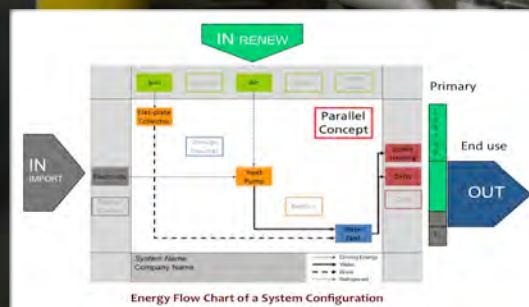
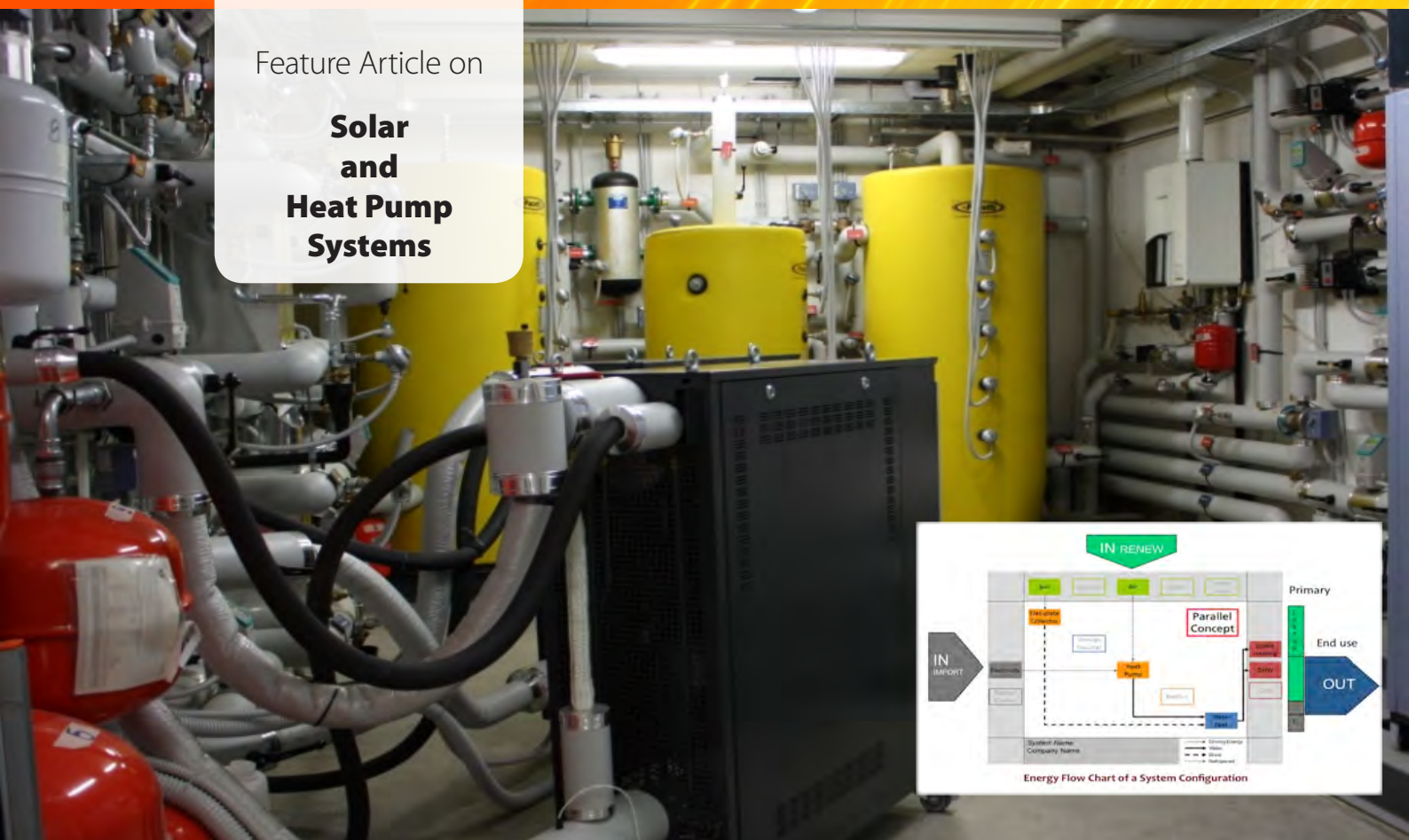


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# Solar Heating and Cooling Programme

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## ABOUT THE IEA

The International Energy Agency (IEA) is an autonomous agency established in 1974. The IEA carries out a comprehensive program of energy co-operation among 28 advanced economies, each of which is obliged to hold oil stocks equivalent to 90 days of its net imports. The aims of the IEA are to:

- Secure member countries' access to reliable and ample supplies of all forms of energy; in particular, through maintaining effective emergency response capabilities in case of oil supply disruptions.
- Promote sustainable energy policies that spur economic growth and environmental protection in a global context – particularly in terms of reducing greenhouse-gas emissions that contribute to climate change.
- Improve transparency of international markets through collection and analysis of energy data.
- Support global collaboration on energy technology to secure future energy supplies and mitigate their environmental impact, including through improved energy efficiency and development and deployment of low-carbon technologies.
- Find solutions to global energy challenges through engagement and dialogue with non-member countries, industry, international organisations and other stakeholders.

To attain these goals, increased co-operation between industries, businesses and government energy technology research is indispensable. The public and private sectors must work together, share burdens and resources, while at the same time multiplying results and outcomes.

The multilateral technology initiatives (Implementing Agreements) supported by the IEA are a flexible and effective framework for IEA member and non-member countries, businesses, industries, international organizations and non-government organizations to research breakthrough technologies, to fill existing research gaps, to build pilot plants, to carry out deployment or demonstration programs – in short to encourage technology-related activities that support energy security, economic growth and environmental protection.

More than 6,000 specialists carry out a vast body of research through these various initiatives. To date, more than 1,000 projects have been completed. There are currently 41 Implementing Agreements (IA) working in the areas of:

- Cross-Cutting Activities (information exchange, modelling, technology transfer)
- End-Use (buildings, electricity, industry, transport)
- Fossil Fuels (greenhouse-gas mitigation, supply, transformation)
- Fusion Power (international experiments)
- Renewable Energies and Hydrogen (technologies and deployment)

The IAs are at the core of a network of senior experts consisting of the Committee on Energy Research and Technology (CERT), four working parties and three expert groups. A key role

of the CERT is to provide leadership by guiding the IAs to shape work programs that address current energy issues productively, by regularly reviewing their accomplishments, and suggesting reinforced efforts where needed. For further information on the IEA, the CERT and the IAs, please consult [www.iea.org](http://www.iea.org).

## **ABOUT THE SHC IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT**

The Solar Heating and Cooling Programme was founded in 1977 as one of the first multilateral technology initiatives ("Implementing Agreements") of the International Energy Agency. The Executive Committee agreed upon the following for the 2014-2018 term:

The SHC Programme **vision**...

**By 2050 a worldwide capacity of 5kW<sub>th</sub> per capita of solar thermal energy systems installed and significant reductions in energy consumption achieved by using passive solar and daylighting: thus solar thermal energy meeting 50% of low temperature<sup>1</sup> heating and cooling demand.**

The SHC Programme **mission**...

**To enhance collective knowledge and application of solar heating and cooling through international collaboration in order to fulfill the vision**

The Solar Heating and Cooling Agreement's mission assumes a systematic approach to the application of solar technologies and designs to whole buildings, and industrial and agricultural process heat. Based on this mission, the Agreement will carry out and coordinate international R&D work and will continue to cooperate with other IEA Implementing Agreements as well as the solar industry to expand the solar market. Through international collaborative activities, the will support market expansion by providing access to reliable information on solar system performance, design guidelines and tools, data and market approaches, and by developing and integrating advanced solar energy technologies and design strategies for the built environment and for industrial and agricultural process heat applications.

The Agreement's target audience is the design community, solar manufacturers, and the energy supply and service industries that serve the end-users as well as architects, cities, housing companies and building owners.

The primary activity of the SHC Agreement is to develop research projects (Tasks) to study various aspects of solar heating and cooling. Each research project (Task) is managed by an Operating Agent selected by the Executive Committee. Overall control of the Agreement rests with the Executive Committee comprised of one representative from each member Country and Sponsor organization in the Implementing Agreement.

A total of 53 such projects have been initiated to-date. The current Tasks are:

- ⤴ New Generation Solar Heating and Cooling (Task 53)
- ⤴ Solar Heat and Energy in Urban Environments (Task 52)
- ⤴ Solar Energy in Urban Planning (Task 51)

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<sup>1</sup> Low temperature heat up to 250°C

- △ Advanced Lighting Solutions for Retrofitting Buildings (Task 50)
- △ Solar Heat Integration in Industrial Processes (Task 49)
- △ Quality Assurance and Support Measures for Solar Cooling Systems (Task 48)
- △ Solar Renovation of Non-Residential Buildings (Task 47)
- △ Solar Resource Assessment and Forecasting (Task 46)
- △ Large Scale Solar Heating and Cooling Systems (Task 45)
- △ Solar and Heat Pump Systems (Task 44)
- △ Solar Rating and Certification Procedures (Task 43)
- △ Compact Thermal Energy Storage (Task 42)
- △ Net Zero Energy Solar Buildings (Task 40)
- △ Polymeric Materials for Solar Thermal Applications (Task 39)

In addition to the project work, a number of special activities – Memorandum of Understanding with solar thermal trade organizations, statistics collection and analysis, conferences and workshops – have been undertaken. An annual international conference on solar heating and cooling for buildings and industry was launched in 2012 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> conference was held September 2013 in Freiburg, Germany.

### **Country Members**

Australia	Germany	Portugal
Austria	Finland	Singapore
Belgium	France	South Africa
China	Italy	Spain
Canada	Mexico	Sweden
Denmark	Netherlands	Switzerland
European Commission	Norway	United States

### **Sponsor Members**

ECREEE  
European Copper Institute

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# Chairman's Report

**Werner Weiss**  
AEE INTEC, Austria



2013 continued to prove that the SHC Programme has much to give to the solar thermal community and that solar thermal has much to give to the world. We are working hard to share the work being done in our 14 current Tasks and the impact solar thermal is having on homes, businesses and industries. More than 300 experts from over 20 countries are working in these Tasks to develop solar thermal components and systems or to integrate solar thermal technologies in buildings, urban infrastructure or into industrial processes.

Even if the solar thermal market is challenging in some OECD countries there is growing interest in this technology and in our Implementing Agreement from all over the globe. This is shown by the fact that we welcomed a new member in 2013 and several new countries and sponsors are in the process of becoming members in 2014 and the following activities.

Our report, [Solar Heat Worldwide](#), has become the most relevant source for the annual assessment of solar thermal in the important markets worldwide. The report is a leading data source due its global perspective and national data sources. The installed capacity of the 56 documented countries in 2013 represents 95% of the solar thermal market worldwide.

Our international conference series provides an opportunity for experts to gather and discuss the trending topics and learn about the work others are doing in the field. The 2<sup>nd</sup> SHC conference – [SHC 2013: International Conference on Solar Heating and Cooling for Buildings and Industry](#) was held September 23-25 in Freiburg, Germany and welcomed some 400 participants from 37 countries. The conference program included 100 presentations, including 10 keynote lectures, and 140 scientific posters.

Our prestigious [SHC Solar Award](#) recognizes individuals, companies and institutions that have made significant contributions to the growth of solar thermal. The 2013 SHC Solar Award was presented to The Drake Landing Company of Canada, comprised of four organizations – United Communities (developer), Sterling Homes (builder), ATCO Gas (utility), and the Town of Okotoks (municipality). Bruce Littke from ATCO Gas and Keith Paget from Sterling Homes received the award on the company's behalf at SHC 2013.

Our [SHC book series](#) being published by Wiley-VCH shares what has been learned through our work with a broad audience. The first book in the series is the first book published devoted to polymers for solar thermal applications. Other books to be published in 2014 will be on Net Zero energy Solar Buildings and Solar and Heat Pump Systems.

Each of these activities serve as a means to inform policy and decision makers about the possibilities of solar thermal as well as the achievements of our Programme.

Please take a moment to learn more about these activities and our work. Our website, <http://www.iea-shc.org> is a good starting point.





Also, come learn and share in Beijing, China at [SHC 2014: \*International Conference on Solar Heating and Cooling for Buildings and Industry\*](http://www.shc2014.org) on October 13-15. The Executive Committee is happy to organize this conference in cooperation with the China Academy of Building Research, and support from the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China. Conference details can be found at <http://www.shc2014.org>.

My chairmanship will come to an end in May 2014, and after four years of successful cooperation with an excellent team I want to thank the Vice Chairmen, He Tao and Ken Guthrie, all members of the Executive Committee, the Operating Agents of the Tasks as well as all the experts working in our projects, the Secretariat, Pamela Murphy, the Webmaster, Randy Martin, and our former Communications Manager, Uwe Trenkner. This excellent team has once again ensured a top-notch year for the SHC Programme.

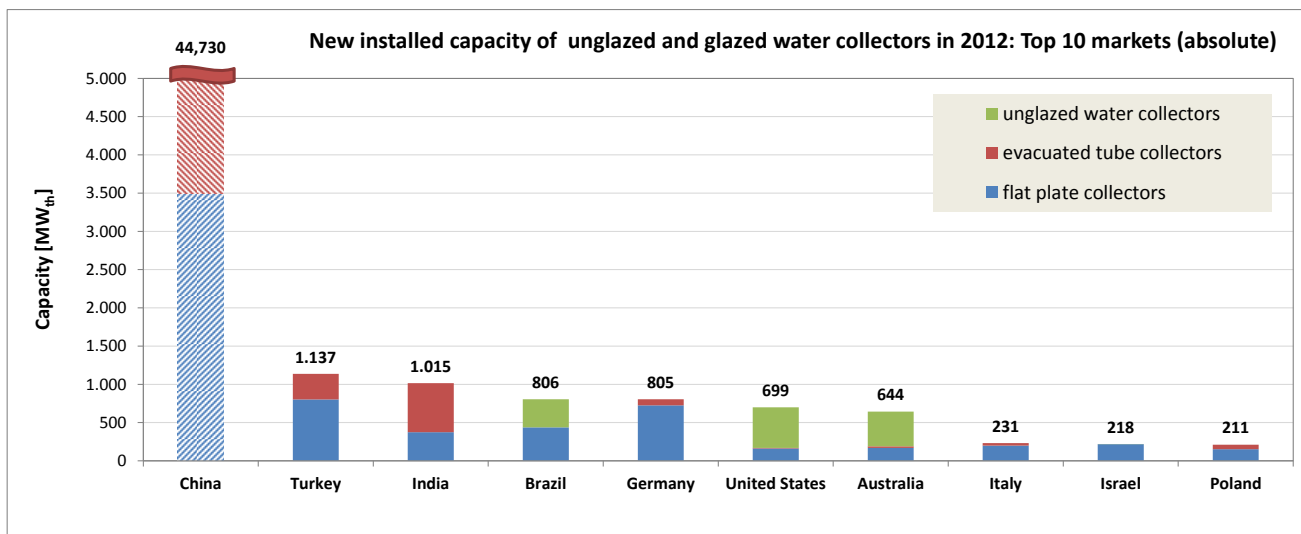
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*Werner Weiss,  
SHC Executive Committee Chairman*

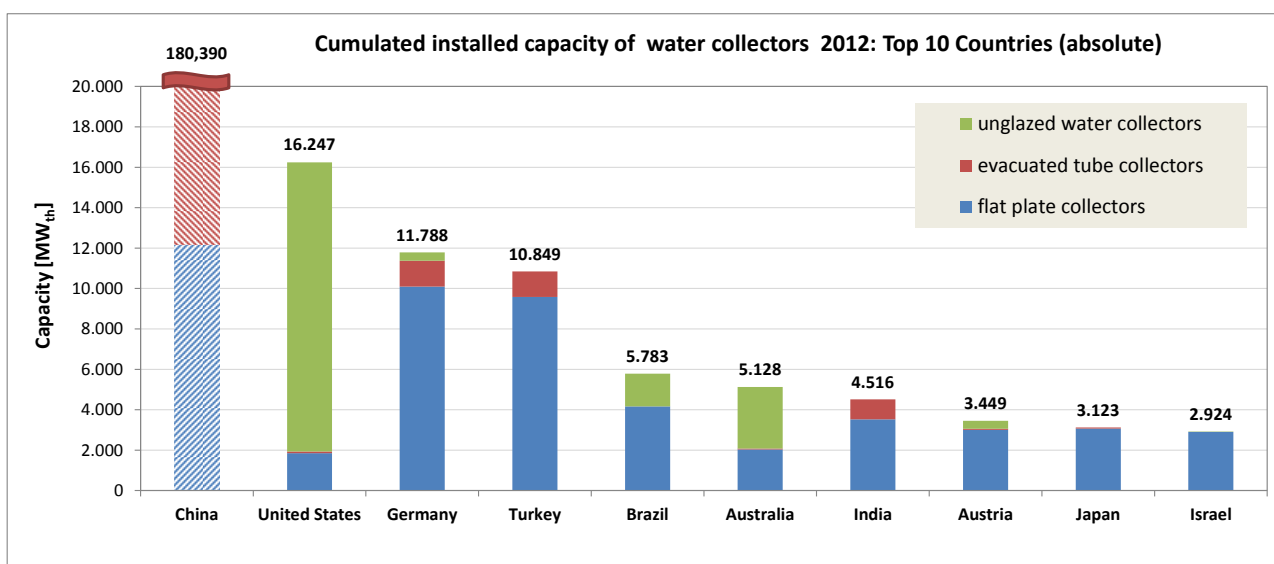
## 2013 RECAP

### Solar Thermal Outlook

The SHC Programme publishes the only annual global statistics report, *Solar Heat Worldwide: Markets and Contribution to the Energy Supply*. The 2014 edition reports that in 2012, solar thermal technologies produced 227.8 TWh – which corresponds to an energy savings equivalent of 24.5 million tons of oil and 79.1 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>. The number of new installations grew by 9.4% compared to 2011 with China as a main market driver followed by Turkey, India and Brazil. In terms of the cumulated area installed, China is the absolute leader followed by the United States, Germany and Turkey.



Top 10 countries: New installations of flat-plate and evacuated tube collectors in 2012.



Top 10 countries: Cumulated water collector installations in 2012.

### Key findings for 2012 data:

- Cumulated capacity in operation in 2012 was 269.3 GW<sub>th</sub> (384.7 million m<sup>2</sup>):
  - 64.6% evacuated tube collectors
  - 26.4% glazed flat plate collectors
  - 8.4% unglazed water collectors
  - 0.6% unglazed air collectors
- China and Europe accounted for 92% of the world's new installations.
- Market penetration of newly installed unglazed and glazed water collectors (installed capacity per 1,000 inhabitants) leading countries:
  - China: 33 kW<sub>th</sub>; Australia: 29 kW<sub>th</sub>; Israel: 29 kW<sub>th</sub>; Austria: 18 kW<sub>th</sub>;  
Greece: 16 kW<sub>th</sub>; Denmark: 14 kW<sub>th</sub>, Turkey 14 kW<sub>th</sub>, Switzerland: 14 kW<sub>th</sub>,  
Cyprus: 14 kW<sub>th</sub>
- The estimated total capacity in operation by the end of **2013** is 330 GW<sub>th</sub> or 471 million square meters of collector area. This corresponds to an annual collector yield of 281 TWh.

## SHC ACTIVITIES

### New Member

The European Copper Institute (ECI) joined the SHC IA as our second Sponsor member. The partnership with ECI opens the door for collaboration with an organization that is critical for the growth of solar thermal technology.

### Tasks

The SHC Programme continues to push forward on cutting edge topics in solar thermal as well as in the field of solar buildings, architecture and lighting, all of which support our strategic focus on market deployment and R&D. In 2013, the Executive Committee approved:

Work started in 2013:

- **Task 50: Advanced Lighting Solutions for Retrofitting Buildings**

*(Lead Country: Germany)*

This Task is working to accelerate retrofitting of daylighting and electric lighting solutions in the non-domestic sector using cost effective, best practice – approaches, which can be used on a wide range of typical existing buildings. The work will build upon the results of SHC Tasks 21, 31, 46 and 47 as well as work in the ECBCS Programme.

- **Task 51: Solar Energy in Urban Planning**

*(Lead Country: Sweden)*

This Task will support urban planners, authorities and architects to achieve urban areas, and eventually whole cities, with architecturally integrated solar energy solutions (active and passive). This will include developing processes, methods, and tools capable of assisting cities in developing a long-term urban energy strategy.

Work started in 2014:

- **Task 52: Solar Energy and Energy Economics in Urban Environments**

*(Lead Country: Germany)*

This Task is focusing on the analysis of the future role of solar thermal in energy supply systems in urban environments. Based on an energy economic analysis –

reflecting future changes in the whole energy system – strategies and technical solutions as well as associated tools will be developed. Good examples of integration of solar thermal systems in urban energy systems will be developed and documented.

- **Task 53: New Generation Solar Cooling and Heating Systems**  
(Lead Country: France)

This Task is working to support the strong and sustainable market development of solar PV or new innovative thermal cooling systems. It is focusing on solar driven systems for both cooling (ambient and food conservation) and heating (ambient and domestic hot water).

## **SHC Conference**

SHC 2013, our 2<sup>nd</sup> *International Conference on Solar Heating and Cooling for Buildings and Industry* was held in Freiburg, Germany in September.

We were happy to welcome about double the number of participants at our second conference. Around 400 participants from 37 countries listened to 100 presentations, including 10 keynote lectures and meet with over 140 experts during the scientific posters session.

I wish to thank all the Authors for their high quality contributions. Also, many thanks to the Scientific Committee members who reviewed all the abstract submissions.

SHC 2014 will take us once again to another continent – this time Asia. On October 13-15 experts and non-experts will gather together in Beijing, China to share and learn about current solar thermal research, new technology developments and market trends. The SHC Programme and the China Academy of Building Research are jointly organizing this conference.

## **SHC Solar Award**

The 8th SHC Solar Award was given to The Drake Landing Company of Canada, comprised of four organizations – United Communities (developer), Sterling Homes (builder), ATCO Gas (utility), and the Town of Okotoks (municipality). The company was formed to oversee ownership and operation of the Drake Landing Solar Community, which uses solar thermal collectors and borehole heat storage to provide over 90% of space heating of 52 homes with solar thermal energy and recently set a new world record of 98% solar heating performance in its sixth year of operation. Bruce Littke from ATCO Gas and Keith Paget from Sterling Homes received the award on the company's behalf at SHC 2013 in Freiburg, Germany.

The SHC Solar Award is given to an individual, company, or private/public institution that has shown outstanding leadership or achievements in the field of solar heating and cooling, and that supports the work of the IEA Solar Heating and Cooling Programme.

The 2014 SHC Solar Award will be presented at SHC 2014 in Beijing, China.

## **Collaboration With Other IEA Programmes & International Organizations**

To support our work, the SHC Programme is collaborating with other IEA Programmes and solar organizations.

### **Within the IEA**

***IEA Energy Conservation in Buildings and Community Systems Programme*** is

collaborating in *SHC Task 40: Net Zero Energy Solar Buildings*. In addition, another joint meeting of the Executive Committees was held June 2013 in Italy.

**IEA Energy Conservation through Energy Storage Programme** is collaborating in *SHC Task 42: Compact Thermal Energy Storage*. This is the first fully joint Task with Operating Agents from each Programme.

**IEA Heat Pump Programme** is collaborating in *SHC Task 44: Systems Using Solar Thermal Energy in Combination with Heat Pumps*.

**IEA Photovoltaic Power Systems Programme** is collaborating in *SHC Task 46: Solar Resource Assessment and Forecasting*.

**IEA SolarPACES Programme** is collaborating in *SHC Task 46: Solar Resource Assessment and Forecasting* and *SHC Task 49: Solar Heat Integration in Industrial Processes*.

**IEA Buildings Coordination Group** is represented by the SHC Chairman who attends the semiannual meetings.

#### **Outside the IEA**

**Solar Industry Associations** in Australia, Europe and North America are collaborating with the SHC Programme to increase national and international government agencies and policymakers awareness of solar thermal's potential and to encourage industry to use solar thermal R&D results in new products and services.

To support this collaboration, the 8<sup>th</sup> *SHC/Trade Association* meeting was held in conjunction with SHC 2013 in Freiburg, Germany. The 9<sup>th</sup> meeting is planned for October 2014 in conjunction with the SHC 2014 conference in Beijing, China.

**ETP RHC (European Technology Platform on Renewable Heating and Cooling)**, the SHC Programme, represented by Mr. Werner Weiss, Dr. Wim van Helden and Dr. Daniel Mugnier, continues to serve on the ESTTP Steering Committee and on the Platform's board to support the Platform's objectives.

**European Solar Thermal Industry Federation**, the SHC Programme has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ESTIF to jointly organize the SHC 2013 conference with the option to collaborate on future SHC conferences.

### **Executive Committee Meetings**

#### **2013 Meetings**

The Executive Committee held two meetings:

- June 12-15 in Rome, Italy
- October 30 – November 1 in Singapore

#### **2014 Meetings**

The Executive Committee will hold two meetings:

- May 16-18 in Calgary, Canada
- October 16-17 in Beijing, China

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# Membership

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## CONTRACTING PARTIES

Australia	Italy
Austria	Mexico
Belgium	Netherlands
Canada	Norway
China	Portugal
Denmark	Singapore
European Commission	South Africa
Finland	Spain
France	Sweden
Germany	Switzerland
	United States

## SPONSORS

ECREEE (ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency)  
ECI (European Copper Institute)

Participation in the Programme remains strong with 20 Member countries, the European Commission, and the Programme's first two Sponsors, ECREEE and ECI, actively involved in the Programme's management and the work of the Tasks.

Communication continued with countries invited to join the Programme – Brazil, Chile, India, Japan, Luxembourg, RCREEE, SEIA, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Qatar (GORD), and the United Kingdom.

## Why Join The SHC Programme?

The SHC Programme is unique in that it provides an international platform for collaborative R&D work in solar thermal. The benefits for a country to participate in this Programme are numerous.

- Accelerates the pace of technology development through the cross fertilization of ideas and exchange of approaches and technologies.
- Promotes standardization of terminology, methodology and codes & standards.
- Enhances national R&D programs thorough collaborative work.
- Permits national specialization in technology research, development, or deployment while maintaining access to information and results from the broader project.
- Saves time and money by sharing the expenses and the work among the international team.

### Learn More

Visit our website — [www.iea-shc.org](http://www.iea-shc.org) — to stay up to date on our Tasks, to find publications, to contact Executive Committee members and Task Operating Agents.

### Become A Member

If your **country is not a SHC Member**, but your government agency or organization is interested in joining the Programme, please contact the SHC Secretariat for information ([secretariat@iea-shc.org](mailto:secretariat@iea-shc.org)).

If you represent an **international industry association or international non-profit organization** it is possible to become a Sponsor Member, please contact the SHC Secretariat for information ([secretariat@iea-shc.org](mailto:secretariat@iea-shc.org)).

### Become An Expert

If your **country is a SHC Member** then contact the Operating Agent of the Task you are interested in joining and contact the Executive Committee member from your country.

