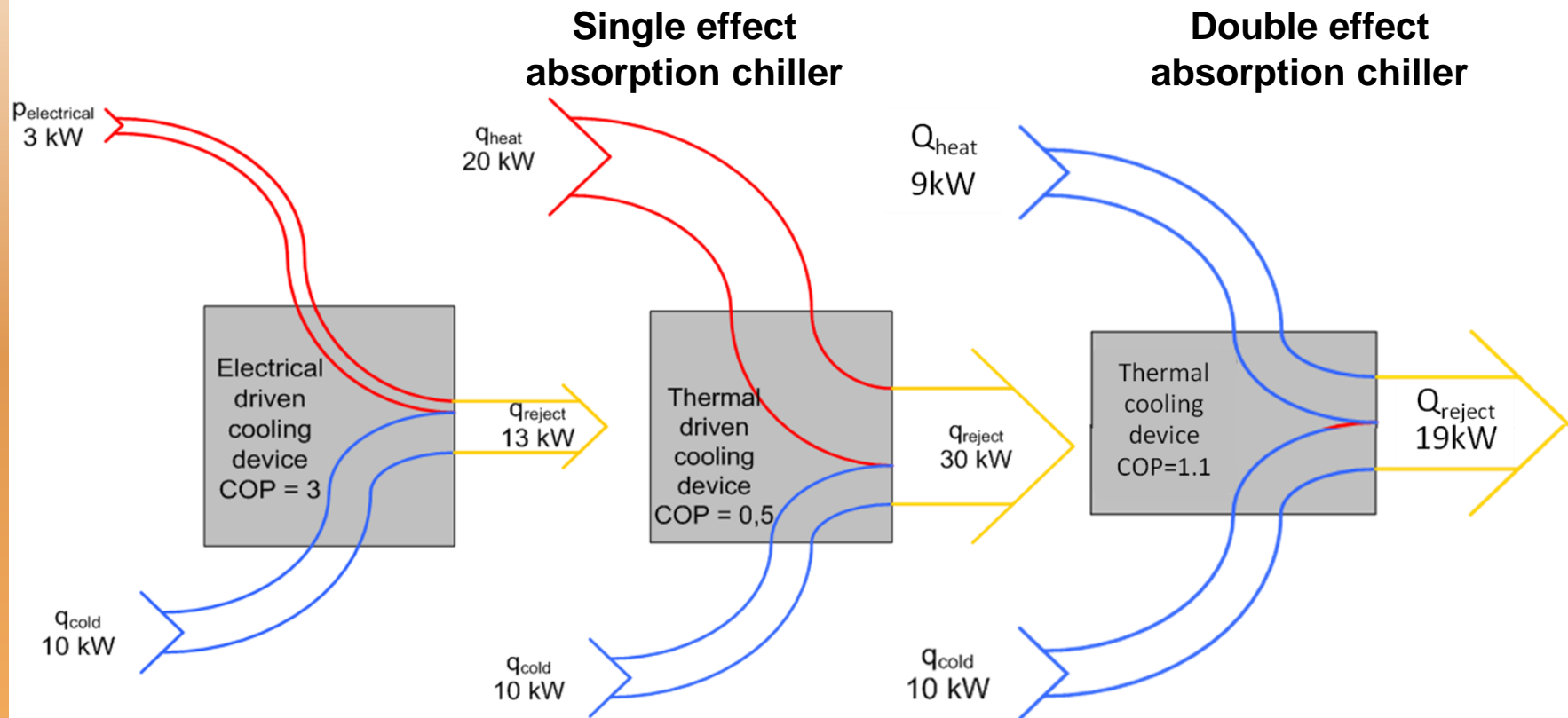
## Conclusions

- 20% increase in **solar fraction** only through optimised system control!
  - Variable generator inlet temperature 15 %
  - Cooling tower control 5 %
  
- Strong influence of control strategy on the **electrical COP** of the solar cooling system
  - simple control (Case 1): COP<sub>el</sub> = 6.1
  - optimised control (Case 2): COP<sub>el</sub> = 11.0  
(Electrical compression chiller COP<sub>el</sub> = 3.2)
  
- The **primary energy ratio PER** of the solar cooling systems varies according to the control strategy and type of cooling tower by a factor of two between **1.0** and **2.0**  
(Electrical compression chiller PER = 1.1)!

## Heat Rejection Considerations

- Absorption chillers almost always requires a wet cooling tower to achieve  $<35^{\circ}\text{C}$  cooling water to prevent crystallisation on peak summer days
  - Availability of water
  - Maintenance, legionella
  
- Adsorption chillers and ammonia water absorption chillers can be air-cooled (don't have crystallisation issues)
  - Can use a dry cooler, possibly with sprays for peak summer hours
  - Parasitic electricity consumption
  - Higher temperature lift with air cooler leads to higher heat source temperature requirement
  
- Desiccant systems don't generally require heat rejection equipment but may require water for the evaporative cooler.
  - Evaporative water consumption is a little bit less than that required in the cooling tower of a high efficiency conventional mechanical chiller
  - Latent heat removal only system does not require water

## Heat rejection & parasitic electricity consumption



Inefficient single effect sorption chillers have a much greater heat rejection requirement  
...but are using lower temperature solar energy !