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## **Feature Article**

# Solar and Heat Pump Systems

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## COMBINING SOLAR AND HEAT PUMPS FOR BEST PERFORMANCE

It has become very popular to heat a house with a heat pump as a result of promotions by electrical utilities and consumers desire not to depend on fossil fuels, particularly where electricity is produced by fossil fuels. As customers consider such a system many are attracted by the concept of combining a heat pump solution with a solar system. The market for solar and heat pump combined systems (SHP) is booming in countries like Switzerland, Austria, Germany due to several favorable conditions, such as CO<sub>2</sub> reduction promotion programs, direct electrical heating substitution encouragement, obligation of a minimum of 30% renewable for domestic hot water production, and high electricity peak costs.

This new combination of technologies is a welcome advancement, but standards and norms are needed for its successful long-term commercialization. Such combinations are complex and need more control strategies and electronics than separate configurations, therefore, the optimization of the combination is more complex and the cost effectiveness of the combination is not obvious.

The combination of these two technologies makes sense for many reasons, including:

- A high renewable fraction can be achieved.
- Solar heat can help enhance the performance of the heat pump by raising the evaporation temperature.
- Solar heat can be stored at low temperatures (0-80° C) thus making good use of the collectors even during the cold season, cloudy days or at night. A good use of the latent heat of water changed into ice around 0° C can also be achieved.
- Solar heat storage can be used directly for the load, eventually reducing the need for peak electricity during a cold but sunny day.

There are over 130 combined solar and heat pump systems on the market, but again what is missing are standards and norms.

## FIRST STEP IN SETTING STANDARDS AND NORMS

The IEA SHC Programme and the IEA Heat Pump Programme have worked together for the past four years to assess the performance and relevance of SHP systems. The main objective of the work was to provide a common definition of performances and to contribute to the successful market penetration of these new promising combinations of renewable technologies.

The work focused on the combined systems used for domestic hot water and heating in single-family homes – small systems in the range of 5 to 20 kW that used any type of solar collector.

The work was organized into four areas:

- **Solutions and Generic Systems.** Participants collected, created and disseminated information on current and future solutions for combining solar thermal and heat pump to meet heat requirements of a single-family house. The focus was on pre-manufactured systems and systems installed and monitored for 1-2 years.
- **Performance Assessment.** Participants worked on a common definition of the figures of merits of S+HP systems and how to assess them. This work led to a pre-normative definition on how to test and report the performance of a combined S+HP system.
- **Modeling and Simulation.** Participants developed modeling tools of all generic solar and heat pump systems and reported on the sensitivity analysis of most of the systems, including being able to pinpoint important features and marginal ones in a given system

configuration. The sizing of systems and the optimizing of their controls was done using computing tools and a framework developed in the Task.

- **Dissemination and Market Support.** Participants disseminated information to a broad audience during the project so that the work could be transferred as fast as possible to the growing market. A handbook will be published by Wiley-VCH in June 2014.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF RESULTS

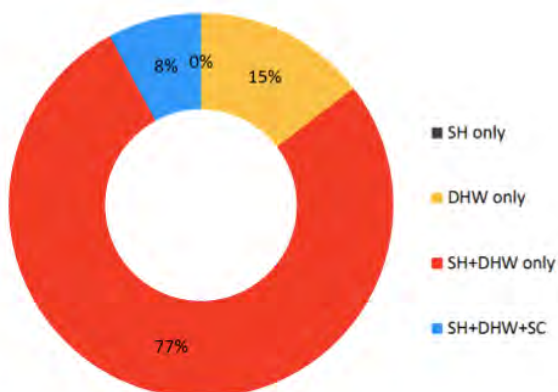
### Solutions and Generic Systems

#### **Manufacturers Survey**

A survey of more than 80 manufacturers from 11 countries provided information on the SHP systems on the market during 2010-2012. It was a surprise to see the number of marketed systems in a technical and standardization environment that had yet to be established. Performances were recorded without a clear definition or reliable benchmark and on top of that without any standard for the definition of the performance of a SHP hybrid system.

Survey results showed the need for test methods and performance factor definitions since the combination of solar heating and heat pumps is considered to be a complex system with no global or national standards.

The survey showed that the HVAC industry supports this technology. A clear market objective of the industry for single-family houses is to deliver complete pre-fabricated systems rather than components that installers need to assemble thus reducing the chance of improper installation and misconnection. The survey also showed that the SHP combination is delivering both heat and domestic hot water all year long with a high renewable fraction performance.



**Figure 1. Survey Result: SHP system classification according to the supplied building load. The combi-system represents the vast majority of SHP systems on the market. (Source: Fraunhofer ISE)**

#### **System Classification**

This area of work has brought some order and clarification to the systems by establishing the following classification:

- **Parallel system** where solar delivers heat mainly to the domestic hot water (DHW) tank and the heat pump does the heating and the back up of the DHW. There is no connection between the collectors and the evaporator of the heat pump. Often chosen with an air/water heat pump, which represents a large share of the market. This is by far the simplest system design, however, it still requires careful design particularly when the heat storage is shared between the two producers – the solar collectors and the heat pump.

- **Serial concept** where solar heat can be used by the evaporator of the heat pump enhancing the temperature of evaporation and thus the heat pump coefficient of performance (COP). Often unglazed collectors are used to avoid problems with condensation in the glazed collectors operating below the dew point of the collector atmosphere or the outdoor air.
- **Regenerative concept** for a ground source heat pump where the solar collectors can regenerate the heat into the borehole when there is excess of solar energy collected. Most of the time, the basic system is a serial system and the collectors are often unglazed collectors. The gain of the regeneration is not always decisive as shown in SHC Task 44 simulations.
- **Complex systems** where all system components can be linked together in different arrangements with 3-way valves and dedicated controller, but at the price of a more complex installation and sometimes a delicate control strategy. Those systems are found in bigger installations and where various uses (heating and cooling) at different levels of temperature need to be supplied.

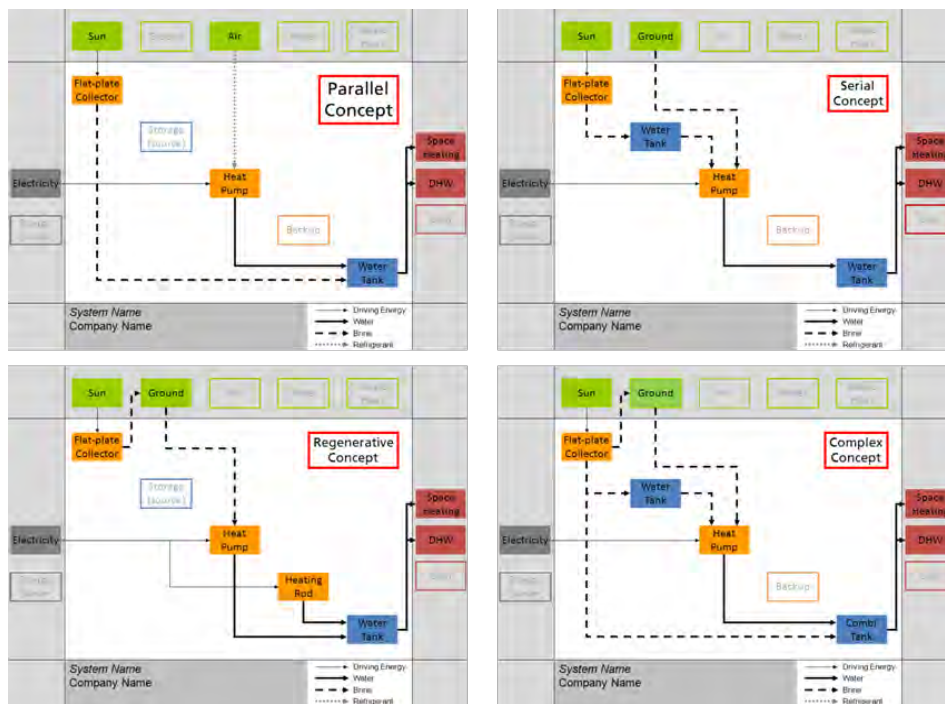


Figure 2. The four generic SHP systems, as categorized by SHC Task 44, are depicted with the “energy flow chart” designed by SHC Task 44. (Source: IEA SHC Task 44)

### Energy Flow Chart

The experts in this project established a way to represent any combination of solar and heat pump system, and more generally, any energy system in a systematic “energy flow chart” diagram. The diagram simplifies the quick understanding of a system configuration and the energy flows without losing information compared to a classical hydraulic scheme. This chart is available as a simple Excel tool from the SHC website. Figure 3 shows all the basic concepts of a SHP using such a chart.

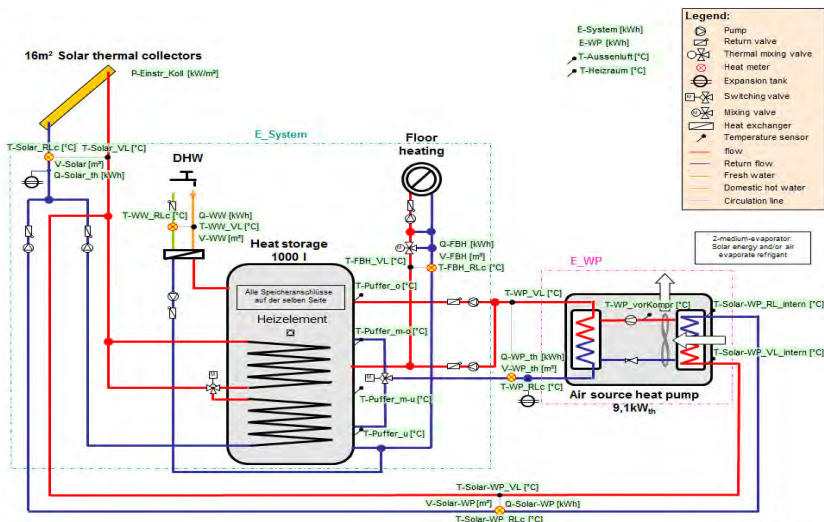


Figure 3. A typical schematic of a complex SHP system with all details. (Source: Austria)

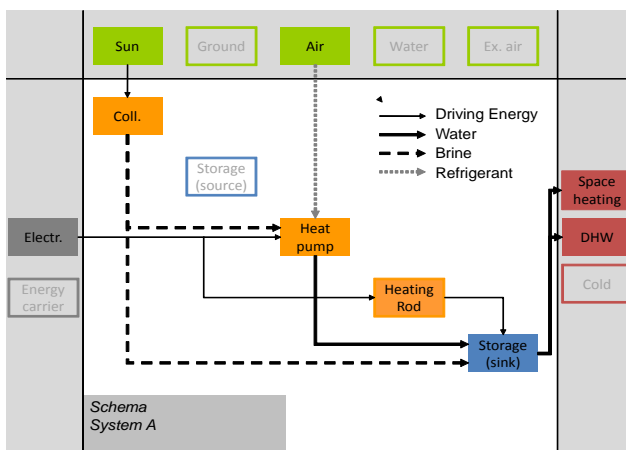


Figure 4. A parallel system described with the hydraulic scheme and with the SHC Task 44 energy flow chart. (Source: IEA SHC Task 44)

### Systems Monitored In-Situ

Participants in this SHC work provided one to two years of monitored results from 50 different systems in seven countries, covering not only the variety of systems on the market but also prototype systems. The variance of performances was found to be large – measured seasonal performance factors (SPF) ranged from as low as 1.5 to a very good 6. Reasons for the variety of results have been analyzed and are explained in the Task’s Subtask A reports as well as in the handbook that will be published in June 2014.

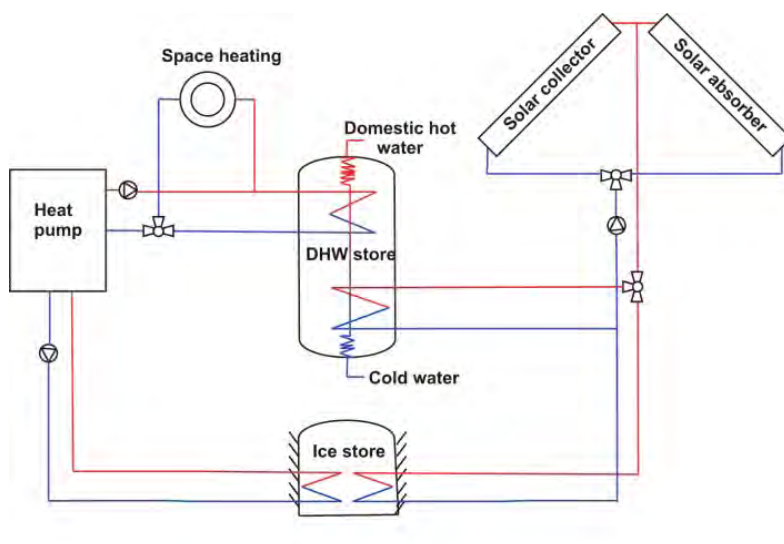
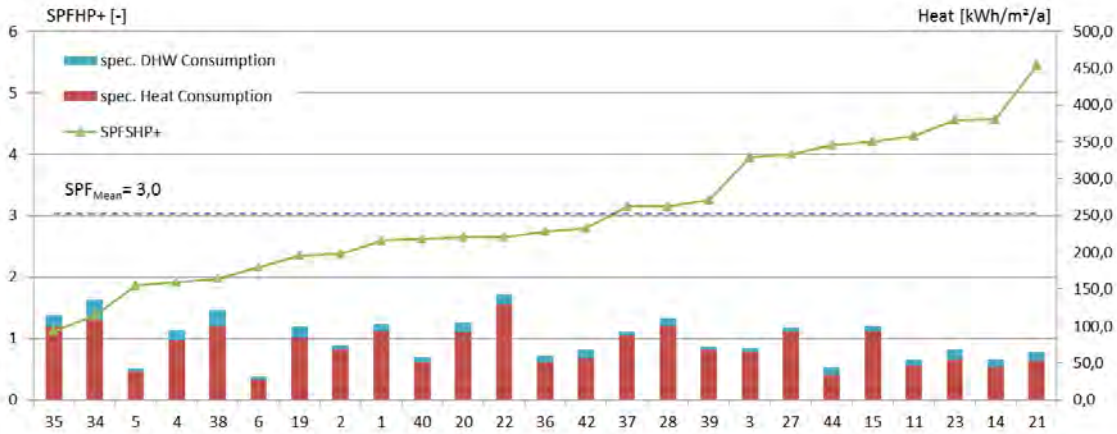


Figure 5. A SHP concept with ice storage. (Source: IEA SHC Task 44)



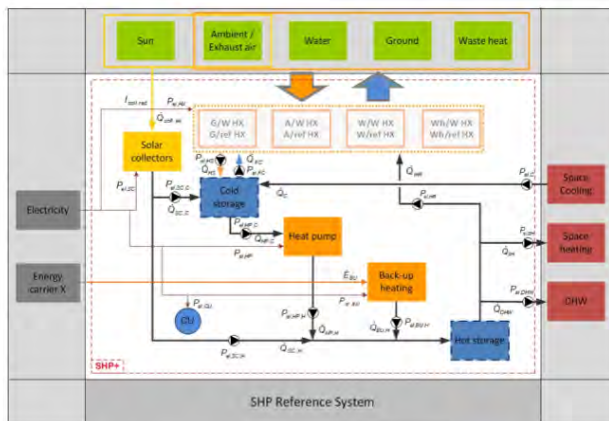
**Figure 6. Monitored results of 25 SHP systems. The SPF can range from bad systems to excellent ones. (Copyright: Fraunhofer ISE and IEA SHC Task 44)**

Although parallel systems are the most common and the simplest to operate, well-performing systems were found in all four identified categories (P/S/R/C), and good integration of all components was shown to be possible. Some best practice examples have been reported and will appear in the handbook.

## Performance Assessment

### Performance

In terms of reporting performance of a SHP installation, SHC Task 44 showed that there is a need for different performance figures for different purposes. These can be energy evaluation, environmental analysis or economic aspects. These various performance factors were derived in a Subtask B report where all equations and system boundaries are given.



**Figure 7. The definition of  $SPF_{SHP+}$  according to SHC Task 44. (Source: IEA SHC Task 44)**

$$SPF_{SHP+} = \frac{\int (\dot{Q}_{SH} + \dot{Q}_{DHW} + \dot{Q}_C) dt}{\int (\sum P_{el,SH+}) dt}$$

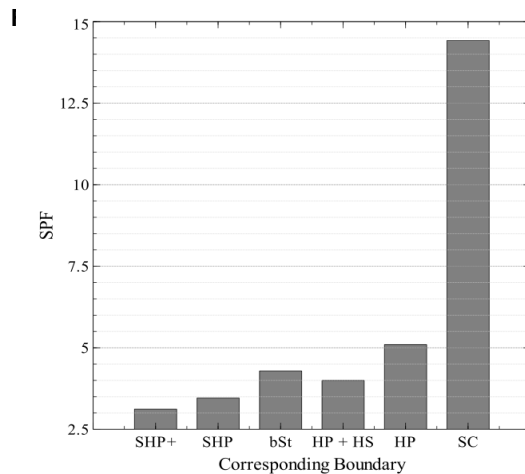
$$\sum P_{el,SH+} = P_{el,SC} + P_{el,SC,C} + P_{el,SC,H} + P_{el,HP} + P_{el,HP,C} + P_{el,HP,H} + P_{el,HS} + P_{el,BU} + P_{el,BU,H} + P_{el,SH} + P_{el,DHW} + P_{el,C} + P_{el,FC} + P_{el,HR} + P_{el,HX} + P_{el,CU}$$

There is also a necessity to take all components into account in any performance calculation. The auxiliary components such as pumps, controllers, displays, fans, valves, sensors, etc. must be accounted for since this can make the difference between a good system and an unacceptable one (that is one with too low a seasonal performance factor (SPF) when auxiliary electricity is considered). And, auxiliary electricity should be considered in all cases for a fair comparison between different heating technologies.

System boundaries have been clearly defined in order to calculate all relevant performance indicators. The method to fix the boundaries uses the energy flow diagram describing all

flows in a system and can be applied to any kind of energy system (solar cooling for instance), and not only to solar and heat pump systems.

Subtask C has derived the correct definitions for System Performance Factors (SPF) that takes the overall system into account. Engineers and manufacturers can refer to this work to specify the SPF within common boundaries, which is a necessary basis for any system comparison.



**Figure 8. SPF depends strongly on the boundary considered (for definitions of boundaries in this figure refer to SHC Task 44 Subtask B reports).**

### **Laboratory Testing**

Laboratory testing is important because SHP combinations are complex systems with dynamic interactions. Solar energy is intermittent and highly variable during a day and provides dynamical situation in a solar-based system. Testing the whole system is therefore fundamental to the process of developing SHP systems and can provide relevant information for performance, failure, default behavior, etc. in a rather short period of time. Authorities should therefore encourage lab tests.

Test sequences over 12 days with variable meteorological conditions have been used to test several types of SHP systems in several European solar laboratories. The methodology used by SHC Task 44 proved to be accurate and reliable.

There are different methods of testing SHP in laboratory over this predefined sequence of 12 days. SHC Task 44 describes the main methods that are in use in the participating laboratories. The Pros and Cons of each method are analyzed in a Task technical report.

### **Modeling and Simulation**

SHC Task 44 has shown that basic models for simulating components in solar and heat pump systems are available. Features of the most relevant models for solar collector, heat pump, heat storage, borehole have been analyzed and reported on. Recommendations for choosing an adequate model were formulated and the best ones have been integrated into the TRNSYS framework of SHC Task 44.

Simulation models of components are essential in order to be able to simulate systems. Four working groups on solar collector, ground heat exchanger, heat pump, and heat storage surveyed existing models. A new Heat Pump Model (Type 877) for TRNSYS was developed and its validation is in progress before it can be used for optimization purposes.

Modeling the frost conditions and water condensation heat exchange on solar absorbers for night operating conditions was also done. The model was tested on laboratory results and proved to be adequate. However, it was found that the heat gain from the condensation on

the surface of the solar collectors is not very important in the annual balance of heat supplied. Solar radiation and air exchange dominate.

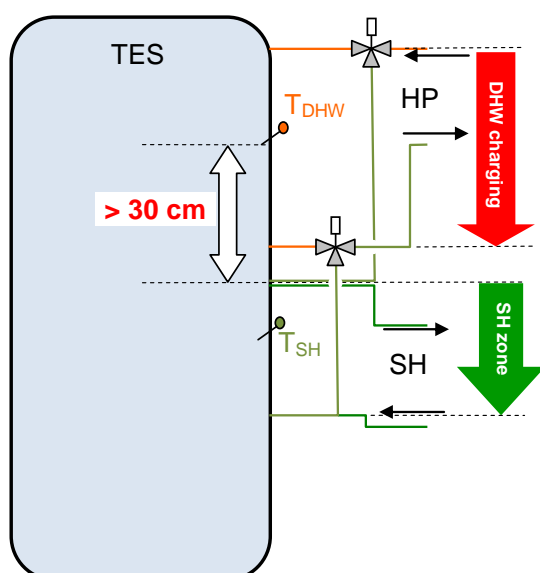
Simulations and also field monitoring have shown the great importance of the storage component in a combined system. Also, the storage stratification is very important to ensure better performance.

SHC Task 44 also showed that there is a need for monitored data for the modeling of variable-capacity or variable-speed heat pumps, and special heat pumps based on advanced concepts. Models are not currently available for these complex machines and therefore it is difficult for researchers to find optimal combinations.

There is a need for simulation models for complex hydrothermal effects in water storage tanks. Specifically for the mixing of heated water and the loss of exergy due to high velocities of incoming flow or due to a poorly designed introduction geometry. Current CFD (Computational Fluid Dynamics) 3D software can be used for design purposes, but they are massive and slow and not adapted for system optimization where computation time is critical.

SHC Task 44 has developed a range of tools to simulate all kinds of solar and heat pump combinations. National teams have used these tools and the Task framework to optimize several aspects of a solar and heat pump combination. One of these aspects concerns the heat storage that is shared by the solar collectors and the heat pump in the most common parallel arrangements. For example, recommendations derived from many simulations were formulated:

1. The position of the DHW sensor for boiler charging control must be placed at a safe distance from the space-heating zone of the storage.
2. The return from the storage to the heat in DHW mode must be placed above the space-heating zone of the storage.
3. It can be advantageous to bypass the storage when the heat pump runs in the space-heating mode.

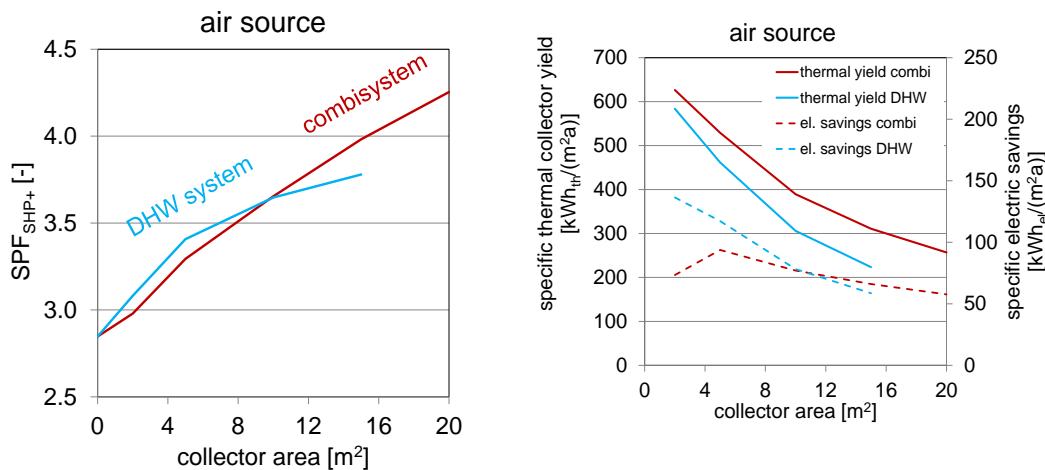


**Figure 9. The DHW charging zone in the upper part of a tank must be respected in a combistore.**  
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This Task created a framework for simulating SHP systems in different climates and for different loads. The framework is an international collaborative work and proved to be very useful for national work as well. All relevant documents for this framework are available on

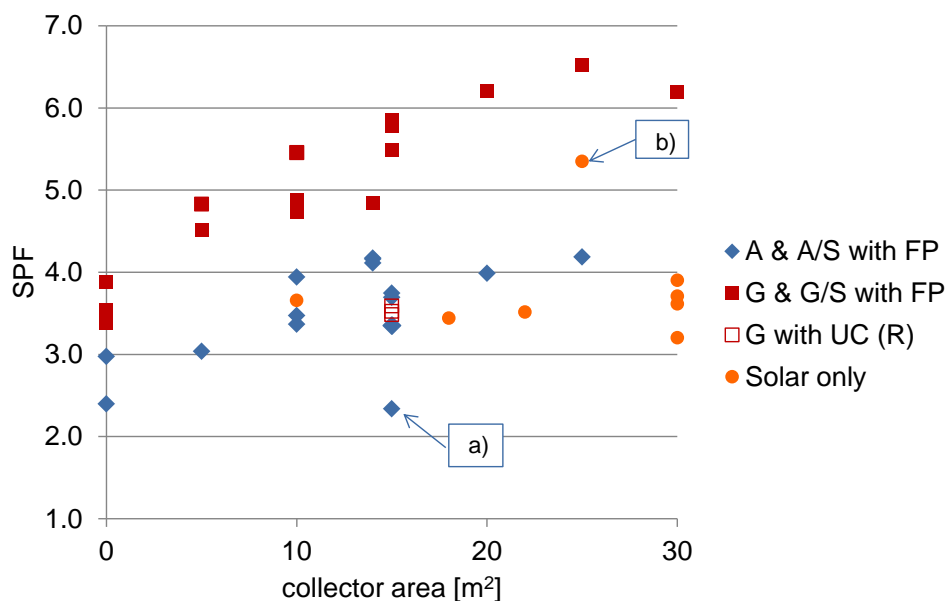
the Task website. As a result, more than 20 different system concepts using the common tools were simulated. Several simulation platforms were used and the framework was adapted to each platform.

Simulation results show that the solar benefit contribution to an SHP system can be substantial when optimal arrangement and a good control strategy are considered. Figure 10 shows the increase of SPF by installing collectors in a parallel system with an air/water heat pump. Installing 8 m<sup>2</sup> of collectors on a single-family home can bring the SPF<sub>SHP+</sub> to 3.5 from the typical 2.8 for a non-solar air heat pump. Combi-systems (having a single storage for DHW and heating) can also benefit from adding solar collectors to the system. The SPF can reach 4.0 with 15 m<sup>2</sup> of collectors from the 2.8 reference case.



**Figure 10. What does solar heating add to the whole? Performance of air-source solar and heat pump systems, where solar heating is used for DHW only (DHW) or for a combined system with combined storage (combi). (Simulations of SPF in reference conditions.) For more results refer to the soon to be published handbook.**

As part of a great common effort, several Task teams conducted simulations of different system configurations with the same boundary conditions and in the same climate. Figure 11 shows the overall results in terms of SPF achieved by each system concept in the same conditions.



**Figure 11. Simulation results for Strasbourg SFH45: SPF vs collector area for different system concepts. Outliers are a) inappropriate hydraulics and control, b) large ice-storage and collector field.**



## **CONCLUSION**

SHC Task 44 has delivered much needed information on the assessment, the design, and the performance of combined solar and heat pump systems. Tools are now available to simulate any type of system combination, as well as performance indicators that should be calculated for fair comparisons between systems. This work has demonstrated that these systems can reach high SPF values if designed and commissioned carefully.

Solar heating can be a good heat source for heat pumps as an alternative or a complement to air and ground sources.

For more information and to access these new tools go to the SHC website <http://task44.iea-shc.org/>.

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## **Task 39**

# Polymeric Materials for Solar Thermal Applications

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## TASK DESCRIPTION

The objective of Task 39 is to assess the cost-reduction potential using polymers in solar thermal applications, as well as to study the applicability of these materials in novel, polymer based designs. A further objective is to promote increased confidence in these products by developing and applying appropriate methods for the assessment of durability and reliability. These goals will be achieved by either less expensive materials or less expensive manufacturing processes, and specially developed testing routines for collectors and materials.

The Task's work is divided into three subtasks:

- Subtask A: Information (Norway)
- Subtask B: Collectors (Germany)
- Subtask C: Materials (Austria)

### Subtask A: Information

The objective of Subtask A is to collect, create and disseminate information about the application of polymeric materials in solar thermal systems and their figures or merits, especially in terms of cost/performance ratios for an acceptable lifetime, in order to increase the market penetration of good applications.

#### Activities

- Update the state-of-the-art overview of existing applications of polymeric materials in solar thermal systems and other relevant industry sectors.
- Assess the performance of two case studies, where a total cost accounting approach is adopted. The aim is to assess the suitability of polymeric materials in solar thermal applications.
- Investigate standards, regulations and guidelines with regard to the applications of polymeric materials in solar thermal systems and building integration.
- Expand the database to include showcases of (mostly) polymeric solar collectors and their successful integration in architecturally appealing buildings.
- Disseminate information on Task 39 work and publish results to a wide audience.



Database showcasing buildings using solar collectors that have successfully integrated polymeric materials.

## **Subtask B: Collectors**

### **Objectives**

Based on the results of the first phase of this subtask, the objectives for the extension phase focuses on the development of:

- New collectors, made completely or partly with polymeric materials, with a profitable cost of ownership.
- Innovative concepts based on polymeric materials (integrated collector storage, thermo-syphon systems) or adapted to specific requirements of polymeric collectors (overheating protection, pressure, etc.), and
- Other components of a solar thermal system (piping, fitting, storage, drain back vessel, etc.) that could benefit from polymeric materials or processes.

### **Activities**

- Based on the updated state-of-the-art of Subtask A, studies on the development of new collectors, systems and components will be produced to show the feasibility, performance, durability and cost savings.

## **Subtask C: Materials**

As shown in Phase I of Task 39, polymer engineering and science posses great potential for new products in solar thermal systems, which simultaneously fulfills technological and environmental objectives as well as social needs. The major achievements within Phase I of Task 39 focused on the significant improvement of the long-term stability of an extruded polymer collector as well as the realization of a polypropylene based modular storage tank. In addition, a variety of novel polymeric material grades and components for solar-thermal systems (e.g., spectrally selective coatings with improved performance and commercial availability, an injection-molded installation board, extruded spacers for the fixing of an absorber in the collector frame, thermoformed casings for collectors based on polycarbonate blends, polymeric foams with enhanced service temperature) were realized.

The final product performance, its functionality, durability and costs not only depend on the type of the polymeric material used, but also on many other factors related to product design, processing and production. As evidenced in Phase I of Task 39, the different components of a solar thermal system have to fulfill a complex material property profile, which can only be provided by multi-functional polymer compounds. The classical differentiation between structural (load-carrying) and functional polymeric materials is therefore not suitable in context with the application of plastics in solar thermal systems.

### **Objectives**

- Further develop and investigate multi-functional polymeric materials for various components in solar thermal systems considering different plant types and climate zones.
- Evaluate polymer processing methods for the production of specimen and components with special emphasis on all levels up to the sub-component level (e.g., multi-layer films and sheets). (Complete components will be developed in Subtask B.)
- Develop testing and characterization methods and modeling tools for the application-oriented assessment of the performance and durability.

### **Activities**

- Formulate multi-functional polymeric materials for various components of solar thermal systems (e.g. absorber, insulation and frame of a collector, storage tank components). The considered polymeric material classes will include thermoplastics (i.e., melt processable materials), elastomers (i.e., chemically cross-linked soft materials) and

- thermosets (i.e., chemically cross-linked stiff materials).
- Compound polymeric materials considering a variety of functional fillers and additives allowing for improved process ability and enhanced performance.
- Produce specimen and sub-components by applying various mass production processing technologies (e.g., injection molding, compression molding, extrusion, coating technologies, lamination and joining technologies).
- Establish a toolbox for the quality testing of polymeric materials for specific applications in solar thermal systems considering the various material states along the value creation chain.
- Implement and apply analytical and technical methods for the characterization of properties, long-term behavior and relevant aging and degradation phenomena.
- Establish micro-structure/property/processing/performance relationships.

### **Duration**

The SHC Executive Committee approved a 4-year Task extension. The Task started on October 1, 2006 and will end on September 30, 2014.

### **Participating Countries**

Austria, Belgium, Canada (without public funding), Germany, Netherlands (without public funding), Norway, Portugal (now with public funding), Sweden, Slovenia (without public funding) United States (without public funding), Brazil (without public funding)

### **WORK DURING 2013**

#### **Subtask A: Information**

The dissemination of information and results from Task 39 is an important part of Subtask A, and includes improved dialogue with new partners from industry and research, for example, through open workshops and excursions during the Task meetings.

The following list includes major activities during 2013:

- A second life-cycle assessment study with total cost accounting approach was initiated by Prof. Bo Carlsson, Linnæus University, Kalmar. The study will compare polymeric thermosiphon systems with thermosiphon systems of conventional materials. Aventa, Fraunhofer ISE and AEE-INTEC joined this project.
- A major dissemination activity during 2013 was the planning and realisation of the Task 39 Exhibition at the SHC 2013 Conference from September 23-25, 2013 in Freiburg, Germany by the title, *On the Road to a New Generation of Solar Thermal Energy Systems*. The exhibition was initiated by Subtask B, organized and arranged by Fraunhofer ISE and ITW-Stuttgart. The industry partners supported the event financially and with exhibition pieces (see "Dissemination Activities in 2013").
- A plan for the final dissemination of Task 39 outcomes was made at the 16<sup>th</sup> Task 39 experts meeting in Blumau, Austria in October 2013. The idea is to publish so-called info-sheets (condensed information leaflets, obligatory) and extended reports (optional) on key topics of each subtask. Both info-sheets and reports will be available online and downloadable as open access files via the Task 39 homepage.
- Seven new projects were added to the database of successfully integrated solar thermal systems and architecturally appealing buildings:  
<http://projects.iea-shc.org/task39/projects/default.aspx>
- Two Newsletters were completed in 2013, summarizing the activities of each Task expert:

- Task 39 Newsletter No. 12, May 2013  
<http://task39.iea-shc.org/Data/Sites/12/documents/newsletters/2013-03/index.html>
- Task 39 Newsletter No. 13, November 2013  
<http://task39.iea-shc.org/Data/Sites/12/documents/newsletters/2013-11/index.html>

## **Subtask B: Collectors**

### ***Task 39 Workshop during 15<sup>th</sup> IEA SHC Task 39 on Mallorca, March 23-25, 2013***

During the 15<sup>th</sup> experts meeting on Mallorca, a Subtask B workshop on polymeric solar thermal systems was held. The aim of the workshop was to define solar thermal systems that could be made with existing polymeric components to demonstrate that there are a range of polymeric products that carry a high potential for a combination in most efficient solar thermal systems.

Within this workshop four groups were formed to discuss and define the following system configurations and the dissemination of the results, respectively:

1. Standard domestic hot water system, collector area approximately 5 m<sup>2</sup>, store volume approximately 300 l
2. "Cheap" thermosiphon system for sunny regions
3. Scalable system (.i.e., 'scalable' with respect to collector area and storage volume)
4. Dissemination

Altogether 26 experts gathered in these four groups to discuss system concepts, select components and to think about suitable dissemination measures. At the end, each group presented their ideas about different system configurations and also concrete proposals for their realization. The workshop ended with a final discussion on the challenges encountered when considering different components from diverse manufacturers and other issues that need to be taken into account in the further course of the work.

### ***Subtask B Questionnaire***

A detailed and extensive questionnaire was prepared and sent to the participants to evaluate the ongoing product developments related to polymeric solar thermal collectors and components developed in the framework of Task 39.

### ***Task 39 Exhibition***

Following the workshop held in Mallorca sponsors and exhibitors were found to support the Task 39 exhibition, which took place parallel to the SHC 2013 Conference on 23-25 September in Freiburg, Germany. During the exhibition, several existing polymeric solar thermal collectors and components as well as prototypes developed within the framework of Task 39 were shown.

### ***Austrian Dissemination Workshop, Kunststoffe – die Wachstumsoption für die Solarthermie, Linz, November 2013***

Several developments in the field of polymeric solar thermal collectors and components and major achievement were presented to the public. The following presentations were given with respect to Subtask B.

- Task 39 – Polymermaterialien für solarthermische Anwendungen Dr. Stephan Fischer, ITW/Universität Stuttgart

- Stand der Technik zu Kunststoffkollektoren Dr. Michaela Meir, Universität Oslo
- Kunststoffkollektoren mit integriertem Überhitzungsschutz Prof. Wolfgang Streicher, UIBK-EEB, Innsbruck
- Der Eine-Welt-Solarkollektor Ing. Robert Buchinger, SUNLUMO, Perg, AT
- Leistungsanforderungen an Polymermaterialien für unterschiedliche Systemtypen Dipl.-Ing. (FH) Alexander Kaiser, AEE INTEC, Gleisdorf
- Kunststoffabsorber aus technischen Kunststoffen Ing. Willibald Koller, Greiner, Kremsmünster
- Polyolefine für solarthermische Absorber Dipl.-Ing. Markus Povacz, JKU-IPMT, Linz
- Speicherkollektor mit spritzgegossenem Absorber Dipl.-Ing. Karl Schnetzinger, APC Advanced Polymer Compounds, Gai.

## **Subtask C: Materials**

### ***Polymeric Materials***

Regarding the participation of industry partners, BOREALIS reconfirmed their interest in the topic. Representatives of BOREALIS, which is a major supplier of polyolefin materials, attended the 16th Experts Meetings and gave an overview on novel polyolefin materials for solar absorbers. BOREALIS is partner of the Austrian SolPol-consortium and is also collaborating with AVENTA and MAGEN.

### ***Solar Absorber Compounds***

Polypropylene has high potential for solar absorbers in overheating protected collectors. Currently, some PP-grades with appropriate stabilization and pigmentation are commercially available and used for swimming pool absorbers or pressurized pipe applications. In the research project *SolPol-2* the aging behavior of two commercially available, black-pigmented PP-Block-Copolymer grades is investigated considering service relevant conditions (hot air or hot heat carrier fluid at 95, 115 and 135°C). For the investigated materials a remarkable aging behavior was obtained at aging temperatures of 95 and 115°C. At 95°C now premature failure occurs for aging times up to 16000 hours (i.e., 2 years). At 135°C, the investigated materials exhibited significant differences in their aging behavior (factor of 2 in time to embrittlement). In general, a more pronounced degradation was ascertained after exposure in hot air. The better long-term behavior in hot heat carrier fluid was attributed to the corrosion inhibitors (i.e. triazoles) in water+glycol mixtures, which have a positive effect on the thermooxidation.

In the EU FP7 project SCOOP special emphasis is placed on injection molded absorbers for integrated storage collectors. Based on conceptual designs, application-relevant loading conditions and FEM modeling property requirements have been established for the polymeric materials to be used for the absorber. Due to relatively high mechanical loads and an operating temperature range up to 100°C fiber-reinforced engineering plastics have been pre-selected, compounded and characterized considering different material states. The investigated polyamide grades exhibit a high solar absorbance (> 95°C), glass transition temperatures varying from 0 to 100°C and temperature and humidity dependent mechanical properties. The material structure is significantly affected by the processing conditions. The average length of the short-glass fibers ranges from 150 to 250µm. Current research work is dealing with injection molding, joining and testing of model components and collectors.

### ***Thermotropic Materials***

For thermotropic materials with fixed domains (TSFD) a comprehensive understanding for the correlations between material formulation parameters and the switching performance was established within the PhD thesis by A. Weber (at PCCL and MU Leoben). Although a

theoretical switching potential of thermotropic materials from about 90% to 50% in hemispheric transmittance was ascertained, model materials revealed a slightly poorer performance with maximum (in the clear state) and minimum (in the switched state) transmittance values of 80% and 50%. The differences were attributed to reasons such as void formation, imperfect dispersed domain size distribution, and significant time dependency of phase formation. The achieved overheating protection performance of TSFD was inappropriate in order to protect a solar thermal collector from overheating.

### ***Spectrally Selective***

In 2013, a new generation of spectrally selective coatings was developed by NIC (Slovenia). Focus was placed on the further improvement of thickness insensitive spectral selective coatings, which are applicable to polymeric absorbers by spraying. The best non-black (i.e., blue) TISS paint coatings, which were prepared exhibited solar absorbance of about 0.92 and thermal emittance of 0.38. A major breakthrough was achieved due to the use of special dispersant (alkylalkoxysilanes), adequate aluminium flake pigments and black manganese spinel pigments, which were combined with pigments of other than black colours. The key component for the new generation of the colored TISS coatings was perfluoropolymer based resin binder, which was combined with organic flake-like blue pigment, stable up to 170°C. The mixture of the black and blue pigments finely dispersed within the paint provided a complete coverage of the aluminium flakes and solar absorbance values higher than 0.90. Furthermore, the novel coatings exhibited distinguished water repellent properties and excellent UV light stability (30 years) attributed to the inherent hydrophobicity of the perfluoropolymeric resin binder. Other colours (brick red, green), are available on request.

### ***Liner Materials***

In 2013, an update on the aging behaviour of liner materials for seasonal heat storage tanks was provided. A major breakthrough was achieved – the company partner AGRU introduced the first High Temperature Resistant (HTR HDPE) geomembrane in the marketplace. Cupasol selected the HTR geomembrane from AGRU for the internal lining of the heat storage tank. A geomembrane with a thickness of 2.5 mm was used and successfully installed. The High Temperature Resistant geomembranes are welded and installed like traditional geomembranes and they provide the same level of performance properties. Specially approved and selected resins are used for producing HTR geomembranes. A special molecular structure combined with a high quality stabilisation leads to outstanding long-term performance at elevated temperatures. The compound used was tested according to ISO 9080 and complies with DIN 16833 (PE-RT). Thus, an excellent long-term strength and good temperature resistance were confirmed.

### ***Bioplastics***

Bioplastics (that is polymers based on renewable resources and/or biodegradable polymers) are expected to have a high potential in the solar industry. At PCCL and MU Leoben the project “Bio4Sun – Bioplastics for Solar Applications” was initiated focusing on a feasibility study of biogenic polymers for the use in components for solar thermal systems. Based on material requirements and specifications an extensive literature and market survey was carried out. In total around 40 potential bioplastic candidate materials for solar applications were identified, extruded to films with a thickness of about 400µm and characterized as to application relevant thermal, thermo-mechanical, mechanical and optical properties. The generated polymer physical property profiles indicate that bioplastics in general possess a high potential for application in solar thermal devices. For example Cellulose polymers, PLA and Bio-PA turned out to exhibit excellent optical properties, which make them interesting as glazing materials or as materials for air collectors, and Bio-PE, PTT, and PHB may be appropriate materials for swimming pool collectors, for piping or framings. Current focus is on investigating ageing characteristics and long-term stability.



### **Methods for Aging Characterization**

In the reporting period, a case study on the applicability of luminescence spectroscopy for the determination of aging indicators was carried out by JKU (Linz) and HU Berlin. Therefore, two commercial polyethylene grades were oven aged at 95°C and 115°C for more than 1,000 hours. Aging characterization was performed by laser-induced luminescence spectroscopy, laser confocal microscopy, infrared spectroscopy, high performance liquid chromatography, differential scanning calorimetry and tensile testing. Luminescence emission increased significantly upon oven aging, especially at 115°C. Decreasing oxidation onset temperatures and stabilizer concentrations state oxidation induced changes in the materials and were in agreement with increasing luminescence emissions. IR spectroscopy and tensile testing results showed no global oxidative degradation and no premature failure. Hence, the materials were still in the induction period of the oxidative degradation. The evolution of the luminescence signal was presumably attributed to the formation of oxygenated groups like  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl groups. The investigations clearly indicated that luminescence spectroscopy is a sensitive method to monitor aging induced changes within the induction period.

## **DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES IN 2013**

### **Workshops, Seminars and Exhibitions arranged by Task 39**

See: <http://task39.iea-shc.org/task-39-workshops>

*February 5, 2013: Task 39 Mini-workshop* arranged by Aventa AS in Holmestrand, Norway - IR-Welding of high-temperature Performance Polymers

See: [Solarthermal World, News: Research Council of Norway \(in Norwegian\)](#);



*March 14, 2013: Task 39 Subtask B Workshop* arranged by Fraunhofer ISE and ITW-Stuttgart at the 5th Experts meeting, Mallorca, Spain - All-Polymeric Solar Thermal Systems. More Information, [Task 39 Newsletter No. 12 \(2013/04\)](#);



*September 23-25, 2013: Task 39 Exhibition at SHC 2013* arranged by Fraunhofer ISE and ITW-Stuttgart, in Freiburg, Germany – On the Road to a New Generation of Solar Thermal Energy Systems.

Task 39 has exhibited a range of polymer-based components for solar-thermal systems at

the Solar Heating and Cooling Conference SHC 2013 in Freiburg, Germany (23.-25.09.2013). The Task 39 Exhibition was the first of its kind to put selected polymeric collectors, storage tanks and other components on stage and showed a range of possibilities for re-thinking solar thermal.

Next to polymeric collectors and thermosiphon systems from Magen Eco Energy, the companies Aventa AS, Roth, Enerconcept, Consolar and Kompetenzzentrum Holz GmbH showcase pioneering solar thermal collectors for building integration, polymer based air collectors, collector storage tanks and innovate wood plastic composites (WPC). Additional information on current research activities is provided by associated Task 39 research institutes and partners like Fraunhofer ISE, SWT Stuttgart, PCCL and the University of Leoben as well as Sunlumo.



[Download Flyer](#) - Further reading: [Solar Update 2013-06](#), p 6-7. [Announcement of Event](#);

*October 11, 2013: Austrian Task 39 Dissemination Workshop* arranged by JKU in Linz, Austria - *Kunststoffe als Wachstumsmotor für die Solarthermie Programme / Invitation, Dissemination Workshop summary*;



### **Conferences and Symposia with Contributions from Task 39 Experts**

<http://task39.iea-shc.org/proceedings>

*SMEThermal 2013 - Solar Thermal Materials, Equipment and Technology Conference*, Berlin, Germany, 29 January 2013.

*23rd Symposium Thermische Solarenergie 2013*  
Kloster Banz, Bad Staffelstein, Germany, April 24-26, 2013.

*SKZ-Experts Symposium 'Serienschweißlösungen für Kunststoffformteile'* with application workshop, Würzburg, Germany, June 4-5, 2013.

*SHC 2013 - International Conference on Solar Heating and Cooling*  
Freiburg, Germany, September 23-25, 2013.

### **Publications in Journals and Conference Proceedings by Task 39 Experts**

<http://task39.iea-shc.org/publications>, <http://task39.iea-shc.org/proceedings>

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- M. Köhl, Polymeric Materials for Solarthermal Applications, Fraunhofer ISE, D.
- E. De Meersman, Aventa–Polymer Solar Collector, Chevron Phillips Chemicals, B.
- J. Rekstad, Status and opportunities, Aventa AS, N.

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- M. Köhl, Scope and objectives of the workshop, Fraunhofer ISE, D.
- S. Fischer, State of the art: Polymers in solar thermal applications;
- Presentation of schedule and formation of working groups, ITW-Stuttgart, D.
- T. Szuder, Use of composites in solar collectors and other devices of heating units, Vaillant Group, D.
- J. Wismans and E. Stam, Overview of suitable polymeric components for solar thermal applications, Sabic, NL.

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- Task 39 – Polymermaterialien für solarthermische Anwendungen; S. Fischer, ITW, University Stuttgart, DE
- SolPol-Projekte zu Kunststoffen in der Solarthermie – Motivation, Zielsetzungen, Highlights, Reinhold W. Lang, JKU-IPMT, Linz, AT
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- Leistungsanforderungen an Polymermaterialien für unterschiedliche Systemtypen, Alexander Kaiser, AEE-INTEC Gleisdorf, AT
- Kunststoffabsorber aus technischen Kunststoffen, Willibald Koller, Greiner, Kremsmünster, AT
- Polyolefine für solarthermische Absorber; Markus Povacz, JKU-IPMT, Linz, AT
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- SCOOP – Speicherkollektor mit spritzgegossenem Absorber, Karl Schnetzinger, APC Advanced Polymer Compounds, Gai, AT

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### **15<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting & Subtask B Workshop**

March 13-15

Palma, Mallorca, Spain (hosted by Fraunhofer ISE)

*27 experts participated in the meeting and the workshop.*

### **16<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting**

October 17-18

Blumau, Austria (hosted by the partners AEE INTEC and the University of Linz)

*26 experts from research institutions and industry participated in the meeting.*

## **MEETINGS PLANNED FOR 2014**

### **17<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting**

April 9-11

Tel Aviv, Israel

### **18<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting**

September 2014

Oslo, Norway

## Funded Projects: Overview of Funded Projects of Task 39 Partners

(January 2013, <http://www.iea-shc.org/task39/fundedprojects/>).

Project	Period	Funding Agency	Partner Countries
Bio4Sol - Bioplastics for solar applications Partners: University of Leoben, PCCL, Austria	2013-15	Austrian Klima- und Energiefonds	AT
Use of polymeric materials in solar collectors studied from a total cost perspective, Participation in IEA SHC Task 39 Coordinator: Linnæus University; Partners: Aventa AS; Fraunhofer ISE	2013-14	Swedish Energy Agency, The Research Council of Norway	SE, NO, DE
Poly2Facade – Innovative thermal self-regulating solar facades by means of functional polymers; Coordinator: University of Leoben; Partners: PCCL, ÖFPZ Arsenal GesmbH, Forschungszentrum f. integrales Bauwesen AG	2012-15	Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft (FFG), Programmlinie Haus der Zukunft	AT
Untersuchungen zur Fertigungstechnik und Kollektorkonstruktion für Vollkunststoff-Kollektoren Partners: HAW Ingolstadt, Roth Werke GmbH	2012-15	Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz und Reaktorsicherheit	DE
SCOOP - Solar Collectors of Polymers Coordinator: Fraunhofer ISE; Website: <a href="http://eu-scoop.org/">http://eu-scoop.org/</a> Partners: <a href="http://eu-scoop.org/partners.html">http://eu-scoop.org/partners.html</a> ,	2011-15	EU FP7-ENERGY-2011-1	DE, AT, FR, NO, CH
Exkoll - Konzeption von extrudierten Polymerkollektoren und Komponenten; Coordinator: Fraunhofer ISE	2012-14	Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz+Reaktorsicherheit	DE
Participation in Phase II of IEA-SHC Task 39 Coordinator: JKU-Linz; Partner: AEE-INTEC Subcontractors: AIT, PCCL, UIBK-EGEE	2011-14	Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Innovation und Technologie; FFG	AT
ISolar - Screening of insulation materials for solar thermal collectors and thermal storages and analysis of their long-term-properties; Coordinator: Austrian Institute of Technology Partners: TiSUN GmbH, EuroFoam GmbH Website: <a href="http://www.ait.ac.at/~isolar">http://www.ait.ac.at/~isolar</a>	2011-14	Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft (Neue Energien 2020 - Programm)	AT
SILVER - Solar Energy in Living Environments Coordinator: Aventa AS; Partners: OBOS, University of Oslo, Linnæus University, CHCP, DSSK Website: <a href="http://www.forskningsradet.no/~silver">http://www.forskningsradet.no/~silver</a>	2011-14	Research Council of Norway	NO, SE, BE, FR
PISA - Polymers in solar thermal applications University of Oslo: Leitung, Subtask A	2011-14	Enova	NO
UNISOL - Sistema Solar Termico Universal Coordinator: Fabrica de Plasticos, Lda (Pt) Partners: Aveiro University, Oslo University, Aventa AS; Website: <a href="http://projectos.adi.pt/">http://projectos.adi.pt/</a>	2011-14	Portuguese Agency for Development and Innovation	PT, NO
POLYSOL - Development of a modular, all-POLYmer Solar thermal collector for DHW preparation and space heating Coordinator: Energias Renovables Aplicadas S.L. Website: <a href="http://cordis.europa.eu/projects/rcn/98108_en.html">http://cordis.europa.eu/projects/rcn/98108_en.html</a>	2011-12	EU FP7-SME Research area: SME-1	UK, DE, MK, ES
Smart Windows-Smart Collectors Partners: PCCL, University of Leoben, A-P-C	2010-13	Land Steiermark, Zukunftsfonds Partners	AT
SOLPOL-1/2 - Solar Thermal Systems based on Polymeric Materials ; Coordinator: Johannes Kepler University - JKU Partners: <a href="http://www.solpol.at/partners">http://www.solpol.at/partners</a> Website: <a href="http://www.solpol.at/">http://www.solpol.at/</a>	2009-13	Klima- und Energiefonds. Management: Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft	AT
Use of polymeric materials in solar collectors studied from a total cost perspective - Participation in IEA SHC Task 39 Coordinator: Linnæus University; Partners: Aventa, Uni Oslo	2009-12	Swedish Energy Agency	SE, NO

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# Task 40

## Towards Net Zero Energy Solar Buildings

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## TASK DESCRIPTION

Forty percent (40%) of primary energy use and 24% of greenhouse gas emissions, account for energy use in buildings worldwide. Energy use and emissions include both direct, on-site use of fossil fuels and indirect use from electricity, district heating / cooling systems and embodied energy in construction materials. Several International Energy Agency (IEA) countries have adopted a vision of so-called 'net zero energy buildings' as long-term goal of their energy policies. However, what is missing is a clear definition and international agreement on the measures of building performance that could inform 'zero energy' building policies, programs and industry adoption around the world.

### Objective

The objective of this joint Task with the IEA ECBCS Programme (Annex 52) was to study current net-zero, near net-zero and very low energy buildings and to develop a common understanding, a harmonized international definitions framework, tools, innovative solutions and industry guidelines. A primary means of achieving this objective was to document and propose practical NZEB demonstration projects, with convincing architectural quality. These exemplars and the supporting sourcebook, guidelines and tools were viewed as keys to industry adoption. These projects aimed to equalize their small annual energy needs, cost-effectively, through building integrated heating/cooling systems, power generation and interactions with utilities.

The Task, which ended in October 2013, built upon recent industry experiences with net-zero and low energy solar buildings and the most recent developments in whole building integrated design and operation. The joint international research and demonstration activity addressed concerns of comparability of performance calculations between building types and communities for different climates in participating countries. The goal was solution sets that are attractive for broad industry adoption.

### Scope

The scope included major building types (residential and non-residential), new and existing, for the climatic zones represented by the participating countries. The work was linked to national activities and will focus on individual buildings, clusters of buildings and small settlements. The work was based on analysis of existing examples that leads to the development of innovative solutions to be incorporated into national demonstration buildings. The objectives were achieved in the following Subtasks.

### Duration

This Task was initiated on October 1, 2008 and was completed on October 9, 2013.

### Participating Countries

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SHC Task 40 / EBC Annex 52 National Experts and observers attending the 10<sup>th</sup> Experts Group Meeting, October 7 – 9, 2013, Montreal, Canada.

## TASK ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The main objectives of Task 40 was to study current net-zero, near net-zero and very low energy buildings and to develop a common understanding, a harmonized international definitions framework, tools, innovative solutions and industry guidelines.