## Parasitic Power consumption : lessons learnt

- Do use variable speed drives on the cooling tower/ dry cooler fans
- Do use high efficiency pumps
- Do minimise pipe runs
- Do ensure balancing of solar field is achieved without excessive use of pressure reduction valves
- Do measure it !!
- Do ensure pumps are not running when not required
- Consider double effect chiller if your application and climate allows it

## Parasitic Power consumption

(example single effect chiller, indicative numbers only)

	Full Load		Part Load Fixed Speed Fan		Part Load Variable Speed Fan	
	High Efficiency Pumps	Low Efficiency Pumps	High Efficiency Pumps	Low Efficiency Pumps	High Efficiency Pumps	Low Efficiency Pumps
Cooling (W)	8000	8000	4000	4000	4000	4000
Pump Power (W)	230	550	230	550	230	550
Fan Power (W)	650	650	650	650	100	100
<b>COP<sub>el</sub></b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>6.2</b>

Conclusion :

- Use high efficiency ancillaries and variable speed drives
- Use higher efficiency cooling machine in the first place

Source : CSIRO

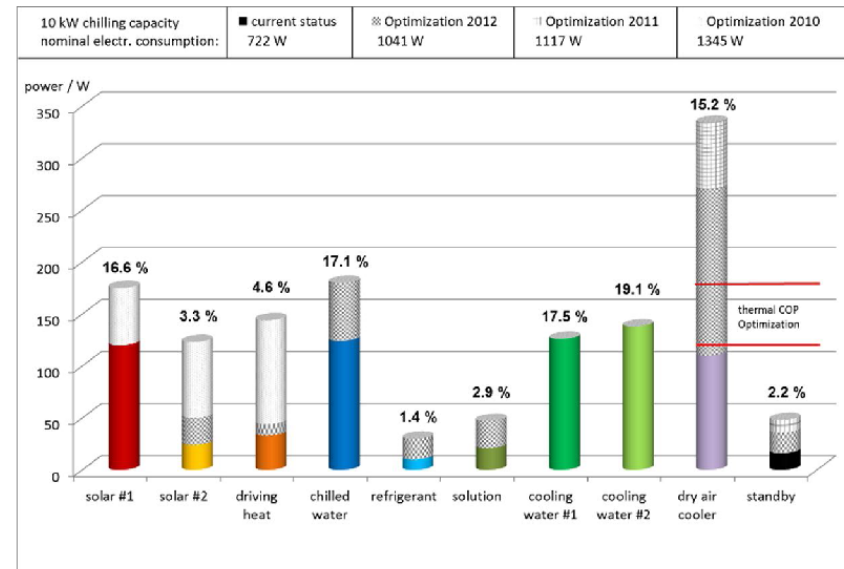
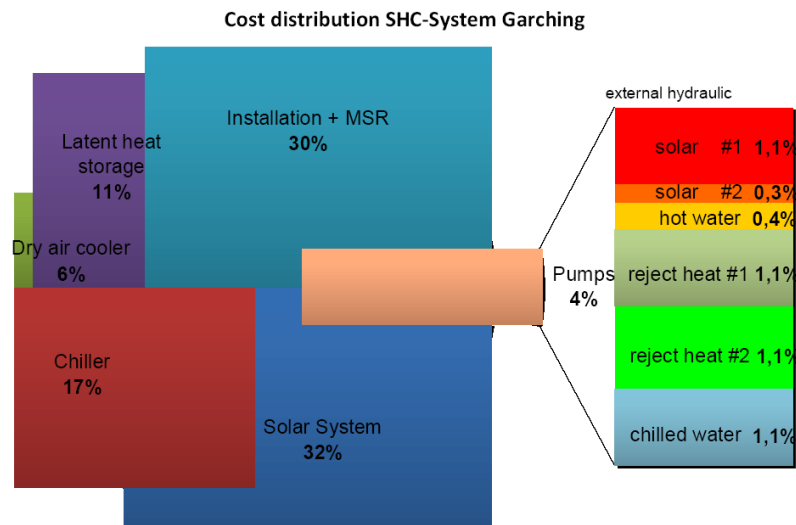
- Don't oversize your chiller/ explore variable speed on pumps

## Parasitic Power consumption

- Efficiency improvement potential for pumps

Example of a 10 kW absorption cooling system with dry heat rejection :

investment and performances



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## Economical context for solar cooling

- **Number of installations still limited**

(solcoproject Southern European Islands: about 20 installations, Austria with Roadmap Solar Air conditioning:19, world wide about 1000-1200 in 2013)