### Key Results

The main accomplishments of this Task are highlighted below. Specific deliverables are available on the SHC Task 40 website.

#### **Subtask A: Definitions & Implications**

*(Subtask Leaders: Karsten Voss, Germany and Assunta Napolitano, Italy)*

The objective of Subtask A was to establish an internationally agreed understanding on NZEBs based on a common methodology. The Participants achieved this objective by the following activities:

- Review and analysis of existing NZEB definitions and data (site/source energy, emissions, exergy, costs, etc.) with respect to the demand and the supply side.
- Study of grid interaction (power/ heating/cooling) and time dependent energy mismatch analysis.
- Development of a harmonized international definition framework for the NZEB concept considering large-scale implications, exergy and credits for grid interaction (power/heating /cooling).
- Development of a monitoring, verification and compliance guide for checking the annual balance in practice (energy, emissions and costs) harmonized with the definition.

#### **Subtask B: Design Processes & Tools**

*(Subtask Leaders: Adam Hirsch, Paul Torcellini USA and Andreas Athienitis, Canada)*

Subtask B aimed to identify and refine design approaches and tools to support industry adoption. The Participants achieved these objectives by the following activities:

- Documentation of processes and tools currently being used to design NZEBs and under development by participating countries.
- Assessment of gaps, needs and problems, considering the work of Subtask A and Subtask C, and inform simulation engine and detailed design tools developers of priorities for NZEBs.
- Development and testing of design approaches and simplified NZEB tools or interfaces (e.g., spreadsheet or web-based method) linked to Subtask C Solution Sets to support integration of NZEB technologies and architecture at the early design stage.

### **Subtask C: Solution Sets (Design, Engineering, Technologies)**

*(Subtask Leaders: Michael Donn, New Zealand and François Garde, France)*

The objectives of this Subtask were to develop and test innovative, whole building net-zero solution sets for cold, moderate and hot climates with exemplary architecture and technologies that would be the basis for demonstration projects and international collaboration. The Participants achieved these objectives by the following activities:

- Documentation and analysis of current NZEBs designs and technologies, benchmarking with near NZEBs and other very low energy buildings (new and existing), for cold, moderate and hot climates considering sustainability, economy and future prospects using a projects database, literature review and practitioner input (workshops).
- Development and assessment of case studies and demonstration projects in close cooperation with practitioners.
- Investigation of advanced integrated design concepts and technologies in support of the case studies, demonstration projects and solution sets.
- Development of NZEB solution sets and guidelines with respect to building types and climate and to document design options in terms of market application and CO2 implications.

### **Subtask D: Dissemination & Outreach**

*(Operating Agent and Subtask Leaders)*

The objective of the dissemination activity was to support knowledge transfer and market adoption of NZEBs on a national and international level. Subtask leaders were responsible for the coordination of the individual contributions of Subtask participants and for coordination with the other Subtasks where a combined output was planned. The Participants achieved the objectives by the following activities:

- Establishment of a NZEB web page, within the IEA SHC/ECBCS Programmes' framework, and a database that can be expanded and updated with the latest projects and experiences.
- Production of a NZEB source book including example buildings for investigated building types and climates.
- Transfer of Task outputs to national policy groups, industry associations, utilities, academia and funding programs.
- Establishment of an education network, summer school and contributions to the Solar Decathlon and similar student activities.
- Workshops, articles and features in magazines to stimulate market adoption.

## Publications

Publications and other Task documents can be downloaded from the Task 40 website:

<http://www.iea-shc.org/task40/>

Report No.	Report Title	Publication Date	Access (Public, REstricted)	Web or Print
DA.TR1	Zero Energy Building Definition – A Literature Review (Anna Joanna Marzal and Per Heiselberg)	September 2012	PU	Web
DA.TR2	Net-ZEB Evaluation Tool and User Guide (Annamaria Belleri, Assunta Napolitano)	November 2012	PU	Web
DA.TR3	LCA analysis of buildings - Taking the step towards Net Zero energy Buildings (Björn Berggren, and Monika Hall)	May 2013	PU	Web
DAC.TR4	Measurement and Verification Protocol for Net Zero Energy Buildings (Federico Noris, Assunta Napolitano, Roberto Lollini)	September 2013	PU	Web
DA.TR5	Analysis of Load Match and Grid Interaction Indicators in Net-ZEB with High Resolution Data (Jaume Salom)	October 2013	PU	Web
DA.TB	Source Book Volume 1: Net Zero Energy Buildings: International Projects of Carbon Neutrality in Buildings (Editors: Karsten Voss, Eike Musall)	November 2012	Purchase	Online shop from publisher (DETAIL)
DB.TB	Source Book Volume 2: Modelling, Design, and Optimization Net Zero Energy Buildings (Editors: Andreas Athienitis, William O'Brien)	With Publisher Expected Fall 2014	Purchase	Expected Online shop from publisher (Wiley)
DC.TR1	Solution sets and Net Zero Energy Buildings. Review of 30 Net ZEBcase studies worldwide (Authors: Francois Garde, Michael Donn; contributions from STC members)	May 2014	PU	Web
DC.TB	Book Volume 3: Solution Sets for Net Zero Energy Buildings: Feedback from 30 Net-ZEBs worldwide (Editors: Michael Donn, Francois Garde)	Completing Draft Expected Spring 2015	Purchase	Expected Online shop from publisher Wiley-VCH

## Journal Articles and Conference Papers/Presentations

Journal articles (in many languages) or contributions to relevant external investigations/studies/reports in which Task participants played leading roles.

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Journal of Green Building Volume 4 Issue 4	M. Heinze, K. Voss, <i>Goal: Zero Energy Building: Exemplary experience based on the Solar Estate Soalrsiedlung Freiburg am Schlierberg, Germany</i>	2009	RE	Web and Print

Journal	Author/Title	Publication Date	Access (Public, REstricted)	Web or Print
Bauphysik Vol. 32/6, 2010, 424- 434	E. Musall, . Lichtmas, <i>Vom Niedrigenergie- zum Nullenergiehaus- Standortbestimmung und Entwicklungsperspektiven</i>	2010	PU	Web
Ecoconstrucción Nov./Dec./ 41	E. Cubi, <i>El camino hacia edificios de balance energético cero</i>	2010	PU	Web
XIA- intelligente Architektur Vol 01-02 2010	K. Voss, E. Musall, <i>Verlagsanstalt Alexander Koch GmbH</i>	2010	PU	Web and Print
Energy and Buildings 43 (2011) 971-979	A.J. Marszal, P. Heiselberg, J.S. Bourrelle, E. Musall, K. Voss, I. Sartori, A. Napolitano, <i>Zero Energy Building – A review of definitions and calculation methodologies.</i>	2011	PU	Web and Print
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Journal of Green Building Volume 6 Issue 3	I. Sartori T.H. Dokka, Andersen, <i>Proposal of a Norwegian ZEB definition: Assessing the Implications for Design</i>	2011	RE	
xia Intelligente Architektur 77 11/2011, 6 pp.	E. Musall, K. Voss, <i>Klimaneutrale Gebäude als Ziel: Internationale Projekterfahrungen</i>	2011	PU	
Casa&Clima 09/2011,6 pp.	A. Napolitano, R. Lollini, <i>Energia "quasi zero": come quantificarla?</i>	2011	PU	
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ASHRAE Transactions CH-12-C011, vol. 188 n°1 pp.81.	F. Garde, E. Ottenwelter, A. Bornarel. <i>Integrated Building Design in Tropical Climates: Lessons learned from the ENERPOS Net Zero Energy Building.</i>	2011	PU	
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Energy and Buildings 48 (2012) 220-232.	I. Sartori, A. Napolitano, K.Voss, <i>Net zero energy buildings: A consistent definition framework.</i>	2012	PU	
DETAIL Green Vol. 1/2012, 6 pp	E. Musall, K. Voss, <i>Nullenergiegebäude – ein Begriff mit vielen Bedeutungen</i>	2012	PU	
REHVA Journal, December 2012, 23-27.	K.Voss, I. Sartori, R. Lollini, <i>Nearly-zero, Net zero and Plus Energy Buildings– How definitions &amp; regulations affect the solutions.</i>	2012	PU	
Architectural Science Review Journal (July 2012)	A. Lenoir, G. Baird , F. Garde. <i>Post-occupancy evaluation and experimental feedback of a net zero-energy building in a tropical climate.</i> <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00038628.2012.702449">http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00038628.2012.702449</a>	2012	PU	
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High Performing Building Journal Summer 2012, pp. 43-55.	A. Lenoir, F. Garde. <i>Tropical NZEB.</i> <a href="http://www.hpbmagazine.org/case-studies/educational/university-of-la-reunions-enerpos-saint-pierre-la-reunion-france">http://www.hpbmagazine.org/case-studies/educational/university-of-la-reunions-enerpos-saint-pierre-la-reunion-france</a>	2012	PU	
Renewable Energy 22 (2012) 154-165	A. Marszal, P. Heiselberg, R.Lund Jensen, J.Nørgaard, <i>On-site or off-site renewable energy supply options? Life cycle cost analysis of a Net Zero Energy Building in Denmark.</i>	2012	PU	
Bygg och Teknik 2/2012, 3 pages	B. Berggren, J. Widén, B. Karlsson, M. Wall, <i>Att definiera nollenergibyggnader - en internationell angelägenhet</i>	2012	PU	
Energy and Buildings 53 (2012) 194 -205	S. Carlucci, L. Pagliano, <i>A review of indices for the long-term evaluation of the general thermal comfort conditions in buildings</i>	2012	PU	
Cultura Energética n.179, 03/2012	J. Salom, <i>Els edificis de consum d'energia quasi zero</i>	2012	PU	
Tagungsband 16. Internationale Passivhaustagung 2012	M. Hall, B. Berggren, <i>Embodied Energy of Net zero energy Buildings</i>	2012	PU	
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Null-und Plusenergiehäuser (Book)	E. Musall, K. Voss, M. Hall, ( <i>Chapters on theorie, defintions, examples and cross analysis in Net ZEBs</i> )	2012	PU	
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Energy and Buildings 56 (2013) 189 - 203	M. Hamdy, A. Hasa, K. Sirén, <i>A multi-stage optimization method for cost-optimal and nearly-zero-energy building solutions in line with the EPBD-recast 2010</i>	2013	PU	
Edifícios e Energia	L. Aelenei, D. Aelenei, H. Gonçalves, <i>Edifícios de balanço energético nulo; Uma síntese das características principais</i>	2013	PU	
Sustainability 5 (2013) 1256-1265	M. Noguchi, <i>Choice of domestic Air-Sourced solar photovoltaic thermal systems through the operational energy cost implications in Scotland</i>	2013	PU	
Energy and Buildings 60 (2013) 110 -124	S. Attia, M. Hamdy, W. O'Brien, S. Carlucci, <i>assessing gaps and needs for integrating building performance optimization tools in net zero energy building design</i>	2013	PU	
Open House International (OHI) Vol. 38 No. 3	Guest Editor: Masa Noguchi, <i>Special Issue: Zero Energy Mass Custom Homes Research Paradigms</i> ; L. Aelenei, D. Aelenei, H. Conclaves, R. Lollini, E. Musall, A. Scognamiglio, E. Cubi, M. Noguchi, <i>Design Issues for Net Zero energy Buildings</i> ; H. Rostvik, <i>Mass Housing and Sustainability</i>	2013	PU	
Building and Environment 75 (2014) 114 - 131	S. Carlucci, L. Pagliano, A. Sangalli, <i>Statistical analysis of the ranking capability of long-term thermal discomfort indices and their adoption in optimization processes to support building design</i>	2014	PU	
Applied Energy 114 (2014) 385-399	A. Mohamed, A. Hasan, K. Sirén, <i>Fulfillment of net-zero energy building (NZEB) with four metrics in a single family house with different heating alternatives</i>	2014	PU	

Journal	Author/Title	Publication Date	Access (Public, REstricted)	Web or Print
Energy Procedia 48 (2014) 1282-1291	M. Hall, A. Geissler, B. Burger, <i>Two years of experience with a net zero energy balance – analysis of the Swiss MINERGIE-A® standard</i>	2014	PU	
Energy Procedia 48 (2014) 1236 -1243	L. Aelenei, H. Conçaves, <i>From solar building design to net-zero energy buildings: performance insights of an office building</i>	2014	PU	
Energy Procedia	A. Scognamiglio, F. Garde, H. N. Røstvik. <i>How Net Zero Energy Buildings and cities might look like? New challenges for passive design and renewables design.</i>	Accepted To be published in 2014	PU	
Energy Procedia	F. Garde, A. Lenoir, A. Scognamiglio, D. Aelenei, D. Waldren, H. N. Rostvik, J. Ayoub, L. Aelenei, M. Donn, M. Tardif, S. Cory, <i>Design of Net Zero Energy Buildings: Feedback from international projects.</i>	Accepted To be published in 2014	PU	
Energy and Buildings 72 (2014) 371-381	M. Cellura, F. Guarino, S. Longo, M. Mistretta, <i>Energy life-cycle approach in net-zero energy buildings balance: Operation and embodies energy of an Italian case study</i>	2014	PU	
Submitted to Energy and Buildings	D. Aelenei, et.al., <i>Design strategies for non residential zero-energy buildings</i>	Submitted Nov. 2013 (Accepted May 2014)	PU expected	
Submitted to Energy and Buildings	A. Lenoir, E. Ottenwelter, F. Garde, <i>Energy Performance of a Net Zero Energy Building in a Tropical climate</i>	Submitted Nov. 2013	PU expected	
Submitted to Energy and Buildings	S. Corey, et.al., <i>Lessons Learned from Seven Near-Zero or Net-Zero Energy building Design Teams</i>	Submitted Nov. 2013	PU expected	
Submitted to Advances in Building Energy Research.	J. Salom, J. Widén, J. Candanedo, K. Lindberg, <i>Analysis of grid interaction indicators in net zero energy buildings with sub-hourly collected data.,</i>	Submitted Feb. 2014 (Accepted May 2014)	PU expected	
Submitted to Applied Energy	J. Salom, J. Widén, A. Marszal, J. Candanedo, K. Lindberg, <i>Analysis of load match and grid interaction indicators in net zero energy buildings with simulated and monitored data.</i>	Submitted Feb. 2014	PU expected	
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## Workshops and Conferences

The following are workshops and conferences Task participants contributed to with results of their work achieved within the framework of the Task or with results of the Task work.

Workshop/Conference	Place	Date
ASHRAE Winter Conference	Orlando, USA	Jan. 23 – 27, 2009
4 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and Workshops of the Solar Buildings Research Network	Toronto, Ontario	June 25 – 27, 2009
SolarSummits Freiburg 2009	Freiburg, Germany	Sept. 2009
SuDBE2009 International Conference on Sustainable Development in Building & Environment	Chongqing, China	Oct. 29, 2009
Fachtagung „Energieberatung Thüringen 2010“ der Klimaschutz-Stiftung Thüringen	Jena, Germany	June, 2010
Zero Emission Buildings: Renewable Energy Research Conference 2010	Trondheim, Norway	June 7 – 8, 2010
2 <sup>nd</sup> Congrés d'estalvi i eficiència energètica a l'edificació	Barcelona, Spain	June 22, 2010
Danish ZEB Conference	Aalborg, Denmark	Aug. 25, 2010
World Climate Solutions, Energy Efficiency Workshop	Copenhagen, Denmark	Sept. 9, 2010
EuroSun 2010: International Conference on Solar Heating, Cooling and Buildings	Graz, Austria	Sept. 28 – Oct. 1, 2010
BEA Congress	Bern, Switzerland	Nov. 11, 2010
Bau 2011, BMWI Congress	Munich, Germany	Jan. 22, 2011
AHSRAE Winter Conference	Las Vegas, USA	Jan. 29 – Feb 2, 2011
Academic workshop at the university of Bergamo	Bergamo, Italy	May 5, 2011
Danfoss - Heating Solution R&D Technology Event	Billund, Denmark	May 11, 2011
Renewable Energy Research Conference	Trondheim, Norway	June 7, 2011
ASHRAE Annual Conference	Montreal, Canada	June 25 – 29, 2011
ISES Solar World Congress 2011	Kassel, Germany	Aug. 28 – Sept. 2, 2011
International Conference: Cleantech for Smart Cities and Buildings - CISBAT 2011	Lausanne, Switzerland	Sept. 14 – 16, 2011
Cities of the Future Congress	Essen, Germany	Sept. 20, 2011
Energia Aperò	Basel, Switzerland	Sept. 21, 2011
Smart Energy Strategies	Zurich, Switzerland	Sept. 22, 2011
Seminar: Architecture and future buildings	Oslo, Norway	Sept. 27, 2011
AICARR-SAIE conference	Bologna, Italy	Oct. 6, 2011
Belgian Passive House Symposium 2011	Brussels, Belgium	Oct. 7, 2011
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nordic Passive House Conference	Aalborg, Denmark	Oct. 7, 2011
Building Simulation 2011: 12th Conference of IBPSA	Sydney, Australia	Nov. 14-16, 2011
Danvak Temadag: Energie neutralt byggeri – vision eller virkelighed?	Copenhagen, Denmark	Nov. 18, 2011
Internationaler Plusenergie - Kongress 2011	Bern, Switzerland	Nov. 26, 2011
ASHRAE Winter Conference	Chicago, USA	Jan. 21 – 25, 2012
World Sustainable Energy Days (WESD) 2012	Wels, Austria	Feb. 29, 2012
Active house Workshop, ECOBUILD 2012	London, UK	March 20 – 22, 2012
IEA SHCP Workshop: Solar Energy in Urban Planning	Lisbon, Portugal	March 26, 2012
Rendimiento, Integración y Oportunidades de las Energías Renovables en la Arquitectura	Madrid, Spain	March 27, 2012
1 <sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting and Workshops of the NSERC Smart Net Zero Energy Buildings Strategic Research Network (SNEBRN)	Halifax, Nova Scotia	April 30 – May 1, 2012
16 <sup>th</sup> Internationale Passivhaustagung	Hanover, Germany	May 4, 2012
Passivehouse Symposium	Brussels, Belgium	May 5, 2012
I Congreso de Edificios de Energia casi nula	Madrid, Spain	May 7, 2012
Seminario: Riqualficazione di edifici esistenti con elevati standard energetici: metodi e tecnologie	Rome, Italy	June 12, 2012

<b>Workshop/Conference</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Date</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Net Zero-Energy Buildings Conference	Lisbon, Portugal	June 25 – 26, 2012
ASHRAE Annual Conference	San Antonio, USA	June 23 – 27, 2012
High Energy Performance Buildings Workshop	Brussels, Belgium	June 24 – 26, 2013
International Conference for Solar Heating and Cooling for Buildings and Industry (SHC) 2012	San Francisco, USA	July 9 – 11, 2012
SEB12, 4th International Conference on Sustainability in Energy and Buildings	Stockholm, Sweden	Sept. 3 – 5, 2012
Nullutslippsbygg - fra forskning til byggeprosjekt. ZEB Konferansen 2012	Oslo, Norway	Sept. 5, 2012
Building Simulation and Optimization (BSO12)	Loughborough, UK	Sept. 10 - 11, 2012
1 <sup>st</sup> ZEMCH International Conference	Glasgow, Scotland	Sept. 12 – 14, 2012
EuroSun 2012: ISES Europe Solar Conference	Rijeka, Croatia	Sept. 18 – 20, 2012
SHC 2013 International Conference on Solar Heating and Cooling for Buildings and Industry	Freiburg, Germany	Sept. 23 – 25, 2013
27 <sup>th</sup> European PVSEC	Frankfurt, Germany	Sept. 24 – 28, 2012
CCHVAC conference 2012	Yantai, China	Sept. 26, 2012
International Building Performance Simulation Association (IBPSA) Nordic	Oslo, Norway	Oct. 17 – 18, 2012
4 <sup>th</sup> Nordic Passive House Conference	Trondheim, Norway	Oct. 21 – 23, 2012
2 <sup>nd</sup> ZEMCH International Conference	Orlando, USA	Oct. 30 – Nov.1, 2013
28 <sup>th</sup> International PLEA Conference	Lima, Peru	Nov. 7 – 9, 2012
Smart City Expo World Congress	Barcelona, Spain	Dec. 1, 2012
ASHRAE Winter Conference	Dallas, USA	Jan. 26 -30, 2013
World Sustainable Energy Days (WESD) 2013	Wels, Austria	Feb, 27 – 28, 2013
Null- und Plusenergiehäuser	Darmstadt, Germany	March 7, 2013
VDI-Expertenforum: Wie „smart“ managen wir Energie wirklich?	Karlsruhe, Germany	March 20, 2013
Tegernseer Baufachtag	Bad Wiessee, Germany	April 24, 2013
2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting and Workshops of the NSERC Smart Net Zero Energy Buildings Strategic Research Network (SNEBRN)	Ottawa, Ontario	May 22 – 24, 2013
Clima 2013 - REHVA Congress	Prague, CzechRepublic	June 16 – 19, 2013
High Energy Performance Buildings Workshop	Brussels, Belgium	June 24 – 26, 2013
DIN Workshop - Solar Aktiv Häuser	Stuttgart, Germany	July 22, 2013
ASHRAE Annual Conference	Denver, USA	June 22 – 25, 2013
International Building Performance Simulation Association (IBPSA) 2013	Chambery, France	Aug. 25 – 28, 2013
International Conference: Cleantech for Smart Cities and Buildings - CISBAT 2013	Lausanne, Switzerland	Sept. 4 – 6, 2013
International Conference PLEA 2013	Munich, Germany	Sept. 10 - 12, 2013
International Conference for Solar Heating and Cooling for Buildings and Industry (SHC) 2013	Freiburg, Germany	Sept. 23 – 25, 2013
Klimaenergy	Bolzano, Italy	Sept. 19 – 21, 2013
Workshop Edificios de Energia Casi Nulo	Madrid, Spain	Sept. 13, 2013
Energy in Buildings and Communities Seminar	Dublin, Ireland	Nov. 13, 2013

## **MEETINGS IN 2013**

### **9<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting**

April 30 - May 3

Copenhagen, Denmark

### **10<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting**

October 7 - 9

Montreal, Canada

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## **Task 42**

# Compact Thermal Energy Storage: Material Development for System Integration

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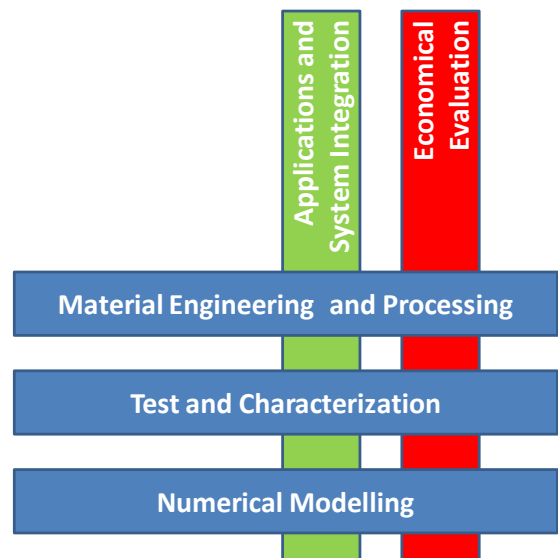
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## TASK DESCRIPTION

The objective of this Task is to develop advanced materials and systems for an improved performance storing thermal energy, suitable not only for solar thermal systems, but also for other renewable heating and cooling applications such as solar cooling, micro-cogeneration, biomass, or heat pumps. The Task covers phase change materials, thermochemical and sorption materials, and composite materials and nanostructures, and includes activities such as material development, analysis, and engineering, numerical modeling of materials and systems, development of storage components and systems, and development of standards and test methods. A secondary objective of this Task is to further expand and intensify the collaboration between researchers and industry working in the field of thermal energy storage



This Task deals with advanced materials for latent and chemical thermal energy storage, on three different scales:

- Material scale, focused on the behavior of materials from the molecular to the 'few particles' scale, including for example, material synthesis, micro-scale mass transport, and sorption reactions.
- Bulk scale, focused on bulk behavior of materials and the performance of the storage in itself, including for example, heat, mass, and vapor transport, wall-wall and wall-material interactions, and reactor design.
- System scale, focused on the performance of storage with in a heating or cooling system, including for example, economical feasibility studies, case studies, and system tests.

This Task will include multiple application areas, bundled into one application Working Group. During Phase 1 of the Task, three different application Working Groups were established:

Low temperature (up to 20 °C):

- Building cooling
- Refrigeration

Medium temperature for room heating and hot tap water (20 °C – 100 °C):

- Seasonal solar thermal storage
- Cogeneration, tri-generation and heat pumps

Higher temperatures (100 °C and above):

- District heating
- Industrial waste heat
- Concentrated solar power

These application Working Groups identified reference-operating conditions for the storage materials. In the current Phase 2, these Working Groups have been merged into one group to address the possibilities of new developed materials for heating and cooling applications.

## **Subtask A: Materials**

### ***Working Group A1: Materials Engineering/Processing Engineering***

The activities in this Working Group focus on engineering new materials or composites (i.e., changing the properties of existing materials and developing new materials with better performance, lower cost, and improved stability). Eventually, this should lead to the ability to design new materials tailor-made to specification. The materials under consideration are those relevant to thermal energy storage using sensible mode, phase change, as well as chemical reactions and sorption technologies.

Activities include:

- Synthesis of new materials
- Determining material characteristics such as phase diagrams
- Determining the relation between material performance and material structure and composition, in order to direct the search for improved materials
- Determining the role and importance of material containers

### ***Processing***

The activities in this Working Group focus on the processing of raw materials that is required to make these materials function in a realistic environment. In nearly all cases, storage material cannot be used to store heat in its raw form, but e.g. needs to be processed into slurry, encapsulated, or otherwise processed.

Activities include:

- Finding optimal methods for micro- and macro encapsulation of storage materials (particularly phase change, sorption, and thermochemical materials)
- Processing phase-change slurries
- Finding new combinations of materials

### ***Working Group A2: Test and Characterisation***

The performance characteristics of novel thermal energy storage materials, like phase-change materials or thermochemical materials, often cannot be determined as straightforward as with sensible heat storage materials. In order to have proper comparison possibilities appropriate testing and characterisation procedures should be developed and assessed. The work in the first period of the Task showed that even the definition of a common procedure for calibrating the measurement instruments did not result in satisfactorily comparable results of measurements of PCM samples in the round robin test. Further work has to be done to understand the factors that influence the quality of the measurements.

The activities of this Working Group are aimed at developing test and calibration procedures and include:

- Comparative testing of materials and their required methods
- Long-term stability determination
- (Pre-) standardization of testing methods

The long-term stability determination will be done as material tests only, it is not thought possible to find a common standard for the stability determination.

### ***Working Group A3: Numerical Modelling***

The activities in this Working Group are aimed at developing and testing numerical models that help to understand and optimise the material behaviour and the dynamic behaviour of compact thermal energy storage systems and components. Ultimately, these numerical

models could help to find ways to optimise the materials in combination with the system components. The activities in this Working Group are helping to lay the foundation for such models.

The Working Group includes the following activities:

- Material modelling
- Reactor modelling
- System modelling, including (dis)charging apparatus

### **Subtask B: Applications**

There are several applications for compact thermal energy storage technologies, each with a different set of boundary conditions for the technology. Although the applications themselves place very different requirements on storage technology, the steps that must be taken are very similar for all applications. Hence, the activities within the Working Groups in this Subtask are very similar as well.

The activities in these Working Groups serve the underlying guiding principle of the materials development within the limitations of the application. The materials development will be directed by the desired system performance. A constant assessment of performance criteria for a given application will be used to determine the chances for a given material/system combination. These criteria can come from economic, environmental, production technology or market considerations.

Activities in the Application Working Groups include:

- Expand the definition of application boundary conditions, such as load, demand, environment, dimensions, for applications beyond the scope of the Task
- Define required thermophysical properties for each application
- Select relevant candidate materials and system technologies
- Conduct performance assessment and validation
- Conduct numerical modelling on the application level
- Develop new sensor technologies to enable the efficient operation of different applications
- Prepare case studies
- Conduct economical modeling
- Conduct feasibility studies
- Conduct market potential evaluations

This subtask is subdivided in three Working Groups, each representing a particular application or group of similar applications. This subdivision will be kept flexible throughout the Task to allow for new research groups and projects to join and include new topics at a later point in the Task.

- Working Group B1: Cooling
- Working Group B2: Heating / DHW
- Working Group B3: High Temperature Applications

### **Working Group C: Theoretical Limits**

The objective of this Working Group is to determine the theoretical limits of compact thermal storage materials and systems from a physical, technical and economical viewpoint. In short, this Working Group defines the maximum possible performance that can be expected from a thermal storage system in a given application. As such, it gives a reference point with which the performance of lab tests, field tests, and real-life systems can be compared. In a first step, physical limits shall be determined (e.g. the energy stored per volume and per mass as a function of temperature, with respect to different mechanisms as sensible, latent, sorption



or chemical storage). In a second step technical aspects shall be evaluated. In many cases the energy storage density and the efficiency of the system are deteriorated when a large specific thermal power must be drawn from the system. In a third step economic constraints of storage systems shall be evaluated.

## **Common Tasks**

### ***Dissemination***

One of the objectives of this Task/Annex is to inform the different groups of stakeholders in the development of compact thermal storage of the Task's progress and planned activities. These stakeholders include researchers, industry representatives, and policy makers. This common activity plays a major role in reaching the secondary objective of the Task, that is, the creation of an effective international network for research and development of compact thermal energy storage.

### **Duration**

Phase 1 of the Task ran from January 2009 – December 2012. Phase 2 started January 1, 2013 and will be completed December 31, 2015.

This is a collaborative Task with the IEA Energy Conservation through Energy Storage (ECES) Implementing Agreement. It is managed as a fully "joint" Task according to the SHC Guidelines for Collaboration with other Programs. In the ECES Implementing Agreement, the Task is referred to as Annex 29.

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### **Change in Management**

The SHC Operating Agent responsibility was taken over from The Netherlands by Switzerland as from January 1, 2014. Replacing Wim van Helden as the SHC Operating Agent is Matthias Rommel from the SPF, Rapperswill.

## **WORK DURING 2013**

The Task activities in the subsequent Working Groups were as follows.

### **Materials Engineering/Processing Working Group**

The main deliverable of the Working Group was finalised, which gives an overview of new or improved compact thermal energy storage materials. In the nine chapters, the most important developments in CTES materials are described. The chapters cover sensible (high temperature) storage materials, phase change and thermochemical materials. The development work of several participating groups was published. Amongst others, it covered the development of aluminophosphate material coating on metal plates as a strategy for the improvement of thermal conductivity and of composite materials with salt hydrates impregnated in carrier materials that have a high thermal conductivity.

The trial version of the materials database was tested and will be filled with material properties in the coming years with both phase change materials and thermochemical materials.

### **Test and Characterization**

A final report was written on the definition of draft standards for performing Round Robin Tests with phase change materials and with thermochemical materials. These are the

outcomes of the round robin test and the DSC measuring and characterisation workshop that were done in the Task. This work was also published.

### **Numerical Modelling**

Two final reports were made, one giving a description of the experimental data sets that will be used as a reference base for the numerical tools that are developed by the different groups in the Task. Experimental data sets are available for four configurations with phase change materials and five with thermochemical materials. The second report is a description of the numerical tools themselves.

For the previous Apparatus and Components Working Group, a report is being prepared that describes a number of approaches for the design of a thermal energy storage apparatus and contains first notes on the aspects for a performance test protocol for thermal energy storages. The report will be finalised in the second quarter of 2014.

### **Application Working Groups**

The Cooling Application Working Group made a final report. It describes two cooling applications as case studies for their boundary conditions for storage materials. A reporting template for the description of cold storage applications was designed and will be used to gather information on a larger number of cold TES applications.

For the Heating and Hot Tap Water Working Group, the final report was completed, which included material for the three deliverables 1) Description of systems and materials, 2) Laboratory prototype development and testing, and 3) Simulated technical potential.

In the High Temperatures Application Working Group, two final reports were produced 1) Materials and systems for High temperature Thermal Energy Storage and 2) a report containing projects and activities on high temperature thermal energy storage.

### **Theoretical Limits**

One deliverable report is prepared on Physical and technical limits and constraints of thermal energy storage. It will be finalised in the spring of 2014.

## **WORK PLANNED FOR 2014**

Key activities, planned for 2014 include:

- Gathering of experimental data for the materials database.
- Build-up of a number of experiments with compact thermal storage systems.
- Testing of the practical value of the experimental data for numerical tool validation.
- Further discussion on replicable test methods for compact thermal storage materials.
- Start with bottom-up economical approach for thermal energy storage systems.

## **REPORTS PUBLISHED IN 2013**

- New or Improved Materials for Thermal Energy Storage Applications
- Development of a Test-Standard for PCM and TCM Characterization
- Boundary Conditions for Thermal Energy Cooling Storage Applications
- Development of Space Heating and Domestic Hot Water Systems with Compact Thermal Energy Storage
- Materials and Systems for High temperature Thermal Energy Storage
- Projects and Activities on High Temperature Thermal Energy Storage

## REPORTS PLANNED FOR 2014

- Thermal Storage Apparatus Design
- Physical and Technical Limits and Constraints of Thermal Energy Storage

## MEETINGS IN 2013

### **9th Experts Meeting**

April 15-17  
Freiburg, Germany

### **10<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting**

October 2-4  
Ljubljana, Slovenia

## MEETINGS PLANNED FOR 2014

### **11<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting**

April 28-30  
Lyon, France

### **12<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting**

November  
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## **Task 43**

# Solar Rating and Certification Procedures: From International Standardization to Global Certification

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## TASK DESCRIPTION

SHC Task 43 aims to harmonize test methods and certification schemes in order to remove technical trade barriers for solar thermal quality products, hence lowering the testing and certification costs for manufacturers and suppliers. This will lead to less expensive and higher quality solar thermal products – which in turn will lead to larger markets and increased use of solar thermal energy.

The Task is working towards international standardization and harmonization of test procedures and certification schemes for solar thermal products.

So far the work has focused on the international standardization and important results have been achieved concerning harmonization of test methods - especially for solar collectors.

Work will continue in the field of standardization towards harmonizing of standards for system test methods, test methods for internal collector components, and test methods for other relevant solar thermal components and systems in the solar thermal field. But the main focus will be on harmonization of requirements in national and regional certification schemes, working towards a global certification scheme for solar collectors. If and when global harmonized certification of solar collectors is realized, this could pave the way for harmonizing certification schemes for other solar thermal products - including solar water heating systems.

SHC Task 43 - extension is organized into three Subtasks:

### **Subtask A: Harmonization of Standards for Solar Thermal Products**

*(Leader: Ken Guthrie, Australia)*

This subtask will support ISO/TC180<sup>1</sup> in their work on the ISO standards for solar systems and components – and promote the use of these standards in the IEA-SHC and ISO countries – having also in mind the perspective of possible future harmonized certification of more solar thermal products (e.g., compact solar water heaters).

### **Subtask B: Harmonization of Certification Schemes for Solar Collectors**

*(Leader: Eileen Prado, US; Jaime Fernandez, Spain)*

The objective of this subtask is to define the set of requirements national and regional certification schemes shall fulfil in order to be accepted under the global “umbrella” certification scheme for collectors.

### **Subtask C: Organizational Framework for Global Collector Certification**

*(Leader: Harald Drück, Germany)*

The objective of this subtask is to set up rules for the organizational framework of a global certification of solar collectors. This includes defining the structure of framework/network, deciding who can/shall participate in the framework/network, defining voting rights, setting meeting frequencies, setting fees, and establishing the Global Solar Certification Network.

### **Main Outcome**

The main outcome will be a frame/scheme for global certification of solar collectors.

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<sup>1</sup> ISO/TC 180 - Solar Energy deals with “Standardization in the field of solar energy utilization in space and water heating, cooling, industrial process heating and air conditioning”.

## **Duration**

Phase 2 of Task 43 began July 2013 and will end June 2015.

## **WORK DURING 2013**

### **Subtask A: Harmonization of Standards for Solar Thermal Products**

- Work plan for Subtask A updated according to outcome of first Experts Meeting, September 2013.

### **Subtask B: Harmonization of Certification Schemes for Solar Collectors**

- Work plan for Subtask B updated according to outcome of first Experts Meeting, September 2013.
- Initial “discussion document” on rules/requirements made.
- Discussion on the above document at workshop and first Experts Meeting, September 2013.

### **Subtask C: Organizational Framework for Global Collector Certification**

- Work plan for Subtask C updated according to outcome of first Experts Meeting, September 2013.
- First draft of “Internal Working Rules” made.
- Discussion on the above document at workshop and first Experts Meeting, September 2013.
- Informal Global Solar Certification Network Established: Chair: H. Drück, Deputy chair: L. Nelson, treasurer: E. Prado, secretary: J.E. Nielsen

## **Presentations**

- IEA SHC Solar Trade Associations meeting in connection with the SHC 2013 Conference 23 September 2013 in Freiburg, Germany (J.E.Nielsen)
- ISO TC 180 meeting 27 September 2013 in Freiburg, Germany (J.E.Nielsen)
- “Global Solar Certification Workshop” 30 September 2013 in Berlin, Germany (J.E.Nielsen)

## **Workshop**

- “Global solar certification”, Berlin 30<sup>th</sup> September

## **WORK PLANNED FOR 2014**

### **Subtask A: Harmonization of Standards for Solar Thermal Products**

- Promote EN/ISO 9806 worldwide.
- Support elaboration on ISO/AWI 22975 series on “Solar Energy – Collector components and materials.
- Support harmonization of ISO 9459-4 with EN 12977 series.
- Provide ideas/inputs to first draft of ISO standards for test methods for reliability/durability and safety of solar heating systems.
- Support ISO/NP 9488 “Solar Energy – Vocabulary.”

### **Subtask B: Harmonization of Certification Schemes for Solar Collectors**

- Prepare final draft set of requirements.
- Publish approved version of the harmonized requirements.

### **Subtask C: Organizational Framework for Global Collector Certification**

- Prepare final draft set of rules for organizational framework.



- Publish approved version of the set of rules for organizational framework.
- Start operation of the “Global Solar Certification Network.”

### **REPORTS PUBLISHED IN 2013**

No reports were published in 2013.

### **REPORTS PLANNED FOR 2014**

The following documents will be published in 2014:

- *Harmonized Requirements for Global Certification of Solar Collectors.*
- Set of rules for organizational framework requirements and test methods for collector loop pipes: list of standards, experience on operating conditions.

### **MEETINGS IN 2013**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Task Meeting**

September 30<sup>t</sup>  
Berlin, Germany

### **MEETINGS PLANNED FOR 2014**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Task Meeting**

March 12-13  
Las Palmas, Spain

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Task Meeting**

October 30-31  
Beijing, China

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# Task 44

## Solar and Heat Pump Systems

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## TASK DESCRIPTION



### SOLAR + HEAT PUMP

The objective of this Task that ended officially in December 2013 was to assess performances and relevance of combined systems using solar thermal collectors and heat pumps, to provide a common definition of performances of such systems, and to contribute to successful market penetration of these new promising combinations of renewable technologies.

The scope of the Task considered the supply of domestic hot water and heating in family houses that use small systems in the range of 5 to 20 kW). A larger 100 kW system for multifamily houses was also included in the scope since it was similar in design.

Several types of solar collector were considered: unglazed, glazed and “PVT” collectors and several heat sources were considered for the heat pumps: air, water and ground. All systems investigated had heat pumps driven by electricity due to the market orientation since 2008. Thermally driven heat pumps were not included in the work.

Solar cooling of buildings was not directly addressed in the Task’s common work only heating and DHW preparation.

The Task was organized in the following Subtasks:

#### **Subtask A: Solutions and Generic Systems**

*(Lead Country: Germany, Fraunhofer ISE, Sebastian Herkel)*

The objective of Subtask A was to collect, create and disseminate information about the solutions for combining solar thermal and heat pump to meet heat requirements of a one family house. Subtask A dealt mainly with manufactured systems and systems installed and monitored.

#### **Subtask B: Performance Assessment**

*(Lead Country: Austria, AIT, Ivan Malenkovic and Michael Hartl)*

The objective of this subtask was to reach a common definition of the figures of merits of solar + heat pump systems and how to assess them. This work lead to pre-normative definition on how to test and report the performance of a combined solar and heat pump system.

#### **Subtask C: Modeling and Simulation**

*(Lead Country: Switzerland, SPF, Michel Haller)*

The objective of Subtask C was to provide modeling tools of all generic solar and heat pump systems and to report sensitivity analysis on most of the systems such as being able to pinpoint important features and marginal ones in a given system configuration. This has been achieved! Sizing of systems is now also possible using the output of this Subtask.

#### **Subtask D: Dissemination and Market Support**

*(Lead Country: Italy, EURAC, Wolfram Sparber)*

The objective of this subtask was to provide information to those beyond the Task so that value added created by the participants could be transferred as fast as possible to the market. A second objective was to deliver the final book of Task 44 aimed as a reference document in the field of solar heat and heat pumps. This will be achieved during 2014 due to the review process of all documents,

## Duration

The Task started on 1 January 2010 and ended on 31 December 2013.

## Participating Countries

Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United States.

This Task was a joint effort with the IEA Heat Pump Programme (HPP). It is referred to as Task 44 in the SHC Programme and Annex 38 in HPP, and was abbreviated T44A38 for this reason.

## TASK ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Key Results

The main accomplishments of this Task are highlighted below. Specific deliverables are available on the SHC Task 44 website.

### Publications

Report No.	Report Title	Publication Date	Access (Public, Restricted)	Web or Print
A1	A Review of Market-Available Solar Heat Pump Systems	March 2013	PU / RE for details	Web
A2	Field test monitoring of SHP systems	March 2014	PU	Web
A3	Dissemination Activities of Subtask A of the IEA SHC Task 44 / HPP Annex 38	March 2014	PU	Web
B1	Definition of Main System Boundaries and Performance Figures for Reporting on SHP Systems	December 2013	PU	Web
B2	Testing Solar and Heat Pump Systems in laboratory	Dec 2013	PU	Web
B3	Definition of a standard test for SHP systems	March 2014	PU	Web
B4	Dissemination Activities of Subtask B of the IEA SHC Task 44 / HPP Annex 38	March 2014	PU	Web
C1	The Reference Framework for System Simulations of the IEA SHC Task 44 / HPP Annex 38 Part A: General Simulation Boundary Conditions Part B: Buildings and Space Heat Load	March 2013	PU	Web
C2	Models of Sub-Components and Validation for the IEA SHC Task 44 / HPP Annex 38 Part A: Summary Part B: Collector Models Part C: Heat Pump Models Part D: Ground Heat Exchangers Part E: Storage models	March 2013	PU	Web
C3	System Simulation Reports for the IEA SHC Task 44 / HPP Annex 38	March 2014	PU	Web
C4	Synthesis of System Simulation Results for the IEA SHC Task 44 / HPP Annex 38	March 2014	RE	Web
C5	Dissemination Activities of Subtask C	March 2014	PU	Web

	of the IEA SHC Task 44 / HPP Annex 38			
D1	Presentation of system performance calculation Educational material	Oct. 2013	PU	Web
D2	Newsletters issued by IEA Task 44 / Annex 38 from 2010 to 2013	Oct. 2013	PU	Web
D3	T44A38 presentations in conferences	March 2014	PU	Web
D4	<i>Cancelled - information is included in C4</i>			
D5	Solar and heat pump systems – A handbook (part of the IEA SHC book series published by Wiley-VCH)	June 2014	PU	Print

## Workshops and Conferences

Task participants presented Task results or results of their work accomplished within the framework of the Task at the following events.

Workshop/Conference	Place	Date
OTTI 2010	Bad Staffelstein	May 2010
Intersolar 2010	Freiburg	June 2010
EUROSUN 2010	Graz	Sept-Oct 2010
Heat Pump Conference 2011	Tokyo	May 2011
ESTEC 2011	Marseille	Oct 2011
ISES 2011 Solar World Congress	Kassel	Aug 2011
European Heat pump Summit 2011	Nuremberg	Sept 2011
SHC 2012	San Francisco	July 2012
SHC 2013	Freiburg	Sept 2013
European Heat pump Summit 2013	Nuremberg	Oct 2013
Heat Pump Conference 2014	Montreal	May 2014

## LINKS WITH INDUSTRY

Several solar or heat pump manufacturers or system installers collaborate with university labs in our Task and benefit from our recommendations for better performances since it was observed a lot of improvement potential.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2013

### Subtask A: Solutions and Generic Systems

#### ***Review of Existing and New Systems***

Deliverable A1 a report called “A review of market-available Solar Heat pump systems” was distributed. More than 80 companies have responded and 100 systems reported. The analysis shows that most systems are designed for both heating and DHW and most use flat plate collectors. The great majority of systems on the market are a combination in parallel for solar and heat pump simpler than the serial or regenerative combination.

#### ***Reporting Field Test Results***

During 2013, participants reported on all projects combining solar and heat pumps that were

monitored by national teams. The results were presented during Task meetings. Some of these projects also gave the basic material for simulation and models validation for Subtask C.

A template for reporting field results was used by most of the projects and deliverable A2 the final report presenting was sent for ExCo approval in early 2014.

### Dissemination and Information

Several projects were presented at the SHC Programme's SHC 2013 conference in Freiburg, the papers are available for all in the Task work area on the SHC website.

The square view representation of a system was renamed to "energy flow chart." It is a consistent and global, yet simple, way to represent all fluxes in a system (Figure 1).

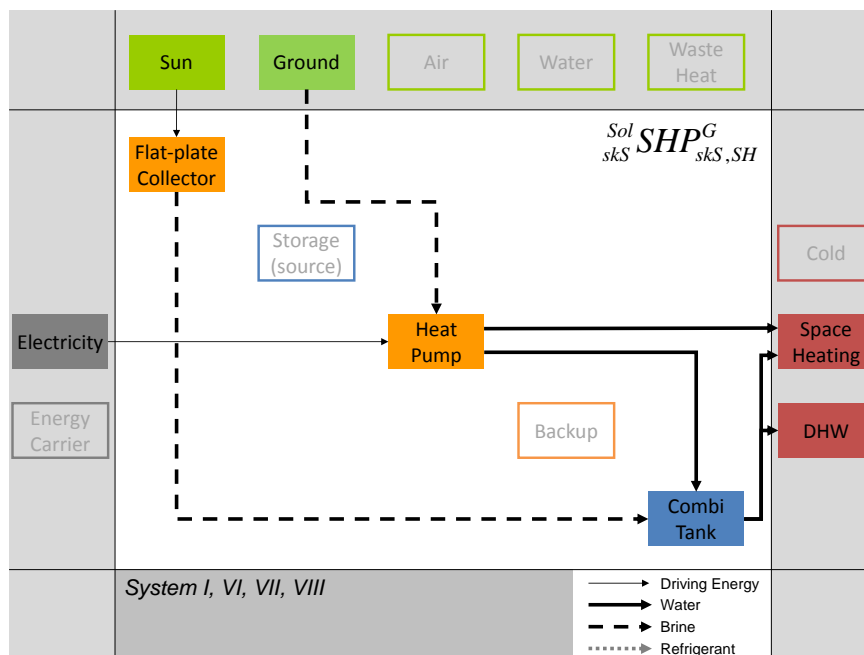


Figure 1. The "energy flow chart" of a parallel SHP ground source heat pump system (report B2)

### Subtask B: Performance Assessment

#### Definition of Performance Indicators

This deliverable B1 was issued in 2013. SPF (seasonal performance factors) and environmental indicators were defined detail for all configurations of SHP systems. For environmental considerations, we used the Primary Energy Ratio and the Global Warming Potential as indicators.



System Boundary	Purpose	Target Group
Overall system performance including energy distribution system	Possibility of an energy, economy and ecology related evaluation of the whole system – overall energy balance, traded energy, free energy, emissions etc.	Users, policy makers, statistical evaluation
Overall system performance without the energy distribution system	Possibility of an energy, economy and ecology related evaluation of the energy producing system, without the energy distribution system, which may vary for different applications. Comparison between different systems and technologies, product quality assurance, labelling	Manufacturers, planners, installers, users, funding institutions, policy makers
Performance of the system without the influence of the end-user storage losses	Mainly interesting for system analysis – storage management	System and component manufacturers, planners
Performance of each energy transformation unit, including all parts needed for its proper functioning	Performance of each unit under given circumstances gives information about the efficiency of every subsystem and possible improvements	Component and subcomponent manufacturers, planners and installers
Performance of each energy transformation unit itself, without influence of the auxiliary energy	This closely corresponds to the energy balance used currently in most quality assurance schemes both for solar thermal collectors and heat pumps (e.g. Solar Keymark, EHPA Quality Label). By comparison with other performance figures, an analysis of the system regarding peripheral energy consumption can be made	System and component manufacturers, planners, installers

Figure 2. Subtask B achievement: main principles used in the definition of system boundaries for performance evaluation of SHP Systems (report B1)

### Testing on Stands - Procedure and Results

Five institutes have tested solar and heat pump systems on bench stands. A common procedure of testing was not reached since different approaches remain possible. Deliverable B2 was written during autumn 2013 for Exco approval early 2014.

### Standard Test Definition – Pre-normative

Deliverable B3 presenting the standard tests was drafted and will be completed in early 2014.

### Subtask C: Modeling and Simulation

#### Reference Framework

Deliverable C1 presents a common framework for simulations study and is available through our website upon request. It is a Trnsys useful framework already known in a larger simulation community than our Task circle.

#### Models of Sub Component and Validation

The four working groups—solar collector, ground heat exchanger, heat pump, and heat storage—issued Deliverable C2 “Models of sub components and validation.” New components now have dedicated models, such as ice storage, heat pump with desuperheater, uncovered collectors that can freeze sides, PVT collectors, etc. Some are freely available.

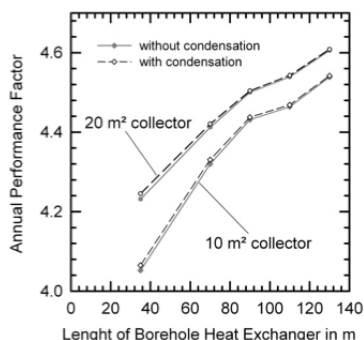


Figure 3. Simulation results in terms of the  $SPF_{HP}$  in a heat pump system with unglazed solar collector with and without respect to condensation effects on the collector surface (report C3)

### System simulations and validation

“System simulation and validation” is almost completed. Two templates to describe systems simulation methods and results have been used by 10 teams. Five simulation platforms are being used in the Task (Trnsys, Polysun, Rdmes, Matlab, and IDA) and the framework has been adapted to all.

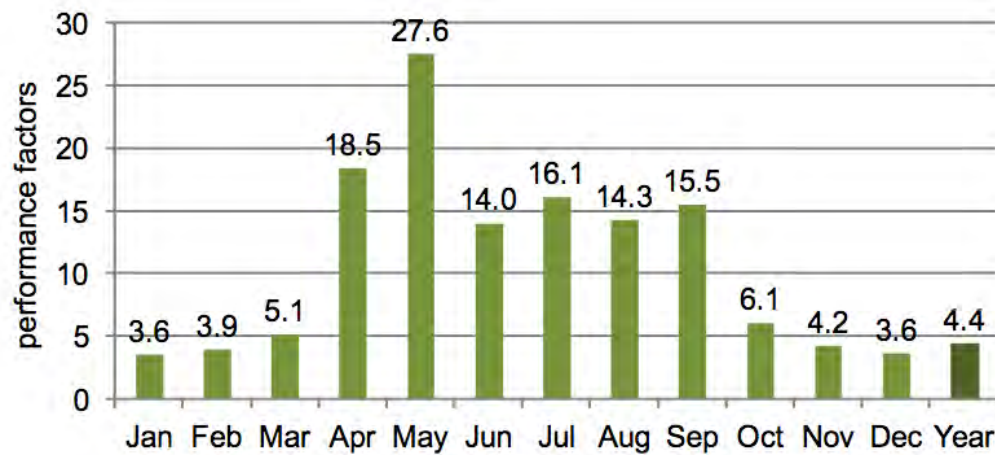


Figure 4. Performance factors of monitored air/water system after the storage in Switzerland (report C3)

#### ***System intercomparison data***

The simulation work in Subtask C was completed end of 2013. Results of the comparison have been discussed at the last meeting. Deliverable C4 will present the results comparing the SPF of various types of SHP combinations within the same framework in March 2014.

#### **MEETINGS IN 2013**

##### **7<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting**

April 8-9-10  
Mechelen, Belgium

##### **8<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting**

October 23-24-25  
Chandolin, Switzerland

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## **Task 45**

# Large Solar Heating/Cooling Systems, Seasonal Storage, Heat Pumps

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## TASK DESCRIPTION

The main objective of this Task is to assist in a strong and sustainable market development of large solar district heating and cooling systems. The systems can include seasonal storages and/or heat pumps/chillers.

The main focus is on the system level – how to match the actual system configuration to the actual needs and local conditions, including the surrounding regional energy system (free electricity market). Or in other words, for the given conditions of load and energy prices and selection of system type and size to have a competitive heat price and a large solar fraction. It is important that the systems are installed and controlled/operated properly in order to perform well. To secure that, guidelines and standards have to be updated and developed and recognised performance guarantee procedures established.

To push the market development, a strong effort will be done in promoting the benefits of the technologies and results from the Task to the decisions makers in the sectors of district heating and cooling and process heating and cooling. The issue of financing the “upfront investment in 25 years of heat production” will be dealt with - and models for services of Energy Service Companies (ESCo's) will be proposed and tried out.

The scope of the Task covers large-scale solar thermal systems – pre-heat systems as well as any combination with storages, heat pumps, CHP-units, boilers, etc. for the supply of block and district heating & cooling.

Task 45 is organized into three Subtasks:

### **Subtask A: Collectors and Collector Loop**

*(Lead Country: Denmark)*

The general objectives of Subtask A are to:

- Assure use of suitable components
- Assure proper and safe installation - including compatibility with district heating and cooling network
- Assure the performance of the collector field

### **Subtask B: Storage**

*(Lead Country: Germany)*

The general objectives of Subtask B are to:

- Improve the economy of (seasonal) storage technologies
- Increase knowledge on durability, reliability and performance of (seasonal) storage technologies
- Demonstrate cost effective, reliable and efficient seasonal storage of thermal energy

### **Subtask C: Systems**

*(Lead Country: Austria)*

The general objectives of subtask C are to:

- Provide decision makers and planners with a good basis for choosing the right system configuration and size
- Give decision makers and planners confidence in system performance

### **Main Deliverables**

The main result of the Task will be “Fact Sheets” dealing with design, installation and operation of large **collector fields**, large scale thermal **storages**, large scale solar heating and cooling thermal **systems** with seasonal storage and/or heat pumps.