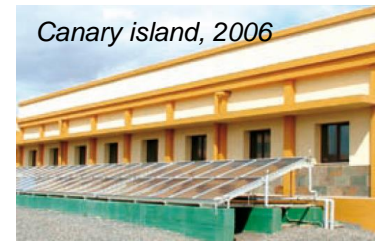
- **High initial investment cost:** payback times 10-20 years in best cases

- **But.. financial schemes** for support existing in some countries

- **CO<sub>2</sub> trading** might change the picture: California study 2020 for significance of CO<sub>2</sub> trading: 0 MW (no CO<sub>2</sub> price), 53 MW 123 \$/t CO<sub>2</sub>), 300 MW (CO<sub>2</sub> price high and COP=1.2) LBL, Chris Marnay, 3rd International Conference on Solar Air-Conditioning, September 30 – October 2, 2009, University Palermo, Sicily, Italy

- **Legislation** should support market introduction

(Renewable Heat laws make 15% solar heating and cooling mandatory in Germany in 2013)





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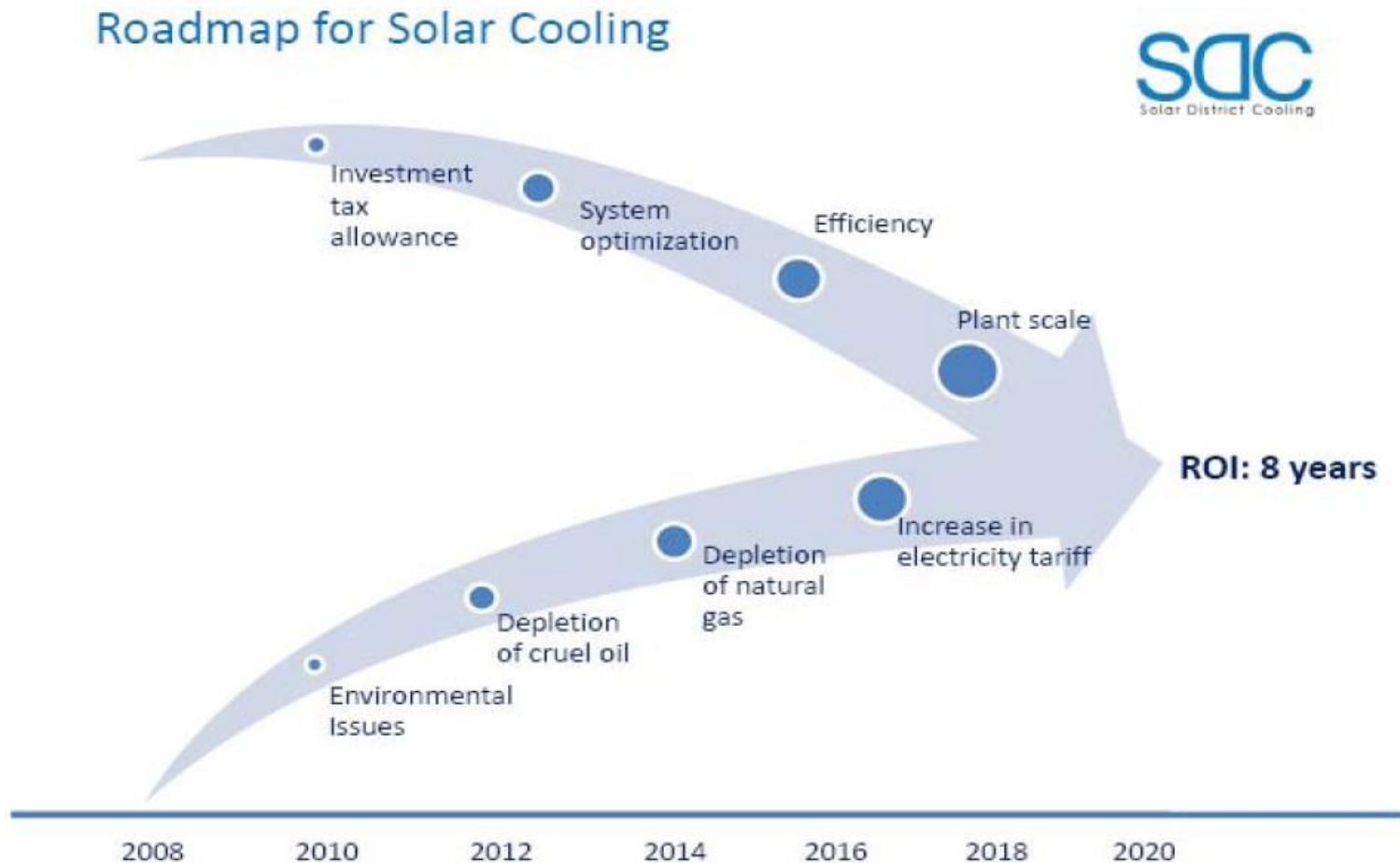
### Future Paybacks will be significant less as

- Fuel and electricity get more expensive
- Solar cooling gets cheaper
- Carbon financing and environmental costs get implemented in investment schemes
- Refrigerants will phase out

### But we need to start today

- To create knowledge
- To create a critical mass

## Possible path toward competitiveness for solar cooling

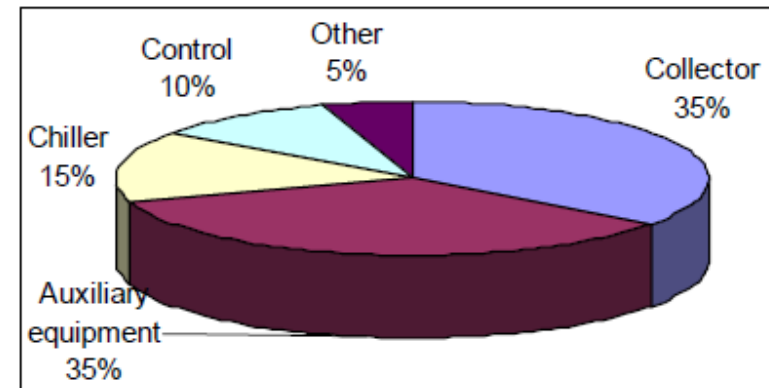


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## Cost comparison absorption – compression (1/3)

Model	Absorption	Compression
Cooling performance	150 kW	150 kW
Energy input	214 kW <sub>th</sub>	50 kW <sub>el</sub>
COP	0.7	3.3
Investment costs	50,308 €	33,205 €
Specific investment costs	395 €/kW	233 €/kW
Dimension re-cooling tower	364 kW	195 kW
Costs re-cooling tower	10,238 €	6,990 €
Costs peripheral equipment <sup>5</sup>	50,623 €	40,498 €
Specific water consumption	5 m <sup>3</sup> /MWh	-



## Cost comparison absorption – compression (2/3)

Type of unit		Absorption chiller 150 kW, 1,000 full-load hours, 5 € cent/kWh heat	
1	Energy cost, Water cost in total	15,850	Euro/yr
2	Electricity	-	Euro/yr
3	Heat	-	Euro/yr
4	Water	-	Euro/yr
5	Annual costs of repairing and service in total	2,008	Euro/yr
6	Cost of investments in total	132,186	Euro
7	Annual annuity from investment (6%, 15 years)	13,610	Euro/yr
8	Cooling production cost in total	31,468	Euro/yr
	Specific costs	209.79	Euro/MWh

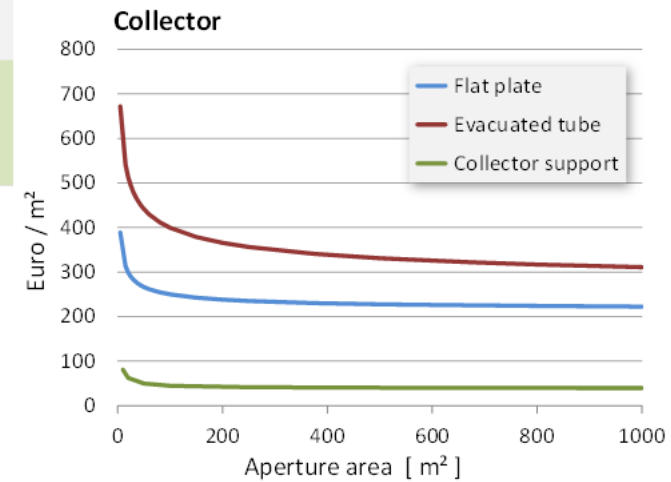
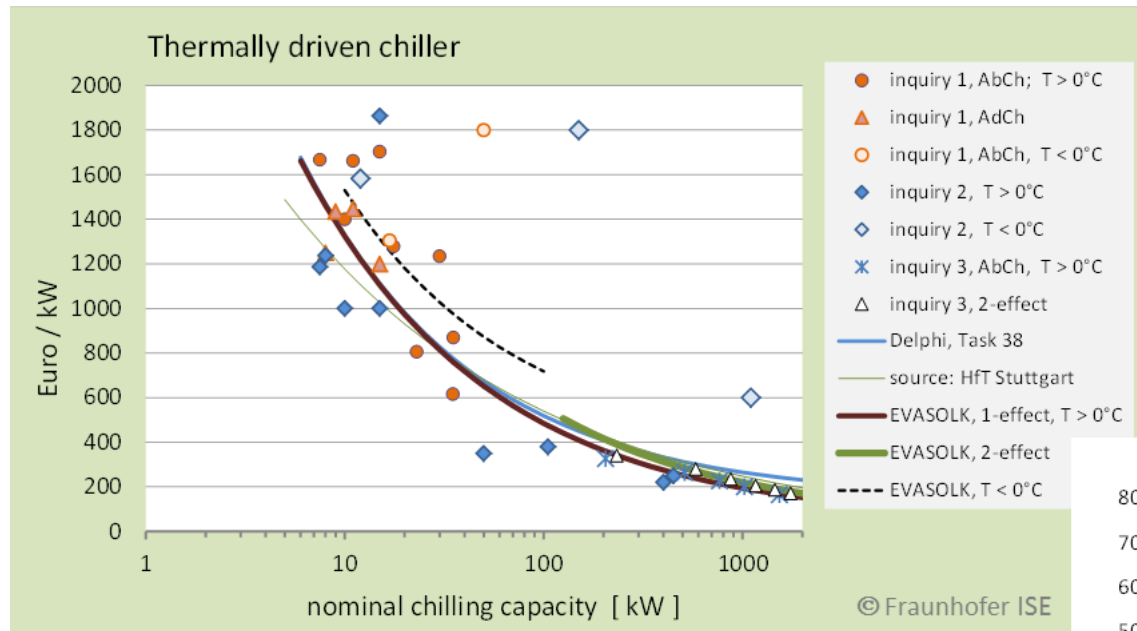
	Price in the first year	Annual price increase
Heat price [€ cent/kWh]	5,00	1%
Heat base price [€/a]	100,00	1%
Power price [€ cent/kWh]	12,00	2%
Water [€/m <sup>3</sup> ] incl. treatment	2,00	1%