## **Duration**

The SHC Executive Committee approved a 1-year Task extension. The Task started on January 1, 2011 and will end on December 31, 2014.

## **Participating Countries**

Austria, Canada, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Spain.

## **RESULTS IN 2013**

### **Subtask A: Collectors and Collector Fields**

Subtask A is more or less advancing according to the revised Work Plan (including the approved prolongation of the Task). Results include:

- Paper on models for correction of collector efficiency parameters depending on flow rate and tilt.
- Drafts Guidelines for requirements for collector loop installation, hydraulic scheme including precautions for safety and expansion including checklist for checking installation accordingly.
- New proto type of advanced model for calculating thermal output of large fields of evacuated tubular collectors will be developed.
- Procedure for guaranteeing **annual** performance of collector field installation - including how to check the guarantee has been developed, and a fact sheet has been made, see: <http://task45.iea-shc.org/fact-sheets>.

### **Subtask B: Storages**

Experts continued to work according to the Work Plan.

### **Subtask C: Systems**

- Final overview of system categories.
- Extensive database for large solar system updated (now 268 systems from around the world).

## **WORK PLANNED FOR 2014**

### **Subtask A: Collectors and Collector Fields**

- Draft and final report, "Models or Correction Of Collector Efficiency Parameters Depending on Collector Type, Flow Rate, Tilt and Fluid Type."
- Propose inputs to ISO 9806 based on the above work.
- Report on work on requirements and test methods for collector loop pipes: list of standards, collect experience on operating conditions.
- Publish final report on "Guidelines for Requirements for Collector Loop Installation."
- Finalize advanced model on collector fields.
- Decide on additional Fact Sheets and produce.
- Prepare Subtask A summary report.

### **Subtask B: Storages**

- Finalize report, "State of the Art Report with Best Practice Examples."
- Finalize report "Identification of Necessary R&D."
- Develop simple design tool for centralized SDH plants with seasonal storages.
- Transfer the knowledge platform [www.saisonalspeicher.de](http://www.saisonalspeicher.de) into an English version [www.seasonalstorage.com](http://www.seasonalstorage.com).
- Decide on and produce Fact Sheets.
- Prepare Subtask B summary report.

### **Subtask C: Systems**

- Decide on and produce Fact Sheets.
- Prepare Subtask C summary report.

## **DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES IN 2013**

### **Reports Published In 2013**

Fact Sheet: *Giving and Checking Guarantee for Annual Output of Collector Fields*, J.E. Nielsen, PlanEnergi, <http://task45.iea-shc.org/fact-sheets>

Paper: *Investigations on Efficiencies of HT Solar Collectors for Different Flow Rates and Collector Tilts*. Solar District Heating Conference Proceedings, Malmö, Sweden, 2013. Ziqian Chen, Bengt Perers, Simon Furbo, Jianhua Fan.

### **Conferences and Symposia with Contributions from Task 45 Experts**

*OTTI, 23. Symposium* - Thermische Solarenergi, April 2013, Kloster Banz, Bad Staffelstein, Presentation: Jan Erik Nielsen.

*InterSolar Conference*, 17-20 June 2013, ICM Munich, Germany (J.E.Nielsen).

*International Energy Conference* 10-12 September 2013, DTU Copenhagen, Denmark (J.E. Nielsen).

*SHC2013*, 23-25 September, Freiburg, Germany, Keynote: Doug McClenahan and Keynote: He Tao.

“TRNSYS Collector Field Simulation Model: Testing, development and demonstration of large scale solar district heating system.” Department of Civil Engineering, Technical University of Denmark, December 2013.

## **REPORTS PLANNED FOR 2014**

Correction of collector efficiency parameters depending on collector type, flow rate, tilt and fluid type.

Requirements and test methods for collector loop pipes: list of standards, experience on operating conditions.

Guidelines for requirements for collector loop installation.

State of the art & best practise examples for large storages and identification of necessary R&D” for large storages.

Guidelines for planning, installation, commissioning, operation.

## **MEETINGS IN 2013**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting**

May 21-22

Stuttgart, Germany

### **6<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting**

October 21-22

Champéry, France

## **MEETINGS PLANNED FOR 2014**

### **7<sup>th</sup> Task Meeting**

May 8-9

Braedstrup, Denmark

### **8<sup>th</sup> Task Meeting**

October 30-31

Beijing, China

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## **Task 46**

# Solar Resource Assessment and Forecasting

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## TASK DESCRIPTION

*Task 46: Solar Resource Assessment and Forecasting* continues the work accomplished under *Task 36: Solar Resource Knowledge Management*. Task 46 provides the solar energy industry, the electricity sector, governments, and renewable energy organizations and institutions with the means to understand the “bankability” of solar resource data sets provided by public and private sectors.

### Objectives

Task 46 establishes four basic objectives in improving our understanding of solar resources: 1) evaluating solar resource variability that impacts large penetrations of solar technologies; 2) producing standardization and integrating procedures for data bankability; 3) improving procedures for short-term solar resource forecasting; and 4) advancing solar resource modeling procedures based on physical principles to provide improved evaluation of large-scale solar systems using both thermal as well as electrical conversion technologies.

### Scope

At the conclusion Task 36, the participants recognized that all sectors of the solar industry are growing at a significant rate, therefore creating new, stringent data requirements that were not adequately addressed under Task 36. These requirements include ways to characterize the variability of the resource under very short time scales (1-minute or less), the ability to assess the “bankability” of data sets so that financial institutions understand the risks involved in using the data to predict project cash flows, a continuation of the benchmarking of solar resource forecasting methods so that system operators have the appropriate tools for operating utility systems with large penetrations of solar technologies, and advanced methods to estimate solar resources from modern weather satellite imagery, taking into consideration 3-dimensional cloud characteristics and other physical phenomenon. Therefore, Task 46, by addressing the four objectives listed above, will provide research reports, summary articles, and best practices manuals addressing resource variability that impacts grid operations, data collection and processing procedures, model and solar forecasting validation results, and approaches for improving model performance.

The audience for the results of the Task includes data users, such as utility operators, energy planners, solar project developers, architects, engineers, energy consultants, product manufacturers, and building and system owners and managers. In addition, technical laboratories, research institutions and universities involved in developing solar resource data products will benefit from the outcomes of Task 46, and will be informed through targeted reports, conference presentations, workshops, and journal articles.

Task 46 participants are addressing these objectives through sharing a co-ordinated work plan encompassing four subtasks:

### **Subtask A: Solar Resource Applications for High Penetrations of Solar Technologies**

*(Lead Country: United States)*

This Subtask develops data sets that allow system planners and utility operators to understand short-term resource variability characteristics, in particular up and down ramp rates, to better manage large penetrations of solar technologies in the grid system. Key Subtask activities to meet this objective are:

- *Short Term Variability (Lead: Uni-Agder, Norway):* This activity is concerned with the spatial and temporal characterization of high frequency intermittency (15 minutes or less) and ramp rates, and how this variability may impact the operation of solar technologies and their deployment on local power grids.
- *Integration of Solar with other RE Technologies (Lead: CENER, Spain):* This activity is concerned with hybrid power generation involving solar and other renewable technologies (e.g., wind, biomass). There are various scales of hybrid generation that are pertinent, ranging from remotely operated hybrid installations, to autonomous and/or interconnected microgrids and larger-scale systems. The focus of this activity will be placed on weather data and irradiance data requirements to address hybrid system operations, with initial focus on smaller scale issues – autonomous hybrid systems.
- *Spatial and Temporal Balancing Studies of the Solar And Wind Energy Resource (Lead: U-Jaén, Spain):* This activity is concerned with the analysis and modeling of solar and renewable resource data to address: 1) the spatial balancing of the solar resource (both Global Horizontal Irradiance, or GHI and Direct Normal Irradiance, or DNI resources) across various distance scales; 2) the spatial and temporal balancing of both the solar and wind resources across various distance scales; and 3) the determination of the requirements for, and the eventual improvement of solar radiation forecasting associated with this balancing.

### **Subtask B: Standardization and Integration Procedures for Data Bankability** (Lead: Spain)

The objective of this Subtask is to provide best practices documentation on solar resource measurement and data management procedures to improve the bankability of data sets. Key subtask activities to meet this objective are:

- *Measurement Best Practices (Lead: DLR-Almería, Germany):* Manuals on best practices for obtaining measured irradiance data sets that provide bankable data for financial institutions will be prepared. The standardization and characterization of commonly used instruments such as Rotating Shadowband Irradiometers (RSIs) is directly connected to this objective.
- *Gap-filling, QC, Flagging, and Data Formatting (Lead: Mines ParisTech, France):* This activity documents best practices in filling missing data gaps, conducting data quality control, and flagging potentially erroneous data values when creating a database archive.
- *Integration of Data Sources (Lead: CIEMAT, Spain):* This activity focuses on merging short-term ground measurements with long term satellite derived data in order to extrapolate quality ground data to longer term climatic data sets, allowing for long-term cash flow analyses of projects.
- *Data Uncertainties over Various Temporal and Spatial Resolutions (Lead: SunTrace GmbH, Germany):* This activity documents the importance of data uncertainty for data sets representing various time frames in ways that the risk in financing a project can be quantified.
- *Evaluation of Meteorological Products (Lead: GeoModel s.r.o., Slovakia):* In this activity the historical use of TMY data will be evaluated in the context of current best practices for simulating solar system design and output. Recommendations for alternative approaches to TMY data will be made, given that TMY data sets do not allow for evaluation of extreme high- and low-resource events. Also higher time resolutions should be considered.



### **Subtask C: Solar Irradiance Forecasting**

*(Lead: Germany)*

Solar irradiance forecasting provides the basis for energy management and operational strategies for many solar energy applications. Depending on the application and its corresponding time scales different forecasting approaches are appropriate. In this subtask forecasting methods covering timescales from several minutes up to seven days ahead will be developed, tested and compared in benchmarking studies. The use of solar irradiance forecasting approaches in different fields will be investigated, including PV and CSP power forecasting for plant operators and utility companies, and irradiance forecasting for heating and cooling of buildings or districts. Key activities to meet this objective are:

- *Short-term Forecasting (up to 7-days ahead) (Co-Leads: U-Oldenburg, Germany and SUNY/Albany, USA):* The development and improvement of methods to forecast GHI and DNI is a major subject of this subtask. Different forecast horizons, ranging from minutes up to several days ahead are addressed using specific methodologies and data. Different forecasting approaches, characterized by the used data sources, corresponding methods and time scales, are covered. The comparison of these approaches in benchmarking studies focusing on different models, time scales or forecast parameters is also addressed.
- *Integration of Solar Forecasts into Operations (Lead: IrSOLaV, Spain):* This activity examines the important issue of how solar forecasts are used for different applications, including utility operations, management of PV or CSP power plants, and thermal management of buildings. A critical aspect of this task is to seek input from users, for example, utility operators on the specific types of irradiance or power output forecasts they need in order to improve system operations and reduce the overall cost of energy and maximize the use of renewable energy within the system.

### **Subtask D: Advanced Resource Modeling**

*(Lead: MINES ParisTech, France)*

Although most of the work in Task 36 involved the testing and evaluation of existing solar resource methodologies, some specific new methodologies have been identified that will be addressed in Task 46. These methodologies are driven by specific information requests from energy developers and planners, such as improved satellite retrieval methods over certain types of ground features and the interannual variability of the solar resource. Key activities in this Subtask are:

- *Improvements to Existing Solar Radiation Retrieval Methods (Lead: Uni-Jaén, Spain):* The objective of this activity is to consider state-of-the-art and new solar radiation modeling approaches or other sources for input parameters to improve the accuracy and/or to increase the spatial, spectral and angular resolutions of solar resource data sets derived from satellite.
- *Long-Term Analysis and Forecasting of Solar Resource Trends and Variability (Co-Leads: NASA/Larc, USA And Meteotest, Switzerland):* In this activity, studies of long-term solar data sets, both observed as well as satellite derived, will continue to assess episodes of “global dimming” and “global brightening”, important for evaluating potential long-term cash flow implications from solar systems.

### **Task Duration**

The Task began July 1, 2011 and will end June 30, 2016.

This is a collaborative Task with the SolarPACES Implementing Agreement (where this Task is referred to as Task V), and the Photovoltaic Power Systems (PVPS) Implementing Agreement's Task 14 High Penetration of PV Systems in Electricity Grids.

## **ACTIVITIES DURING 2013**

### **Overall Task Activities**

A joint workshop between IEA/SHC Task 46 and PVPS Task 14 titled "Solar Resource and Forecast Data for High PV Penetration" was held as a parallel event at the PVSEC Conference in Paris on October 1, 2013. Sessions on high penetration of PV in distribution grids, forecast of PV at the transmission level, and solar forecast systems on the local and regional level were offered, followed by a moderated discussion. The event was well attended with well over 100 participants filling a packed room.

### **Subtask A: Solar Resource Applications for High Penetration of Solar Technologies**

#### **Activity A1: Short Term Variability**

##### A.1.1 Characterization and modeling of solar irradiance sets with sub-hourly time resolution with application to solar energy systems

In this activity irradiance time series with time resolution down to one minute are collected and analyzed. With respect to the analysis of both, PV and CSP system data sets are inspected for their statistical characteristics in terms of frequency distributions and temporal characteristics. This information is used for the direct analysis of the fluctuation characteristics of the solar energy systems and for generating synthetic data sets to be used for system studies at sites where measured high resolution data sets are not available. Task participants from Spain, France, Germany, the US and Norway have developed the respective characterization and modeling tools based on various approaches. These tools are being inter-compared in view of their applicability for system studies involving the system dynamics.

##### A 1.2: Space and time characteristics of solar irradiance fields with application to grid integration studies

Task participants from USA, Germany and Spain had been active in the assembly of spatio-temporal data sets based on both ground measurements and satellite derived data. The current focus is on spatial scales of tens of meters up to several kilometers in to be used for the analysis of grid interference studies of dispersed PV-generation in municipality scale grids. Special emphasis is being placed on linking information on the meteorology-induced variability to the study of the stability of the operation of the electric distribution network. Part of the respective results will be adapted to the study of the response of CSP systems.

SUNY/Albany has concentrated on large scale studies with relevance to design and analysis of large scale utility networks. Special emphasis is placed on the analysis of options to level out the irradiance induced fluctuations in the power flow. The Task participants from Spain have been working on similar studies, but have extended their study by including wind generation (Activities A2 and A3).

The University of California at San Diego (UCSD) has set up an operational system to infer the fluctuating input to the distribution system from both sky images and numerical weather forecasts. This will provide the appropriate tools for the

characterization of the fluctuations, including the development of tools to generate synthetic irradiance fields.

### A1.3 Analysis dedicated to irradiance enhancements

The University of Agder (Norway) and UCSD have collected irradiance time series with a time resolution of down to 1s. During situations where scattered clouds cause irradiances that are well above the extraterrestrial irradiance, up to about 1500 W/m<sup>2</sup> can be observed. This finding is also reported in the literature for other locations worldwide. Due to the almost instantaneous reaction of photovoltaic cells, this also defines the maximum expected input to the inverter of a PV-system. This has consequences both to inverter sizing, given that the inverter is scaled to the expected clear sky irradiance for the energy gain of the systems. The respective data analysis is focusing on the identification of the basic statistical properties (duration, intermittency) of 'overirradiance' (irradiances higher than expected clear sky irradiance) events. This is backed up with dedicated studies based on sky photography to track down the causes of the irradiance enhancements and to improve the respective modeling capabilities. A respective camera system will be operational by the end 2013. Modelling tools for a systematic analysis of the temporal and spatial extension of over-irradiance events making use of radiative transfer codes (Libradtran) will then be established.

### **Activity A2: Integration of Solar with Other RE Technologies**

This activity is concerned with hybrid power generation involving solar and other renewable technologies (e.g., wind, biomass). Hybrid generation has pertinence to various scales from remotely operating hybrid installations, to autonomous and/or interconnected microgrids and larger scales. The focus of this activity is placed on weather data and irradiance data requirements to address such questions and will initially focus on smaller scale issues – autonomous hybrid systems. Sub activities include: A.2.1 Issues & data needs, A.2.2 Modeling and A.2.3 Case studies.

The CENER team is working in the design of hybrid plants by using small-scale solar thermal and biomass. This work seeks to identify the technical parameters for these types of plants and will be used to define some of the meteorological data that must be taken into account in the optimization of hybrid plants. Other types of information such as biomass availability will be also included.

### **Activity A3: Spatial and Temporal Balancing Studies of the Solar and Wind Energy Resource**

This Activity is concerned with the analysis and modeling of solar and renewable resource data to address: 1) the spatial balancing of the solar resource (both GHI and DNI driven resources) across various distance scales; 2) the spatial and temporal balancing of both the solar and wind resources across various distance scales, and 3) the determination of the requirements for, and the eventual improvement of, solar radiation forecasting associated with this balancing. Subactivities include: A.3.1 Solar Data & model needs, A.3.2 Solar and wind temporal and spatial balancing case studies, and A.3.3 forecast application studies

The Uni-Jaén has published a study on the balancing between the solar resources (GHI) and wind energy resources in Southern Spain (*Santos-Alamillos et al., 2012*)<sup>1</sup>. In this work, hourly values of wind and solar energy resources were generated over

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<sup>1</sup> Santos-Alamillos FJ, Pozo-Vázquez D, Ruiz-Arias JA, Lara-Fanego V, Tovar-Pescador J. 2012. Analysis of Spatiotemporal Balancing between Wind and Solar Energy Resources in the Southern Iberian Peninsula. *J. of Applied Meteorol. and Climatol.*, 51:2005-2024.

Southern Spain based on a numerical weather prediction model integrated over a period of 3 years. Then a Canonical Correlation Analysis (CCA) was used to analyse the spatial balancing between these resources. As result of the analysis, valuable balancing patterns in the study region were obtained, but with a marked seasonality in strength, sign and spatial coverage. The autumn season showed the most noteworthy results, with a balancing pattern extending almost over the entire study region.

When locating reference wind farms and PV plants according to the balancing patterns, their combined power production showed to have a substantially lower variability than the production of the wind farms and PV plants separately and that the combined production obtained by any other locations. Notably, over the course of a year, the standard deviation of the wind energy and PV capacity factor time series was 0.33 and 0.31, respectively for the selected locations. On the other hand, for the combined capacity factor time series, standard deviation reduced to 0.21. In order to have a reference for the benefit of the balancing, the average of the standard deviation of the combined capacity over the entire study region, assuming the windmill and solar PV plants are located at the same site, was computed. Value obtained was 0.24. That is a substantial reduction in the standard deviation of the combined capacity factor is obtained when locating the wind farm and PV plants based on the CCA results.

As presented during the 4<sup>th</sup> Task Experts Meeting in Oldenburg on 7-8 October the Uni-Jaen study is now being expanded into a larger geographical context including the entire Iberian Peninsula and beyond.

## **Subtask B: Standardization and Integration Procedures for Data Bankability**

### ***Activity B1: Measurement Best Practices***

In 2013, best practices for measurements with Rotating Shadowband Irradiance (RSI) instruments were reviewed. During the DNI workshop in Sophia Antipolis the best practices were presented and the most crucial points were discussed. Topics that were not addressed sufficiently were identified and will now be included in the manual. The workshop's results were delivered to the activity members in a report (deliverable B.1.2) and the required changes were partially included.

An update of NREL's "Best Practices Handbook for the Collection and Use of Solar Resource Data" is under preparation. The RSI specific chapter and the section on DNI and circumsolar radiation have been revised and extended.

CSP Services and DLR have investigated the stability of the calibration constants of RSIs as a component of the uncertainty analysis. They found only one case where the calibration constant drifted by more the 2%/year, and in this case the measurement data already indicated an instrumental error (Geuder, et al., 2013).

MeteoSwiss continued and finished the measurement phase of the intercomparisons of three different RSIs (twice each) and various Delta-T SPN1 in Payerne, Switzerland, in the framework of the COST Action ES1002 WIRE. The investigated RSIs are the RSR2 (Irradiance), the RSP (Solar Millennium/Reichert GmbH) and the Twin RSI (CSP Services). The reference data from MeteoSwiss BSRN station has been prepared for the comparison and a working group was formed for the following data evaluation. Final results and a report are expected at the beginning of 2014.

A new measurand for resource assessment that is investigated in B1 is the sunshape and the circumsolar radiation. Approximately 2 years of data for the Plataforma Solar

de Almería (PSA) and half a year from Odeillo/France have been evaluated and a statistical analysis of the datasets is presented in (DLR/CNRS, 2013). A peer reviewed publication on the used measurement system is now available online (Wilbert et al., 2013). The data set from PSA was also used for the qualification of two less maintenance intense measurement methods for circumsolar radiation. An RSI based method was presented at Sophia Antipolis during the DNI Workshop and a publication of the validation is under preparation. A system with hardware from Black Photon Instruments GmbH was presented in (Wilbert et al., 2013b).

Another new parameter for resource assessment that is investigated is the atmospheric extinction in concentrating plants. Different methods to determine the extinction coefficient in the lowest ~300 m are under development at PSA's meteorological station METAS (MEteorological stAtion for Solar technologies). Besides visibility and transmittance measurements, radiative transfer calculations with ground measurements of relative humidity, aerosol particle concentration (and other parameters) are also performed. In addition, a tilttable backscatter LIDAR system is used (Hanrieder, 2013).

The extension to meteorological stations with solar trackers called "TraCS" for the measurement of mirror soiling rates has been further developed. TraCs was designed for the routine measurement of soiling levels of solar test mirrors in addition to the standard DNI measurements performed with solar trackers. It was found that the spatial inhomogeneity of the soiling on the mirror sample has a significant influence on the measurement accuracy. The area of the exposed sample mirror, which is used for the reflectivity measurement, represents the measurement volume. In order to increase the measurement volume the mirror probe can now be periodically moved relative to the detector, so that different measurement spots on the mirror surface are scanned (Wolfertstetter et al, 2013). The publication also includes a recommendation for the cleaning of irradiance stations with two pyranometers and a pyrhelimeter that can be used to determine the soiling of each of the three sensors.

### **Activity B2: Gap-Filling, QC, Flagging, Data Formatting**

MINES ParisTech developed a robust algorithm for gap filling derived from the non-local mean approach. Methods for selecting clear-sky instants are also being compared for having an appropriate dataset of reference for quality control procedures that use clear sky estimations.

The University of Geneva has been working on quality control (QC) procedures. Three aspects have been studied 1) time stamp shift, 2) sensor calibration coefficient, and 3) coherence between the three solar components. The stability of the sensor is studied as well. Results can be found at <http://www.unige.ch/energie/forel/energie/equipe/ineichen/annexes-iae.html>.

Recent tests done by CIEMAT and University of Geneva have demonstrated some limitations in the results of the common quality control procedures. Related to the application of quality control to data at different time scales, CIEMAT has proposed the multiple applications of the quality control procedures after each step before the gap filling. After the application of quality control, sometimes there is an asymmetry of flagged data with respect to the solar noon. CIEMAT has used this asymmetry for detecting mistakes in the data time stamp.

Another limitation of quality control procedures is the lack of information about metadata. If the user doesn't know the origin of data, consistency quality controls

may be inefficient. One example for that is that in mountainous areas, a distance of some hundred meters between two sensors causes different horizon profiles.

International initiatives such as the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) Global Atlas aim at addressing the reporting of quality in metadata for any renewable resource. A concept report has been published explaining the global approach (<http://www.irena.org/menu/index.aspx?mnu=Subcat&PriMenuID=36&CatID=141&SubcatID=368>)

Suntrace has presented a gap-filling method, which depends on how many solar radiation components are available as well as the duration of the lack of data. When only one solar component is missing, the missing values are calculated from the two other using linear interpolation. When two components are missing, external modeling is used to estimate one of the missing components, then using the case where one component is missing. When the three components are missing, the clearness index and the beam clearness index are used for the temporal interpolation. The accuracy of the applied basic gap filling methodology has been tested and the results show a mean bias of 3 % over GHI, DNI and DHI over all types of gaps.

### **Activity B3: Merging Ground and Modeled Data Sources**

Armines developed an innovative fusion method to combine a one-year short time series of ground-based sub-hourly irradiation data with long-term satellite-based data to create calibrated, sub-hourly and long-term TMY irradiation data.

DLR has offered their good quality ground data from the PSA site for subactivity B3.1. In addition, a selection of several sites with good quality ground data is made available from BSRN and from task participants. For this activity the requirements will be the use of only recent ground data (no more than two years) in order to be closer to the actual situations that can be found in bankability processes.

Ciemat has performed a sensitivity study for the use of different external inputs and models in satellite estimations of solar radiation using PSA station during the years 2011 and 2012. The study analyzed the impact of the uncertainty of using satellite estimates based on aerosol input from four different sources (Aeronet, MODIS, MISR and MACC), different clear sky models (ESRA, SOLIS and REST2) and different direct-to-global conversion models (Louche, DirInt and DirIndex).

Good results were achieved using accurate aerosol data from AERONET, as expected; however, for the gridded aerosol databases, MACC yielded to slightly better results. In the case of clear sky the different sensitivity to the atmospheric input plays an important role, and thus REST2 yielded to quite good results when accurate data from AERONET were used as input, and in the other cases the models showed similar results. Finally, again DirIndex plays a role in DNI estimations when the aerosol input from AERONET is used.

Several sites with good quality ground data from BSRN and from task participants were selected in recent months. Besides the quality high frequency data (1-min) with measurements of the three components also simultaneous daily AOD measurements are of interest. BSRN sites, SURFRAD, PSA-DLR and eventually data offered by the Pontificia University of Chile have been identified as good candidates.

An initial review of existing methods for statistically correcting or merging satellite data with ground measurements has been initiated by CIEMAT. Bias removal,

corrections of fitted scatter plots and methods based on geometric considerations will be explored, among others, to identify conditions where specific systematic errors of satellite retrievals could be observed.

Under a Spanish standardization committee for solar radiation series generation for CSP simulation, it has been established that when data from estimated sources are used, those data have to be analyzed during one year with simultaneous measurements in order to verify the general behavior of the estimated series in that location. A validation has been carried out by CIEMAT/UC3M, in order to verify these proposed procedures. One procedure is based on the application of TMY methodology, although estimates during more than 10 years are used instead of measurements. Measurements from four locations have been used as well as estimations from satellite images supplied by IrSOLaV. The behavior of the estimations has been analyzed following the proposed standard.

CSIRO is working on correcting and merging methods for CCAM (Conformal Cubic Atmospheric Model) mesoscale model DNI retrievals. Using this approach, for example, they have shown the correlation coefficient improve by up to about 0.2 in Spring/Winter for Wagga Wagga and Mildura. The ultimate goal of this work is to combine atmospheric model data (30+ years, 1979-2012) with satellite data (ca. 20 years) and of course ground station data.

#### ***Activity B4: Uncertainty of model-derived historic solar radiation data***

An extensive validation of long-term satellite derived DNI and GHI data sets was prepared and presented by the University of Geneva. Six different satellite models and 18 European and Mediterranean Sites were analyzed. In total 110 years of data were quality checked and processed. The validation statistics include the mean bias difference, the root mean square deviation, the standard deviation, the correlation coefficient and the Kolmogorov-Smirnov integrals. The inter-annual variability was also studied. A detailed report of the results will be published soon.

#### ***Activity B5: Evaluation of meteorological products with focus on Typical Meteorological Year and Time Series***

Spanish institutions and companies closely related to CSP have been working within the AENOR framework (Spanish Association for Standardization and Certification) on standards for the industry. Part of this work consists of the development of a methodology for generating a year of solar irradiance data and other key variables to be used by the CSP industry. Through the consensus, the group proposed a methodology for generating the so-called Representative Solar Year (abbreviated as ASR from the Spanish name). Two Master thesis were finished at the UCM3 that describe the creation of the ASR based on ground measurements and modeled data respectively. The results of these works were presented at the expert meeting in Oldenburg (October 7<sup>th</sup>).