## Cost comparison absorption – compression (3/3)

	Type of unit	Compression chiller 150 kW, 1,000 full-load hours	
1	Energy cost, Water cost in total	6,840	Euro/yr
2	Electricity	-	Euro/yr
3	Heat	-	Euro/yr
4	Water	-	Euro/yr
5	Annual costs of repairing and service in total	3,744	Euro/yr
6	Cost of investments in total	88,763	Euro
7	Annual annuity from investment (6%, 15 years)	9,139	Euro/yr
8	Cooling production cost in total	19,724	Euro/yr
	Specific production costs	131.49	Euro/MWh

## Cost curves derived from various cost data

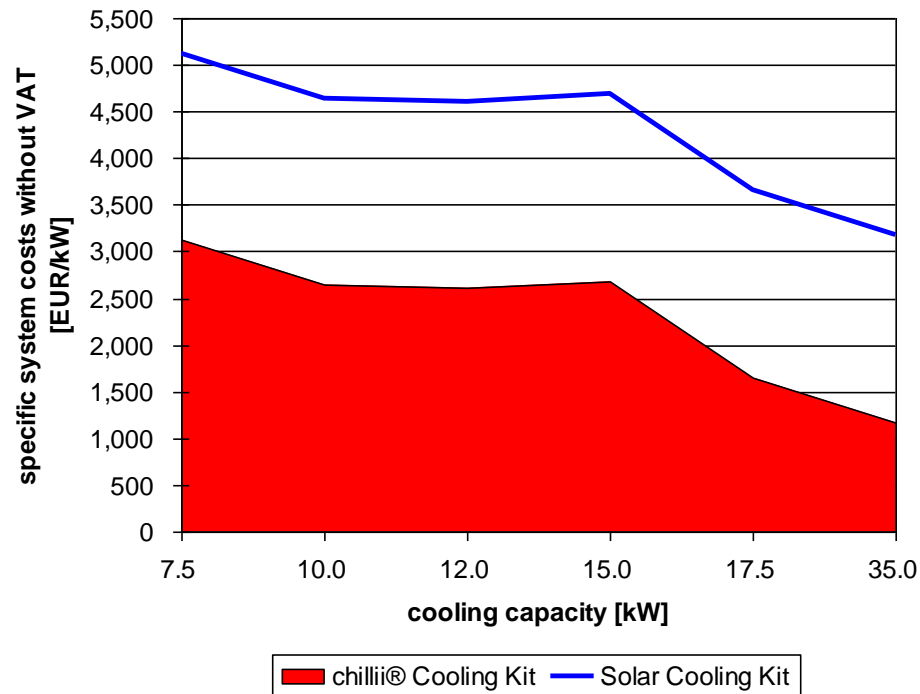
without taxes, peripheric components (e.g., cooling tower), installation



## Potential for cost reduction

Component / Parameter	Development until the year 2015 compared to 2010	
	Absorption	Adsorption
Expenses for installation & integration	- 13 %	- 14 %
Expenses for maintenance	- 10 %	- 18 %
Thermal COP	+ 7 %	+ 9 %
Machine lifetime	+/- 0 %	+/- 0 %
Price of re-cooling system	- 20 %	
Electricity consumption of the periphery (pumps, fans)	- 28 %	

## Specific Costs of Low Capacity Solar Cooling Systems



Specific Costs of Solar Cooling Kits in Europe:

- 5,000 to 8,000 EUR/kW in 2007
  - 4,000 to 4,500 EUR/kW in 2008
  - 3,500 to 4,500 EUR/kW in 2009
  - **About 3,500 €/kW in 2012-2013 (2,500 €/kW only cooling kit)**
- Without Installation Costs and Cold Distribution



## Systematic economic analysis

### Hypothesis

#### INVESTMENT COST VARIATION

Solar thermal collectors:

LOW 100 €/m<sup>2</sup>, MEDIUM 300 €/m<sup>2</sup>, HIGH 500 €/m<sup>2</sup>

Sorption chiller system costs:

LOW 500 €/kW, MEDIUM 1500 €/kW, HIGH 3000 €/kW

Installation and system integration:

LOW 10%, MEDIUM 20%, HIGH 30% of investment

#### IRRADIANCE VARIATION

LOW irr 1000 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (Northern European)

MED irr 1750 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (Southern European - MEDIUM)

HIGH irr 2500 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> (Sahara-HIGH).

#### ELECTRICAL PRICE

LOW elec: 0,08 €/kWh

MED elec: 0,16 € /kWh

HIGH elec: 0,24 €/ kWh

#### INTEREST RATES

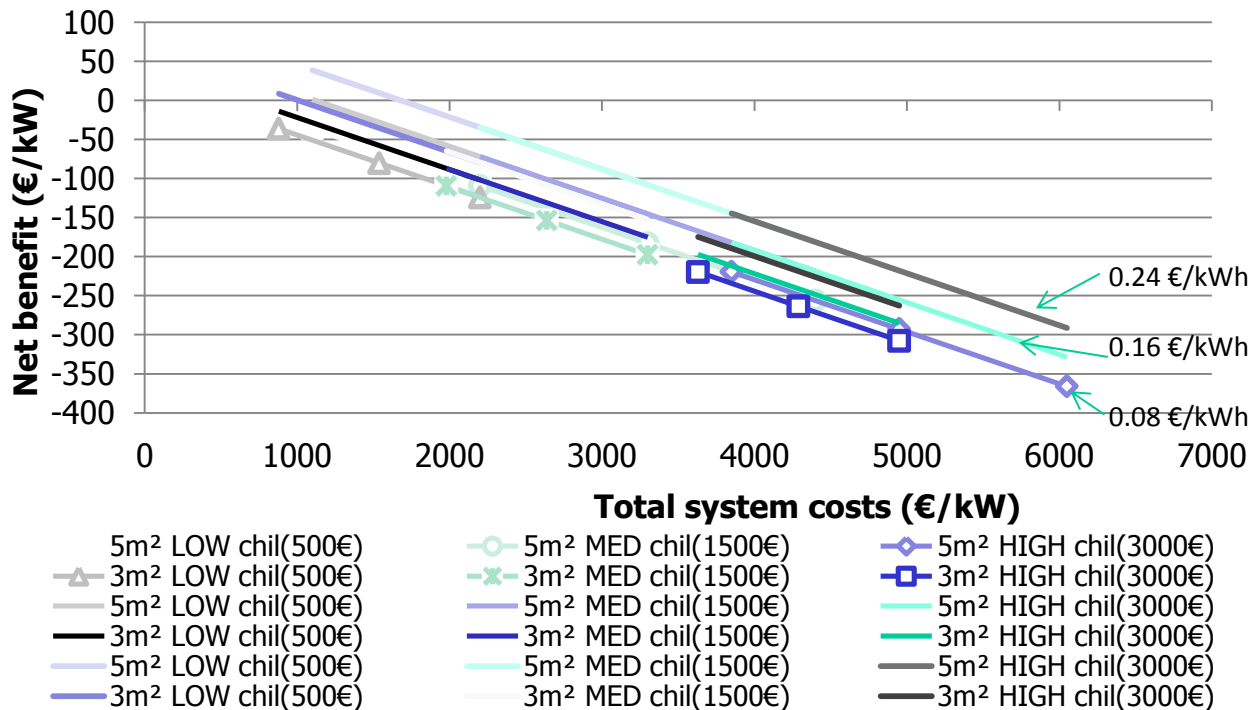
LOW inter: 0%

MED inter 4%

HIGH inter 8%

## Summary economics for low irradiance conditions

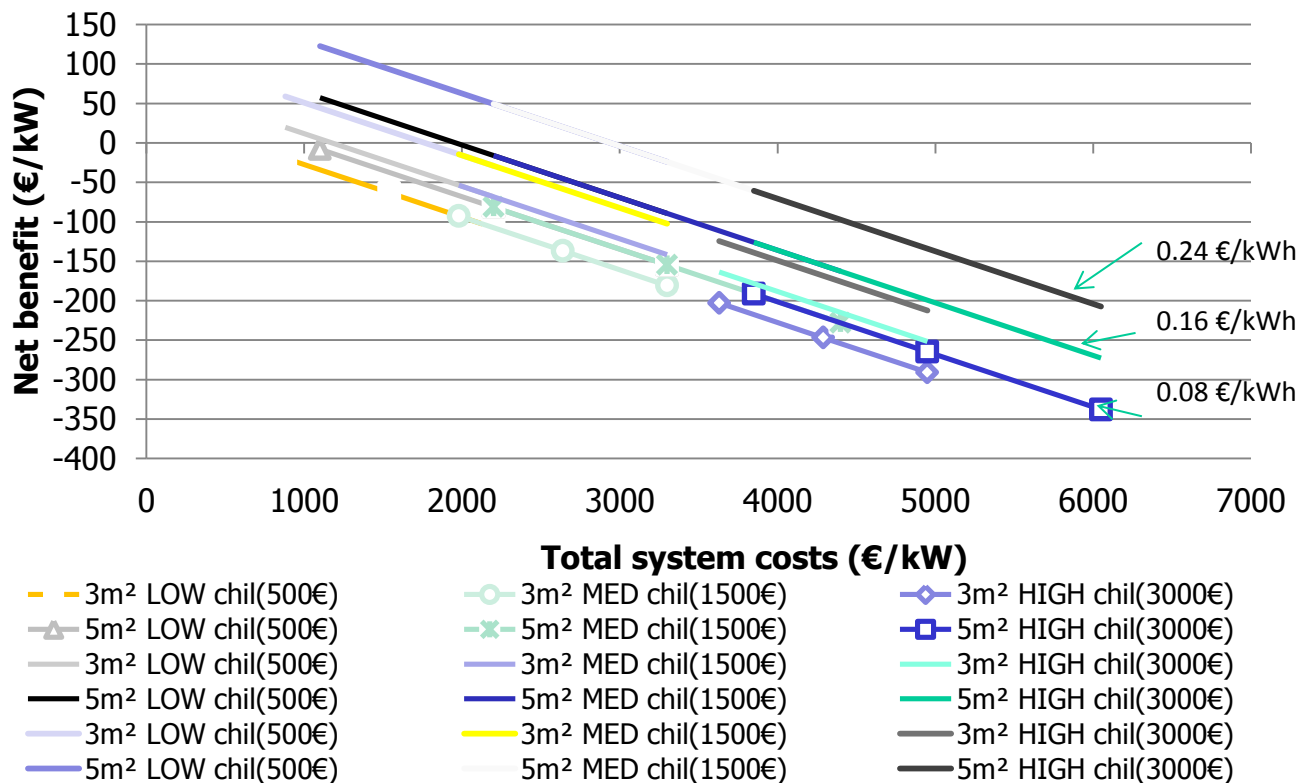