### **Subtask C: Solar Irradiance Forecasting**

#### ***Activity C1: Short-term Forecasting (up to 7-days ahead)***

Research on different algorithms to forecast solar radiation is a major subject of C1. Task members involved in irradiance forecasting have been continuously working on further development of forecasting algorithms for both GHI and DNI. Another focus of C1 is the comparison of different forecasting approaches (benchmarking studies). The framework of these studies has been defined and the task members have started to prepare measurement data and process forecasts for these studies.

#### ***C.1.1. Time series models based on ground-measured irradiance data***

The University of South Australia is working on hourly and intra hourly forecasting of solar radiation with statistical models. In Huang et al, (2013) a method for forecasting solar radiation on an hourly time scale using a Coupled Auto Regressive and Dynamical System (CARDS) model is introduced and evaluated. The trends of solar radiation are not easy to capture and become especially hard to predict when weather conditions change dramatically, such as with clouds blocking the sun. At present, the better performing methods to forecast solar radiation are time series methods, artificial neural networks and stochastic models. The paper describes a new and efficient method capable of forecasting 1-h ahead solar radiation during cloudy days. The method combines an autoregressive (AR) model with a dynamical system model. In addition, the difference of solar radiation values at present and lag one time step is used as a correction to a predicted value, improving the forecasting accuracy by 30% compared to models without this correction.

University of Oldenburg has started to work on the application of machine learning methods for very short term PV power forecasting [Wolff et al. 2013]. Due to fast changing weather conditions, e.g., clouds and fog, a precise forecast in the minute to hour range can be a difficult undertaking. On the basis of big data sets of PV measurements, methods from statistical learning are applied for one-hour ahead predictions. Nearest neighbors regression and support vector regression are employed for PV power predictions based on measurements and numerical weather predictions. An emphasis is put on the analysis of feature combinations based on PV time series and numerical weather predictions as additional exogenous input.

#### C.1.2. Total sky imagers

The University of California/San Diego (UCSD) is continuously working on improving cloud detection from ground based sky imagers as a basis for very short term forecasting with high resolution. The new UCSD prototype produces high-quality sky imagery with a high dynamic range, allowing for more accurate cloud fields and more reliable thin cloud detection. No shadow band is necessary, leading to 10% more imagery available and interpolation errors eliminated. The state-of-the-art sky imager-forecasting device with algorithms for 15 minute ramp forecasting has a high temporal and spatial resolution, a reasonable coverage of approx. 15 km<sup>2</sup> and is applicable for short time-horizon up to 20 minutes.

As an alternative to the detection of cloud motion with sky imagers, UCSD is investigating also an approach to determine of cloud motion vectors from a network of ground sensors in a solar power plant. In Bosch and Kleissl (2013) a new method for deriving cloud speed from data collected at a triplet of sensors at arbitrary positions is presented; cloud speed and the angle of the cloud front are determined from the time delays in two cloud front arrivals at the sensors. Five reference cells at the 48 MW PV plant at Henderson (NV), were used to provide two different triplets of sensors. Over a year of operation cloud speeds from 3 to 35 m/s were obtained. Cloud speeds are validated using cross-correlation of power output from 96 inverters at the plant. Overall bias errors were less than 1% and the overall annual RMSE was 20.9%, but results varied with season.

MinesParisTech, in cooperation with EDF R&D, is working on 3D reconstruction of cloud motion and corresponding shadow on the grounds from stereoscopic and optical flow analysis of hemispherical images from 2 fish-eye cameras. The stereoscopic analysis with correlation-based cloud matching to assess parallax and therefore 3D position is combined with a Kalman filter to detect cloud heights. First results are encouraging and the value of the application of a Kalman filter has been shown.



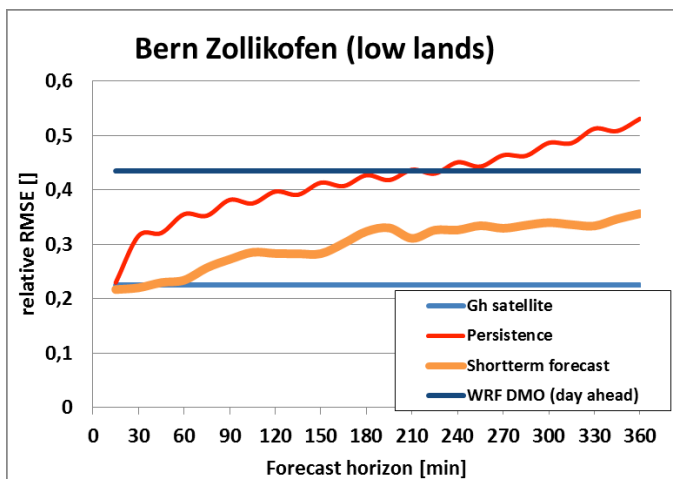
University of Oldenburg has also started the development of forecasts of solar radiation and PV power using a sky imager. The measurement devices at U of Oldenburg currently include the sky imager, a spectrometer, PV modules, and global horizontal and tilted, diffuse and direct measurements. They will be complemented by several photodiode pyranometers, distributed in the area around the sky imager. An approach for cloud classification [Heinle et. al, 2010] for daylight conditions will be applied to infer cloud information from the sky images in a first step. Further topics are the projection of cloud information from the sky images onto the surface for approximation of shading, cloud-motion-vectors from sky imagery, and analysis and modeling of radiative fluctuations.

C.1.3. Motion vectors from satellite data

University of Oldenburg is working on evaluation and further development of their cloud motion vector (CMV) forecasting algorithm based on Meteosat satellite images [Kühnert et al, 2103 a]. Images from Meteosat Second Generation (MSG) satellites provide valuable information for forecasting clouds and solar irradiance several hours ahead by using cloud motion vectors (CMV). An approach to derive irradiance information from MSG images and of predicting the cloud situation by applying CMV is described and an evaluation of the irradiance forecast for single sites and regional averages on basis of a one-year data set is presented. The CMV forecast shows a superior performance in comparison to forecasts with NWP models up to 5 hours ahead.

IrSOLaV has developed a CMV forecasting algorithm based on images from operational Meteosat satellites (First and Second generation). Currently IrSOLaV is providing service to several concentrated solar thermal plants in Spain.

Meteotest is following a different approach for short term forecasting up to six hours ahead. They investigate the combination of cloud and radiation fields from satellite images with wind fields from the NWP model WRF. This shortest-term solar forecasting algorithm, which is updated every 15 minutes, has been evaluated for more than 20 sites in Switzerland, including low lands, alpine and high-alpine stations (see example for one site in Fig. C1-1). The RMSE ranges between 75 – 200 W/m2 (20 - 60%), depending on season, station and forecast horizon. The uncertainty is low in flatland and much higher in the Alps. The improvement of this approach over NWP WRF model outputs for 3 - 6 hours is about 40%. A particular focus during the reporting period has been on the investigation of Kalman filters to improve the forecasts. This post-processing approach has been found to be useful to correct for clear sky days.



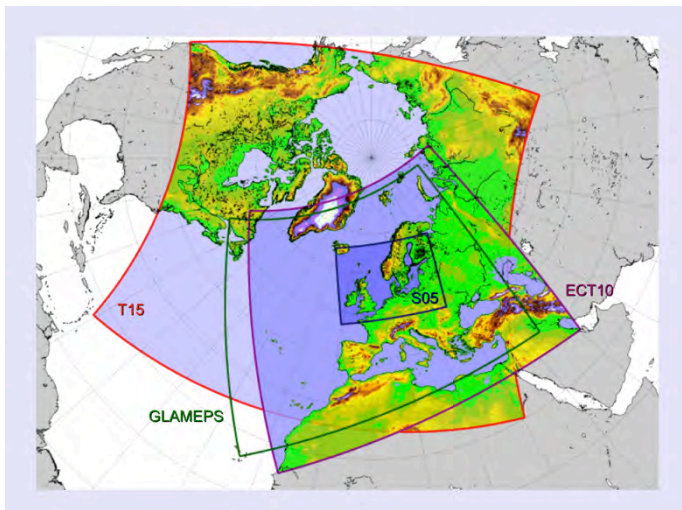
**Figure C1-1: Relative RMSE of the Meteotest short term forecasting scheme in comparison to WRF Forecasts and persistence in dependence on the forecast horizon for a station in Switzerland.**

University of Oldenburg has investigated the use of wind fields from NWP model forecasts, as proposed by Meteotest, in comparison to satellite derived CMVs to advect clouds. Wind fields from the IFS model operated at the ECMWF are used for this purpose and a first study for May 2012 was performed. As a first result, a very similar performance of forecasts based on cloud advection with NWP wind fields and satellite derived CMVs was found for the investigated period

#### C.1.4 NWP forecast models

The Danish Meteorological Institute (DMI) is running several numerical weather prediction models, including the High Resolution Limited Area Model (HIRLAM) 7.3 “SO5” 25-member ensemble prediction system and RADAR RUC model. A detailed evaluation of different aspects of the global radiation forecasts of the DMI ensemble prediction system has been performed in the PhD of Sisse Ludholm. The evaluation not only gives traditional measures of forecast quality, e.g. RMSE and skill scores, which are usually applied in the more user oriented evaluations in the context of energy meteorology, but follows a more general approach of forecast verification, based on the analysis of joint distributions and observations. The investigation of consistency revealed the evidence of under-dispersivity, which is demonstrated e.g. by a too low capture rate and the RMSE versus spread rate. Apart of the properties of the complete ensemble, the performance of ensemble mean and median is also investigated, revealing a superior performance of the ensemble mean compared to the deterministic control forecast, not only in terms of RMSE and skill, but also for discrimination. This indicates the possible benefit of complementing deterministic forecasts with the ensemble mean.

Furthermore, DMI has added HIRLAM and the Integrated Forecast System (IFS) from the GLAMEPS (Grand Limited Area Model Ensemble Prediction System) ensemble to the models tested in the benchmarking exercise (C1.6). GLAMEPS is a multi-model ensemble system that includes ensemble models from the HIRLAM-ALADIN consortium and ECMWF. The resolution of GLAMEPS is 0.15° in rotated latitudinal/longitudinal coordinates. Average GHI is output every 3-hours. The GLAMEPS domain can be seen in Fig. C1-2, together with the other DMI ensemble domains. From the other ensemble domains of DMI both GHI and scattered solar irradiance are output every hour. The S05 domain has a resolution of 0.05°. The ECT10 domain has a resolution of 0.10°. Output from ECT10 will be included starting from November 2013. S05 and ECT10 only include members from the HIRLAM model. Additionally, DMI runs a rapid update cycle (RUC) model with a resolution of 0.03° and output of GHI and scattered solar irradiance every 10 minutes.



**Figure C1-2: The three ensemble domains for solar irradiances are forecasted at DMI: S05, ECT10 and GLAMEPS. Ensemble models are not run for the domain labeled T15.**

DLR-DFD has worked on the development of spatial error characteristics for operational day ahead solar irradiance forecasts [Schroedter-Homscheidt and Killius, 2013]. According to weather patterns the reliability of solar energy forecasts is expected to have a spatial dependence. The available ground measurement network for DNI is extremely sparse in Europe and Northern Africa and not sufficient for any spatial analysis. For GHI the situation is much better, but still a dense network of uniformly distributed stations is lacking. Therefore, MSG-based observations have been used as reference for the verification of current numerical weather prediction capabilities of the ECMWF IFS model with respect to global and direct irradiance forecasts. Three hourly values of global solar radiation for the next 72 hours have been interpolated to hourly day-ahead forecasts. The Skartveith/Olseth model has been applied to derive the direct component. The evaluations are performed for 2006 as a test year. It was shown that day ahead forecast errors are dependent on cloud types and structure of cloud fields (e.g. scattered, thin ice clouds) and that one can use satellite retrievals as transfer standard to give spatial information on error statistics.

Furthermore, DLR has been working on aerosol forecasts for solar forecasts assessment [Schroedter-Homscheidt et al, 2013]. For a larger share of electricity to come from fluctuating solar and wind energy-based electricity, production forecasts are required to ensure successful grid integration. Concentrating solar power holds the potential to make the fluctuating solar electricity a dispatchable resource by using both heat storage systems and solar production forecasts based on a reliable weather prediction. These solar technologies exploit the direct irradiance at the surface, which is a quantity very dependent on the aerosol extinction with values up to 100%. Results from present-day numerical weather forecasts are inadequate, as they generally use climatology for dealing with aerosol extinction. Therefore, meteorological forecasts have to be extended by chemical weather forecasts. The study aims at quantifying on a global scale the question if and where daily mean or hourly forecasts are required, or if persistence is sufficient in some regions. The study assesses the performance of recently introduced NWP aerosol schemes by using the ECMWF-MACC forecast; a preparatory activity for the upcoming European GMES (Global Monitoring for Environment and Security) Atmosphere Service [Schroedter-Homscheidt et al, 2013].

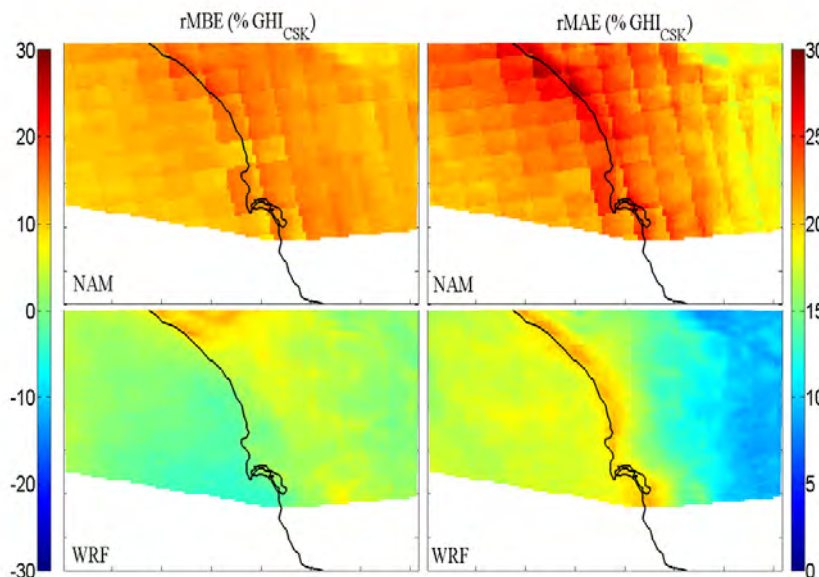
CSIRO has investigated the skill of global and direct radiation forecasts by the ECMWF model for an Australian site (Rockhampton, Queensland, NE of Australia). Forecasts are 3-hourly out to 120 hours. A simple standard bias correction based on solar zenith angle and the clear sky index has been applied and appears to improve scores.

University of Oldenburg has analyzed probabilistic irradiance forecasts of the ECMWF ensemble prediction system (EPS) to support photovoltaic power predictions [Przybilla et al, 2013].

In particular, the intrinsic uncertainty information provided by the EPS has been investigated. The ensemble has 50 members; the temporal resolution is 3 hours and the spatial resolution  $0.25^\circ$  and here the UTC 0:00 run is used. The forecasts are evaluated against pyranometer measurements from 290 meteorological stations in Germany, for the period 5 May 2011 to 30 April 2012. The evaluation is performed for single sites and regional average values. Among other tools to evaluate the EPS uncertainty information, the capture rate is analyzed, defined as percentage of values with the observation lying inside the ensemble spread ('hit'). The evaluation revealed

a considerable underestimation of the forecast uncertainty and the need for ensemble calibration for a reliable estimation of forecast uncertainty.

UCSD has published their worked on a high-resolution, cloud-assimilating numerical weather prediction model for solar irradiance forecasting [Mathiesen et al, 2013]. They state a limited applicability of most operational NWP models for day-ahead solar forecasting. Overall, error is related to the expected meteorological conditions. For regions with dynamic cloud systems, forecast accuracy is low. Specifically, the North American Model (NAM) predicts insufficient cloud cover along the California coast, especially during summer months. Since this region represents significant potential for distributed photovoltaic generation, accurate solar forecasts are critical. To improve forecast accuracy, a high-resolution, direct-cloud-assimilating NWP model based on the Weather and Research Forecasting model (WRF-CLDDA) was developed and implemented at UCSD. Using satellite imagery, clouds were directly assimilated in the initial conditions. Furthermore, model resolution and physics parameterizations were chosen specifically to facilitate the formation and persistence of the low-altitude clouds common to coastal California. Compared to the UCSD pyranometer network, intra-day WRF-CLDDA forecasts were 17.4% less biased than the NAM and relative mean absolute error (rMAE) was 4.1% lower. For day-ahead forecasts, WRF-CLDDA accuracy did not diminish; relative mean bias error was only 1.6% and rMAE 18.2% (5.6% smaller than the NAM). Spatially, the largest improvements occurred for the morning hours along coastal regions when cloud cover is expected (see Fig. C1-4). In addition, the ability of WRF-CLDDA to resolve intra-hour variability was assessed. Though the horizontal (1.3 km) and temporal (5 min) resolutions were fine, ramp rates for time scales of less than 30 min were not accurately characterized. Thus, it was concluded that the cloud sizes resolved by WRF-CLDDA were approximately five times as large as its horizontal discretization.



**Figure C1-4:**  
Spatial distribution of rMBE and rMAE (evaluated against SolarAnywhere satellite-derived solar data) along the Californian coastline of the NAM and WRF-CLDDA.

#### C.1.5. Statistical models integrating different data sources

University of Oldenburg is investigating the use of machine learning methods (support vector regression) for improving solar power predictions by integrating different data sources. The different input data are dealt with as exogenous input to time series models (see also Subactivity C1).

### *C.1.6 Benchmarking studies*

The framework of four benchmarking studies, defined at the Tasks Expert's meeting in January 2013 includes:

- Benchmarking of irradiance forecasts of 4 global models for worldwide location
- Benchmarking of NWP model irradiance forecasts for central and northern Europe
- Benchmarking of NWP model irradiance forecasts for Southern Europe and La Reunion
- Benchmarking of short term forecasting algorithms based on cloud motion vectors

During the reporting period Task members started to collect measurement data for the different evaluation regions (Canada, USA, Australia, Austria, Switzerland, Spain, Denmark, Germany, La Reunion) and to process the forecasts for these sites.

At the October Task meeting in Oldenburg a session dedicated to the benchmarking exercise took place. A detailed plan for the next steps was developed. The accuracy measures to be applied were discussed. Besides the standard measures RMSE, MAE and bias it was agreed that a new measure should be introduced to assess the ability of a forecast model to describe the expected variability.

## **Activity C2: Integration of Solar Forecasts into Operations**

### *C.2.1 Link with industry*

Under Subactivity C.2.1 two deliverables were completed during the reporting period, both defined as workshops with industry involvement.

IrSOLaV and CIEMAT organized a "Workshop on Applications of Solar Forecasting" on 11th June 2013 at Ciemat (Deliverable C 2.1). The objective of this workshop was to increase and spread theoretical and practical knowledge on solar energy forecasting and integration of solar into the electric grid, targeted to industry representatives and scientists working in the solar energy sector. More than 100 participants joined the workshop. The program and presentations are available at <http://www.irsolav.com/workshop/>.

The joint workshop on solar forecasting of IEA/SHC Task 46 and IEA/PVPS Task 14 (Deliverable C 2.3) took place during the reporting period. This workshop, organized by Meteotest, was held on 1 October 2013 as a parallel event of the EU PVSEC 2013 conference in Paris. The workshop objective was described as follows: "The higher the penetration of PV the more important is the precise knowledge of the past and future solar resource. Additionally it becomes more and more important that engineers and meteorologists understand each other and work closely together. That's why the IEA tasks SHC 46 ("solar resource assessment and forecasting") and PVPS 14 ("high penetration of PV") are working together and are holding this common workshop. In the workshop we will present some of the on-going work of the two tasks with a focus on solar (short term) forecast." Information on the program can be found at <http://www.photovoltaicconference.com/parallelevents/solarresourceandforecastdataforhighpvpennetration2013.html/>

### *C.2.2 Applications of solar forecasting*

DLR has been working on the economic analysis of a forecasting systems for CSP [Kraas et al, 2013]. Forecasts of power production are necessary for the electricity market participation of CSP plants. Deviations from the production schedule may

lead to penalty charges. Therefore, the accuracy of DNI forecasts is an important issue. This paper elaborates on the mitigation impact on deviation penalties of an electricity production forecasting tool for the 50 MW parabolic trough plant Andasol 3 in Spain. Only a few commercial DNI forecast schemes are currently available. One of them, based on a model output statistics (MOS) forecast for the period July 2007 to December 2009, is assessed and compared to the zero cost 2-day persistence approach, which assumes yesterday's weather conditions and electricity generation also occur the following day.

The quality of the meteorological forecasts is analyzed both with forecast verification methods and from the perspective of a power plant operator. Using MOS, penalties in the study period are reduced by 47.6% compared to the 2-day persistence case. Typical error patterns of existing MOS forecasts and their financial impact are discussed. Overall, the paper aims at quantifying the economic value of readily available numerical weather prediction in this use case. A special feature of our study is its focus on a real market case and the use of real data, rather than following a purely academic approach, and thus to provide some new insights regarding the economic benefit of using and improving state-of-the-art forecasting techniques.

University of Oldenburg has analyzed the application of their satellite based cloud motion vector forecasts for local and regional PV power forecasting [Kühnert et al, 2013].

#### **Subtask D: Advanced Resource Modeling**

##### ***Activity D1: Improvements to Existing Solar Resource Retrieval Methods***

*D.1.1. Direct/diffuse transposition model, radiative transfer code for direct/diffuse and angular distribution of irradiance, circumsolar (sunshape) analysis  
Improvement of albedo retrieval for satellite-based estimation of surface solar irradiance (CIEMAT).*

A revision of the computation of ground albedo in satellite methods has been performed by CIEMAT and a new method for calculating ground albedo is proposed. This new method is based on the method of Dagestad and Olseth but allows for the local computation of the relationship between ground albedo and scattering angle. Consequently, this new formulation improves the solar radiation estimations in high reflective areas, such as the Sahara desert, where the dependence of the ground albedo with the co-scattering angle can vary notably with respect to other regions (Europe for instance). An analysis of the angular dependence of the albedo with the scattering angle is also being performed using Meteosat first and second-generation Prime and Indian Ocean Data Coverage (IODC) images and GOES images as well.

##### *Determination of Circumsolar Radiation from Meteosat Second Generation (DLR)*

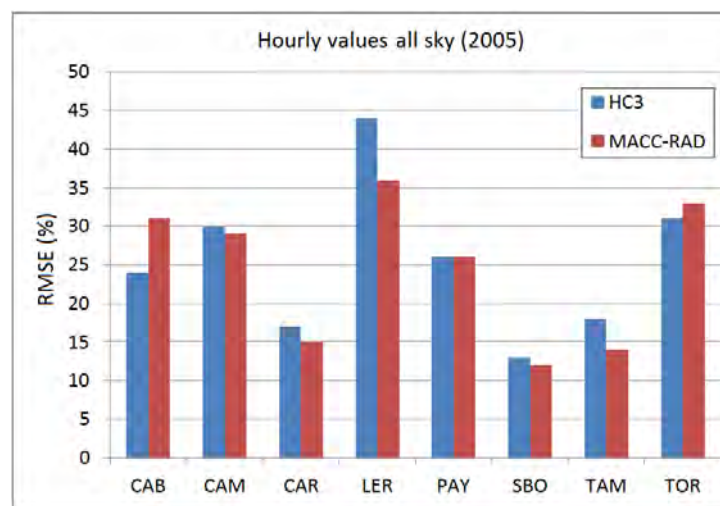
DLR has proposed a method to assess circumsolar radiation from MSG observations (Reinhardt et al., 2013). Reliable data on circumsolar radiation, which is caused by scattering of sun light by cloud or aerosol particles, is becoming more and more important for the resource assessment and design of concentrating solar technologies. However, measuring circumsolar radiation is demanding and only very limited data sets are available. As a step to bridge this gap, we have developed a method to determine circumsolar radiation from cirrus cloud properties retrieved by geostationary satellites such as the MSG family. The method takes output from the COCS algorithm to generate a cirrus mask from MSG data, then uses the retrieval algorithm APICS to obtain the optical thickness and the effective radius of the detected cirrus, which in turn are used to determine the circumsolar radiation from a

pre-calculated lookup table. The lookup table was generated from extensive calculations using a specifically adjusted version of the Monte Carlo radiative transfer model MYSTIC and by developing a fast yet precise parameterization. APICS was also improved such that it determines the surface albedo, which is needed for the cloud property retrieval, in a self-consistent way instead of using external data. Furthermore it was extended to consider new ice particle shapes to allow for an uncertainty analysis concerning this parameter. We found that the nescience of the ice particle shape leads to an uncertainty of up to 50%. A validation with ground based measurements of circumsolar radiation show good agreement with the new “Baum v3.5” ice particle shape parameterization. For the circumsolar ratio (CSR) the validation yields a mean absolute deviation (MAD) of 0.10, a bias of 11% and a Spearman rank correlation  $r_{\text{rank, CSR}}$  of 0.54. If measurements with sub-scale cumulus clouds within the relevant satellite pixels are manually excluded, the results improve to MAD= 0.07, bias= -3% and  $r_{\text{rank, CSR}} = 0.71$ .

*Heliosat-4: new satellite-based Surface Solar Irradiance estimation method with radiative transfer code (MINES ParisTech, DLR)*

The new Heliosat-4 method calls upon the McClear model for the clear-sky part and on a variant of Delta-Eddington approximation for the cloudy part. Inputs for clear-sky originate from the MACC project, those for the clouds originate from the APOLLO algorithm applied to Meteosat images at the DLR. Ground albedo data originate from MODIS.

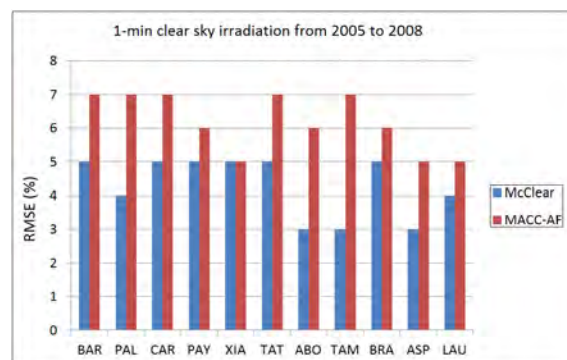
A comparison has been made between hourly values estimated by Heliosat-4 and those measured at 8 BSRN sites (Cabauw, Camborne, Carpentras, Lerwick, Payerne, Sede Boqer, Tamanrasset, Toravere). The same exercise was performed but with the standard HelioClim3v3 (HC3) product from the SoDa Service. Figure D1-1 exhibits the comparison of the RMSE obtained by HC3 and by the Heliosat-4 method (noted as MACC-RAD). The Heliosat-4 provides better results as a whole than HC3. This is encouraging knowing that HC3 has undergone several improvements while this is the first version of Heliosat-4.