Variation of electricity price for **low irradiance**



Economical performance only at high electricity price  
and system costs around 1000 €/kW

## Medium irradiance conditions

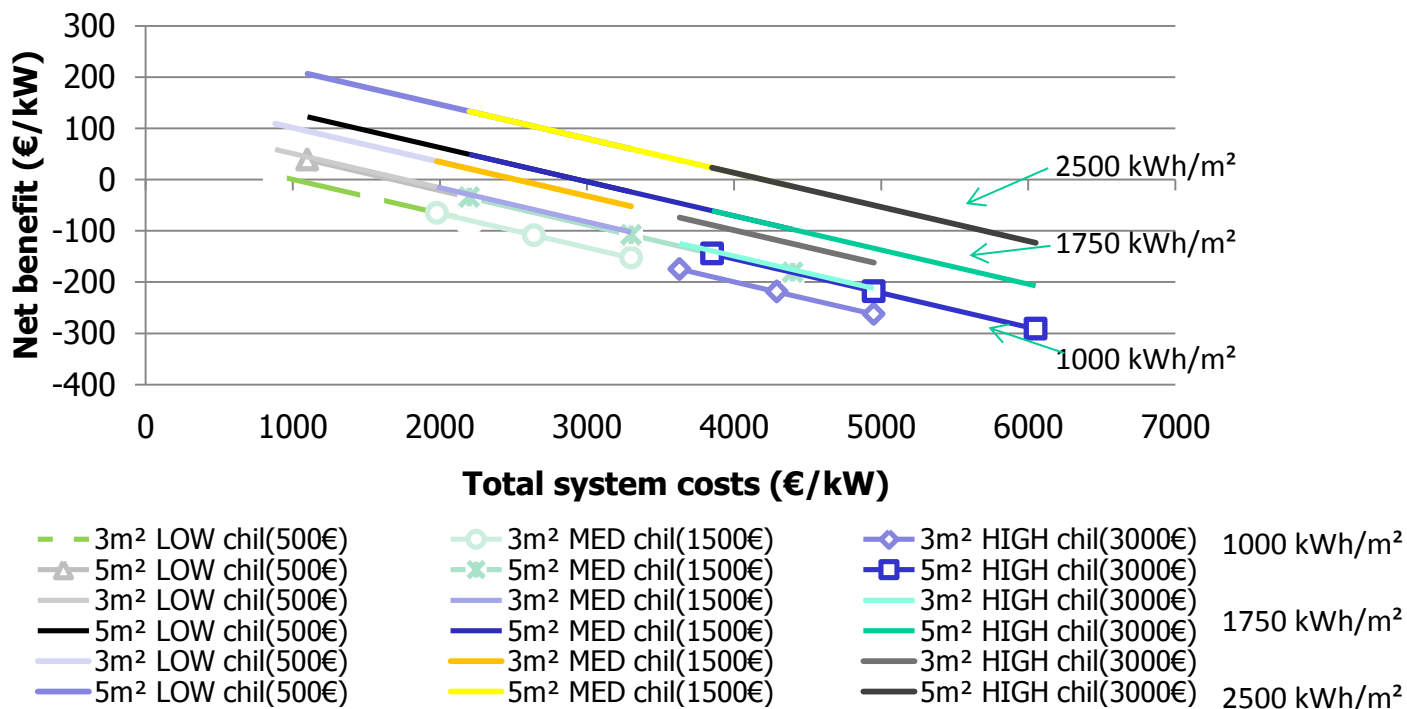
Variation of electricity price for **medium irradiance**



Economical performance for medium electricity price up to 2000 €/kW system costs, for high electricity prices up to 3000 €/kW

## High electricity price conditions

Variation irradiance for **high electricity price**



At high electricity prices and high irradiance, system costs up to 4000 €/kW are possible

## Conclusions

- **Costs are still high** due to low number of installations: important are reduced investment costs, low heat prices and high full load hours
- **Large systems are closer** to economical performance
- For system prices of 1000 €/kW paybacks of 2 to 13 years are possible for long operating hours and heat costs close to zero
- **For Mediterranean irradiance conditions solar cooling systems are economically feasible** at medium electricity prices (0.16€/kWh) up to 2000 €/kW system costs, for high electricity prices (0.24 €/kWh) up to 3000 €/kW

## Contracting models

### Energy performance contracting (EPC)



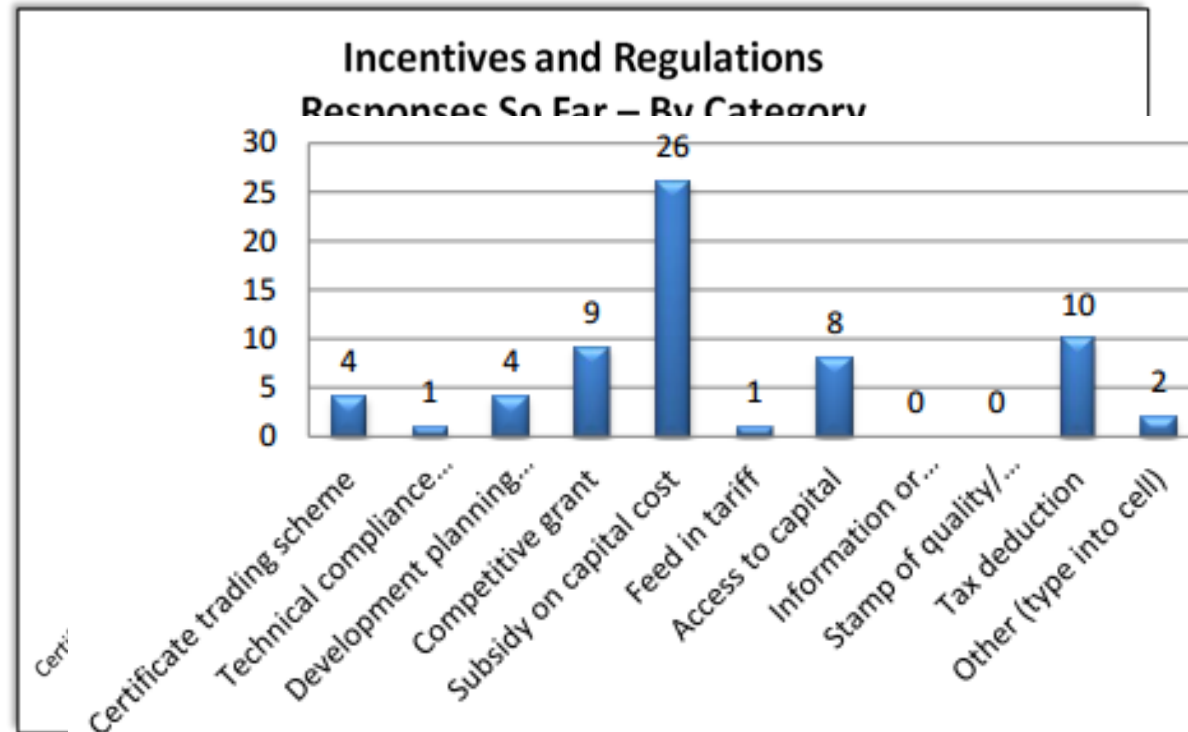
For further explanations :

[Final report on Contracting Models for Solar Thermally Driven Cooling and Heating Systems \(Task 48 - C6 activity final report\)](#)

(see <http://task48.iea-shc.org> website and Publications section)

## Incentive schemes

### Review of relevant international standards rating and incentive schemes



For further explanations :

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**Task48 - Activity C1 Report**

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