**Figure D1-1: Comparison of the RMSE obtained by HelioClim 3 (HC3) and Heliosat 4 (MACC-RAD) for various BSRN stations (horizontal axis). (MINES ParisTech, DLR).**

*MACC McClear: a model of clear-sky irradiance Assessment of the performances of the McClear model to estimate the surface solar irradiance under clear-sky (MINES ParisTech, DLR)*

The model McClear has been developed under the European project MACC-II (Lefèvre et al., 2013). It has been evaluated using 11 BSRN stations. The 1 min measurements from these stations have been screened in order to retain clear sky instants only. The article on McClear is under revision at Atmospheric Measurement Techniques. Meanwhile, another comparison was performed with another model estimating the aerosol forcing and developed in MACC. The MACC-AF model estimates also the SSI under clear sky. Figure D1-2 exhibits the comparison of the RMSE obtained by McClear and the MACC-AF model for the same 11 BSRN stations.



**Figure D1-2: Comparison of the RMSE obtained by McClear and the MACC-AF (aerosol forcing) model for various BSRN stations (horizontal axis). (MINES ParisTech, DLR).**

*Modeling the distribution of radiances in the sky vault under clear-sky conditions for an accurate assessment of the beam and circumsolar radiation (Masdar Institute of Science and Technology and MINES ParisTech)*

A PhD thesis, started in September 2012 by M. Yehia Eissa under the co-supervision of the Masdar Institute of Science and Technology and MINES ParisTech, under the project Prédisol lead by Total, deals with modeling the distribution of radiances in the sky vault under clear-sky conditions for an accurate assessment of the beam and circumsolar radiation. The first results from this PhD thesis were presented at the ISES Solar World Congress in November 2013 (Eissa et al., 2013). The objective was to present Circumsolar Ratio (CSR) values over a cloudless turbid atmosphere using a sky radiance model and a Radiative Transfer Model (RTM). The model of Perez et al. (1993), named the all-weather model (AWM), and the libRadtran RTM (Mayer and Kylling, 2005) were employed to compute the CSR. The dataset utilized in this study comprised of 10 months of solar irradiance (global, diffuse and direct normal) and aerosol optical depth (AOD) measurements collected at Masdar City located in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. A comparison of the CSR estimated from both models was then conducted.

*Evaluation of surface solar irradiance retrieved by the MERRA re-analysis using in-situ measurements in the tropical Atlantic Ocean (MINES ParisTech)*

Meteorological re-analyses are currently available, such as the Modern-Era Retrospective Analysis (MERRA) from NASA. These re-analyses contain estimates of the surface solar irradiance (SSI). MINES ParisTech has performed a study to evaluate the daily means of the SSI from MERRA using in situ measurements made



at 23 sites in the tropical Atlantic Ocean for the period 1985-2011. The ocean was selected as there is no orographic influence on the results. The analysis shows that the MERRA re-analysis overestimates the SSI and the clearness index. The RMSE is large, ranging from 40 to 74 W/m<sup>2</sup>. The correlation coefficient is very low; typically 0.5 for the flux and 0.4 for the clearness index. The clearness index is underestimated in clear-sky conditions, and overestimated in other conditions, indicating that the re-analysis may have deficiencies in the modeling of the clear-sky conditions, cloud optical properties and cloud amount.

#### *Extension of the WRF NWP model to assess direct and diffuse solar irradiance (Uni-Jaén)*

Uni-Jaén has added the Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) NWP model to assess DNI and DIF surface fluxes and is currently developing a fast method to update the Shortwave (SW) surface fluxes in WRF. This approach allows computing surface fluxes at higher spatio-temporal resolution without a significant computational cost increase (<http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users/wrfv3.5/updates-3.5.1.html>). The ability of the WRF model to assess clear-sky GHI, DNI and DIF fluxes has been demonstrated in a benchmarking study against high-quality instantaneous ground observations from the BSRN and SURFRAD networks and the SMARTS2 SW spectral model (Ruiz-Arias et al., 2013a). Overall, all models demonstrated good skills for GHI assessment regardless whether the runs were driven with observed aerosols. However, only when the models are driven with observed aerosols, DNI and DIF simulations are reliable. In particular, the RRTMG SW scheme showed the best skill, comparable to the top-class SMARTS2 model.

A parameterization of the short-wave aerosol optical properties tailored for surface solar irradiance assessment and forecasting in NWP models has been developed and implemented in the WRF NWP model. This requires only the aerosol optical depth at 550 nm that can be introduced in the WRF model in the form of a time-varying spatial grid with virtually any temporal resolution (as long as it is compatible with the model time step). The rest of the optical properties of the aerosol are inferred from a built-in type of predominant aerosol, which can be selected by the user (currently, either rural or urban), and relative humidity. The parameterization has showed an outstanding performance for surface solar irradiance assessment.

#### *Radiation sensitivity tests of the HARMONIE NWP model (DMI)*

DMI has been working on radiation sensitivity tests of the HARMONIE NWP model (Nielsen et al., 2013), and on the sky radiance distribution modeling under all-sky conditions. Their analysis shows that, even in the case of homogeneous stratiform clouds, the distribution of scattered radiance is not simple and far from uniform as is often assumed. Since DISORT calculates values for a 1-dimensional atmosphere only, such simulations are not expected to be valid for fractional cloud cover.

#### *Harmonization of the definitions of DNI (collective outcomes)*

DNI is of particular relevance to concentrating technologies. However, disagreement between the various interpretations of DNI can be found depending upon its usage. Through Task 46, these issues as well as more specific ones have been identified and have been discussed with experts from around the world on two occasions in dedicated meetings.

The outcomes of these meetings are i) a report within the European MACC-II project on further standardization regarding computation of DNI, and ii) an agreement on definitions, nomenclature and ways of performing elementary calculations, namely

the position of the sun with respect to an observer and the conversion of the beam irradiance received on a horizontal surface into DNI.

The first part of the three speeches (speakers: Dr. Philippe Blanc, Dr. Christian Gueymard, Dr. Richard Meyer, Moderator: Dave Renné) organized on May 2013 during the ISES Webinar "Improving DNI Information for CSP Development" was dedicated to these consensual definitions related to DNI. An oral presentation on this topic was also given by Blanc et al. (2013) during the ICEM conference on Toulouse, France in June.

#### D.1.2. Spectrally Resolved Irradiance

*Assessing the spectral distribution of the solar radiation by numerical models and satellite images. Application cases: photovoltaic, UV, photosynthesis, daylight (MINES ParisTech - PhD Thesis, 2012-2015).* This thesis, carried out by M. William Wandji-Nyamsi under the supervision of MINES ParisTech is "Assessing the spectral distribution of the solar radiation by numerical models and satellite images".

A better knowledge of surface solar irradiance (SSI) needs the estimation of the spectral distribution of the solar irradiance at any time and place. Some spectral bands of interest are the Ultraviolet (UV) band, Photosynthetically Active Radiation (PAR) band, daylight band and interval bands related to the photovoltaic (PV) cells.

Ground measurements are rare on the surface, limited in the time due to the cost and the maintenance of the material. An accurate way for having a spatial and temporal variability of this spectral distribution is the use of the Radiative Transfer Models (RTMs) for the spectral calculations. However, RTMs require a lot of time run time. In order to speed calculations, a noticeable approach of calculations is the k-distribution method and correlated-k approximation of Kato et al. (1999) originally designed for the broadband shortwave calculations. It leads to the representation of the spectral distribution of solar irradiance in 32 discrete wavelengths intervals between 240 nm and 4606 nm, hereafter, named as Kato Bands (KB).

The main objective is to know how this approach performs in the spectral calculations. The study is done by the mean of a) Monte Carlo simulations for describing a wide diversity of the atmospheric states in the clear-sky conditions and b) the RTMs libRadtran and SMARTS considered like reference in each Kato band.

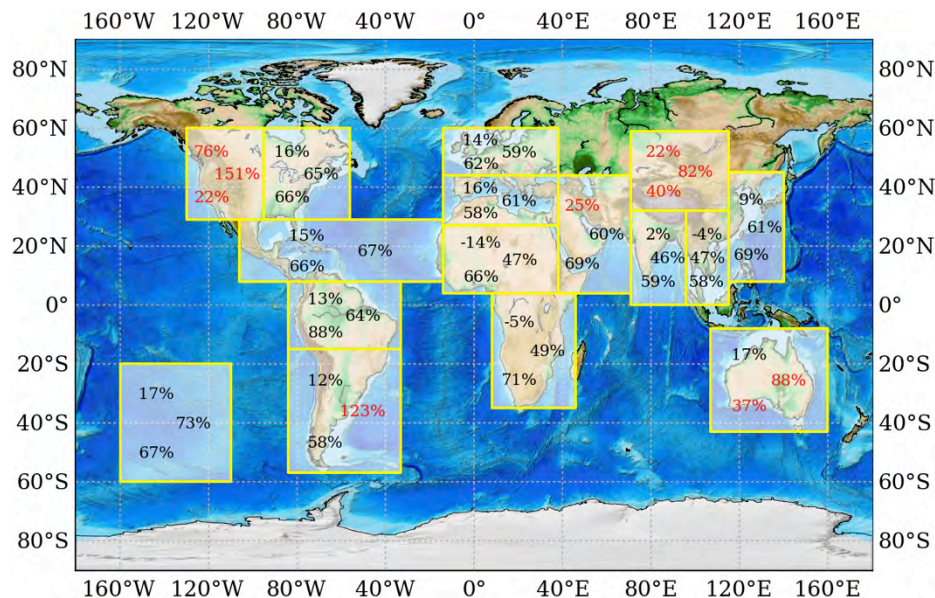
The comparisons are carried on the physical quantities direct clearness index which is defined as the ratio between the direct normal irradiance and the normal irradiance at the top of the atmosphere and clearness index which is the ratio between the horizontal global irradiance at Earth surface and the horizontal irradiance at the top of the atmosphere. In general, the results show a good agreement of this approximation. We can conclude that the k-distribution method and correlated-k approximation of Kato et al. (1999) is an adequate way for retrieving the spectral distribution of the solar irradiance in the particular spectral band like UV, PAR and others narrow spectral bands.

#### D.1.3. Enhanced atmospheric parameters for radiative transfer code based modeling: aerosol optical depth, enhanced cloud parameters, including 3-D cloud characterization

*Performance assessment and improvement of AOD retrieval from MODIS*

Ruiz-Arias et al. (2013a) demonstrate the high sensitivity of DNI to the aerosol content and, in particular, to the aerosol optical depth (AOD). Consequently, any reliable computation of DNI fluxes in the WRF NWP model will require the model to

be driven by a time-varying gridded AOD input. The AOD observations gathered with the MODIS instrument aboard the polar-orbiting Terra and Aqua satellites are a convenient candidate data source. Uni-Jaén has assessed the performance of the  $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$  daily Level-3 MODIS AOD product over a period of 11 years against more than 600 AERONET stations worldwide (Ruiz-Arias et al., 2013b). It has shown acceptable skills to track the large-scale spatio-temporal variability of AOD. Nonetheless, it is typically biased with, eventually, very large regional biases and uncertainty, as can be seen in Figure D1-3. For this reason, a distributed bias correction method based on Geostatistics and ground observations has been proposed Ruiz-Arias et al., (2013c), and consists of a two-step procedure for data-gap filling and bias removal.



**Figure D1-3: MBE (top), RMSE (middle) and squared Pearson correlation coefficient R2 (bottom) for each individual region over the entire study period. The entire dataset scores are shown in the square domain over the South Pacific Ocean.**

#### *Validation of Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD) from MACC-ECMWF re-analysis in United Arab Emirates*

The influence of the limited accuracy of the aerosols on the solar resource assessment in the Middle East, where dust is the most critical atmospheric parameter, has been also studied. The EU-funded MACC aerosol has been identified as the most suitable publicly available source of AOD for irradiance calculations (Oumbe et al., 2013). However, in the Middle East, it overestimates the aerosol optical depth (AOD) measured in the AERONET network by 26% and the standard deviation (SD) amounts to 42. The analysis of these deviations shows that they are due to the relatively high spatial and temporal variability of aerosols in the region, since the spatial and temporal resolution of MACC are approximately 125 km and 3h in the Middle East. A global linear adjustment with AERONET measurements has been made. But it corrects only the systematic error and not the SD. The AOD was converted into irradiance by means of radiative transfer in the atmosphere. Therefore, the same  $\Delta$ AOD (variation on AOD) value can have different influence on the estimated irradiance, depending on the solar position, the actual AOD itself and other atmospheric conditions. This influence is being quantified, with the goal of estimating the maximum accuracy that can be expected on the assessed solar resource in the region, when state-of-the-art re-analysis aerosol is used.

*D.1.4 Other model upgrades: pixel desegregation (down-scaling solar irradiation data) for high spatial resolution solar map*

Work on this sub-activity has not yet commenced.

### **Activity D2: Long-term Analysis and Forecasting of Solar Resource Trends and Variability**

The NASA/LaRC team continues its efforts in conjunction with SUNY, NREL and NOAA NCDC to develop a long-term satellite solar irradiance resource data set beginning in 1983 through within about 1 year of present. The data set will be incorporated into the IRENA Global Atlas when completed. During the past 6 months, the NOAA NCDC data set GRIDSat was tested and progress was made toward finalizing the production system. A report on the progress was made at the April National Solar Conference 2013 in Baltimore, USA (Cox et al., 2013). Work continues to verify the results from version run at SUNY for single locations over BSRN sites and global runs here at NASA. Once verification proceeds, the NASA team will then begin gap filling at the 3-hourly level for the nearly global data coverage.

Due to lack of funding at NASA and Meteotest only minimal work could be done in this activity. Nevertheless two topics have been investigated recently:

1. Meteotest (Jan Remund) looked at the difference of long term global radiation anomalies (2081 – 99 compared to 1981 – 2000) in Switzerland based on different Regional Climate Models (CLM, RCA, REGCM3; all based on ECHAM5) of the ensemble project (<http://www.ensembles-eu.org/>). Generally the radiation anomalies are small (+/- 2%) and the differences between the RCMs as well – even if the three chosen RCMs show big differences in temperature and precipitation trends.
2. Fraunhofer ISE (Björn Müller et al., 2013) analyzed the past trends in Germany (dimming and brightening phase) and investigated the optimal duration of the historic period to use for site evaluations. The result of this work is submitted to Solar Energy and has been presented in the German Energiemeteorologie meeting (Müller et al, 2013).

## **WORK PLANNED FOR 2014**

### **Subtask B: Standardization and Integration Procedures for Data Bankability**

#### **Activity B1: Measurement Best Practices**

In 2014 the best practices manual for RSI based measurements will be finalized and published. The work on the general best practices manual including other instruments will be continued. A PhD thesis on circumsolar radiation will be published. The work on the uncertainty analysis of RSI measurements will be intensified. Research on the advanced measurands “soiling” and “beam attenuation” in tower plants will be continued.

#### **Activity B2: Gap Filling, QC, Flagging and Data Formatting**

In 2014, the manual on best practices for quality control will be finished. A publication in a peer-reviewed article on quality check procedure for ground-based data is planned. Further work on flagging data and data formatting will be done in order to gathering best practices.

#### **Activity B3: Integration of Data Sources**

In 2014 a first draft of the report on integration of ground measurements to satellite data sources will be finished.

**Activity B4: Data Uncertainties over Various Temporal and Spatial Resolutions**

The methodology for benchmarking of model-derived solar radiation data sets will be defined until July 2014. Also, a report on the geographical distribution of uncertainties from satellite-derived solar radiation products will be prepared.

**Activity B5: Evaluation of Meteorological Products**

In 2014 a data format description for meteorological time-series data for solar energy will be defined.

**Subtask C: Solar Irradiance Forecasting**

Task members involved in irradiance forecasting will continue working on further development of their forecasting algorithms for global horizontal and direct normal irradiance.

A focus of joint work in 2013 will be on the benchmarking studies to compare forecasting algorithm of the different partners. Four different studies starting in March 2013 have been defined at the third meeting in Sophia Antipolis, France, 21-23 January 2013. For three of these studies the evaluation period is 1 March 2013 -28 February 2014 and evaluation will be completed in 2014:

For Deliverable C1.1, Benchmarking of Irradiance Forecasts of Global Models for Worldwide Locations, four global models will be compared for locations in Canada, US; Spain, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Denmark and La Reunion.

Publication of the following Deliverables is planned for 2015:

- Deliverable C1.2: Benchmarking study of NWP irradiance forecasts for Central and Northern Europe:
- Deliverable C1.4: Benchmarking of satellite based irradiance forecasts

Also the work on the fourth benchmarking study (Deliverable C1.3) concerning NWP irradiance forecasts for Southern Europe and La Reunion with the evaluation period 3 January 2014 – 2 February 2015 will start.

**Subtask D: Advanced Resource Modeling**

The updated list of research works and outcomes that have been conducted so far and are foreseen during 2014 within this subtask's activity are the following:

- Common definitions related to DNI and circumsolar:
  - **May 2012 – Jan 2013:** Discussions on specific sessions of SHC46
  - **Oct 2013:** Draft a first version of a review paper on the topic
  - **Feb 2014:** Submission of the review paper to the Solar Energy or Renewable Energy journals
- Accuracy and performance of different sources of AOD and analysis of their impact on surface solar irradiance assessment and forecasting:
  - **Jun 2012 – Jan 2013:** Multi-year worldwide assessment of daily Level-3 MODIS AOD performance against AERONET AOD observations. Expected uncertainty in surface solar irradiance assessment. Research paper in Jan 2013.

- **Feb 2013 – Jul 2013:** Data gaps and bias removal post-processing method for gridded AOD databases. Expected uncertainty in surface solar irradiance assessment. Research paper in Jul 2013.
- **Jan 2013 – Dec 2013:** Performance assessment of MACC AOD in the United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- **Jan 2014 – Dec 2014:** Performance assessment of GOCART AOD
- **Jan 2014 – Jun 2014:** To evaluate different methods for site-adapted AOD forecasting and its application to NWP modeling.
- **Mid 2015:** Synthesis report on accuracy and performance of different sources of AOD
- **Late 2015:** Draft of a joint review paper on the results of the performance analysis
- Comparison of clear-sky irradiation models (broadband and spectral)
  - **Jan 2013 – Dec 2013:** Development of short-wave aerosol optical properties parameterization (AOPP) for NWP models tailored for surface solar irradiance assessment and forecasting. Research paper submitted for publication.
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  - **Jun 2013 – Aug 2013:** Short-wave clear-sky closure experiments for GHI, DNI and DIF assessment with the WRF model in the Contiguous US region. Research paper in Aug 2013.
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  - **Oct 2014 – Mar 2014:** Analysis of the WRF/AOPP performance assessment of surface solar irradiance in the Contiguous US region using MODIS AOD
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  - **Apr 2014 – May 2014:** Worldwide performance assessment of MACC AOD
  - **Mid 2015:** Synthesis report on the different Clear-Sky models (and corresponding sources of parameters)
  - **End 2015 :** Draft of a collective review paper
    - Cloud representation in NWP models
- **Oct 2013 – May 2014:** To evaluate WRF unresolved clouds against local cloud observing methods.
- Measurement and modeling of directional radiance distribution in all-sky conditions.
  - **Aug 2013:** Measurements of directional radiances (full solar spectrum).
  - **Apr 2013 – Dec 2014:** Theoretical study of directional radiances.
  - **Mar 2015:** Report that summarizes the results.

## LINKS WITH INDUSTRY

Several small companies involved in solar resource data production and services are directly participating in the Task: Green Power Labs (Canada), Suntrace GmbH (Germany), Black Photon Instruments GmbH (Germany), CSP Services (Germany), Meteotest (Switzerland), Blue Sky Wetteranalyzen (Austria), GeoModel. s.r.o. (Slovakia), IrSOLaV (Spain), Sun to Market Solutions (Spain), Meteotest (Switzerland), Irradiance Corp. (USA), Augustyn and Co. (USA), and Clean Power Research (USA). There is also guest participation by Peak Design (UK), and Solar Consulting Services (USA).

The audience for the Task results includes the technical laboratories, research institutions, and universities involved in developing solar resource data products. More importantly, data users, such as energy planners, solar project developers, architects, engineers, energy consultants, product manufacturers, and building and system owners and managers, and utility organizations, are the ultimate beneficiaries of the research, and will be informed through targeted reports, presentations, web sites, handbooks and journal articles.

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## **MEETINGS IN 2013**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Task Experts Meeting**

January 21-23

Sophia-Antipolis, France.

*Approximately 25-30 Task Participants attended, including a few by phone or Skype.*

### **4<sup>th</sup> Task Experts Meeting**

October 7-8

Oldenburg, Germany

*Over 40 participants, observers and guests participated.*

## **MEETINGS PLANNED FOR 2014**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Task Experts Meeting**

April 15-16

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### **6<sup>th</sup> Task Experts Meeting**

Late 2014/early 2015

Location: to be decided

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## **Task 47**

# Renovation of Non-Residential Buildings Towards Sustainable Standards

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## TASK DESCRIPTION

Buildings are responsible for up to 35% of the total energy consumption in many of the IEA countries. The EU Parliament approved in April 2009 a recommendation that member states have to set intermediate goals for existing buildings as a fixed minimum percentage of buildings to be net zero energy by 2015 and 2020.

For existing non-residential buildings a dramatic reduction in primary energy consumption is crucial to achieve this goal.

A few exemplary renovation projects have demonstrated that total primary energy consumption can be drastically reduced together with improvements of the indoor climate. The experience gained from these projects has not been systematically analyzed to make it a reliable resource for planners. Because most property owners are not even aware that such savings are possible, they set energy targets too conservative. Buildings renovated to mediocre performance can be a lost opportunity for decades. It is therefore important that building owners be aware of such successes and set ambitious targets.

Equally important, local authorities, companies and planners also need knowledge on how to achieve market penetration of such solutions. Success stories and planning knowledge will be communicated to target audiences to accelerate a market break-through of highly effective renovations in non-residential buildings.

The objectives of this Task are to:

- Develop a solid knowledge base on how to renovate non-residential buildings towards the NZEB standards in a sustainable and cost efficient way.
- Identify the most important market and policy issues as well as marketing strategies for such renovations.

The Task deals with several types of non-residential buildings, including protected and historic buildings:

- Office buildings
- Educational buildings
- Nursing homes
- Hotels
- Supermarkets and shopping centers

Depending on available projects among the participating countries, the following types may also be included, hospitals, industrial halls and indoor swimming pools.

A broad range of technologies will be included and solar energy will play a significant role in bringing the use of primary energy down to NZEB standard.

The Task is organized in the following Subtasks.

### **Subtask A: Advanced Exemplary Projects - Information Collection & Brief Analysis** (Lead Country: Norway)

Objectives:

- Systematically analyze and document renovation projects meeting Task selection criteria in order to quantify which measures achieve the greatest energy savings or improvement in comfort and at what costs.
- Identify the driving forces and barriers in the decision-making processes for detailed analysis in Subtask B.



- Identify innovative, promising concepts and technologies for detailed analysis in Subtask C.
- Identify environmental impacts and architectural quality for detailed analysis in Subtask D.

### **Subtask B: Market and Policy issues and Marketing Strategies**

*(Lead Country: Norway)*

Objectives:

- Identify segments in the non- residential building stock with high potential for energy efficiency savings and which types of owners are most likely to go for major renovation projects.
- Identify the most important barriers and driving forces in decision-making processes for high ambition renovation in the non-residential sector and how to overcome them.
- Develop knowledge about which boundary conditions are important to make renovations attractive/ affordable/cost effective and more available.
- Increase the understanding of how improved non-energy benefits (including outcome subtask D) as a result of substantial renovation increases the value of the building and thereby makes the investments profitable.

### **Subtask C: Assessment of Technical Solutions and Operational Management**

*(Lead Country: Germany)*

Objectives:

- Describe the HVAC and control systems of the recommended retrofit concept. This includes information about the building shell, the HVAC system, the daylighting and artificial lighting concepts as well as available measurement or energy consumption data. The documentation of the data is an important contribution to subtask A.
- Identify required measuring points for a basic monitoring of building and HVAC system.
- Develop a methodology for evaluating the different building and plant concepts.
- Identify and develop successful NZEB concepts considering the building envelope as well as the heating, cooling, ventilation and lighting concept.
- Evaluate the building and plant performance on basis of energy monitoring or monthly energy bills (if measurements are made available by participants).
- Analyze the fault detection and identify optimization potential due to smart building and plant control.

### **Subtask D: Environmental and Health Impact Assessment**

*(Lead Country: Belgium)*

Objectives:

- Develop a global (including local and global environment) approach for building renovation based on environmental, urban infrastructure, comfort and health impacts.
- Identify quantifiable and qualitative criteria and requirements for environmental impacts of renovation projects based on BREEAM assessment methodology.
- Identify indoor climate and indoor space issues with particular relevance to the topic of the user's health and user's comfort (visual, acoustical etc.).
- Identify "quality of life" issues with particular relevance to the topic of the urban infrastructure, of the urban transportation network and of the collective or public spaces.

- Identify the adaptability of building and flexibility issues with particular relevance to the acceptance of renovations without causing heavy impact on the environment.

### Main Deliverables

In general, the dissemination of the Task results will take place at the national level. The publications listed below will be available from the SHC website as PDFs. The publications may be used as a basis for making national publications.

The following documents and information meetings are planned and some of them accomplished:

- The Task website was publicly available in 2011, including secure sites for the Task participants.
- First brochures of exemplary renovation projects were posted on the website in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2012. Target groups are designers, planners and building owners.
- Two seminars in conjunction with expert meetings to present exemplary projects from the participating countries. The first one was organized in Brussels September 7, 2012 in connection with the Passive House Exhibition.
- “Lessons learned summary” from the exemplary projects of Subtask A.
- Publication describing decision making processes, non-energy benefits as well as barriers and driving forces from the case studies of Subtask B.
- Publication summarizing renovation policies and strategies.
- Presentations at national and international conferences that have the building industry and/or the real estate sector as a target group.
- Technical report with recommendations and conclusions from Subtask C
- “Guideline for designers and planners” with recommendations from Subtask D.

### Duration

The Task started on January 1, 2011 and will end on June 30, 2014.

### WORK DURING 2013

#### Information

In connection with an expert meeting, a public Task 47 seminar was organized in Sydney, Australia on 5. April. The seminar was organized by the University of Sydney and was attended by about 20 persons. All presentations are available at <http://task47.iea-shc.org/seminar-2013-04-05>

Time	Speaker	Title
09:00		Introduction
09:15	F. Salvestad, NOR	Introduction to task 47 and experiences from the European renovation program
09:40	T. Heavak, NOR	Where is the energy saving potential, and how can it be obtained?
10:10	S. Wipperfurth, GER	Challenges of building and past performance for four renovation buildings
10:45		MORNING TEA
11:15	D. Trachte, DEU	Environmental and Health Benefits Assessment in four renovation projects
11:45	C. Dierckx, AUS	Architectural enhancement aspects of building of renovation
12:15	R. Jakobian, GER	Lighting conditions in renovated buildings
12:45		LUNCH
13:30	R. Hyde, AUS	Sustainable Retrofitting
13:45	R. Pichard, AUS	Seven Stories, 170 year conservation project
14:15	M. Lührer, AUS	Identifying the Peak Demand Load Reduction
14:45	C. McCabe, AUS	Setting a post environmental performance building record, case study
15:15		AFTERNOON TEA
15:45	L. Partridge, AUS	Case Study in Improving the Environmental Performance of an Existing Tall Building
16:15	M. Liu, AUS	Sustainable Renovation of University Buildings
16:45		Summary
17:00		Adjourn

Three Task presentations were given at SHC 2013:

- Sustainable Renovation of non-Residential Buildings, a Response to Lowering the Environmental Impact of the Building Sector in Europe*, by Sophie Trachte
- Renovation of Non-Residential Buildings towards NZEB Standards – Lessons Learned from Exemplary Projects*, by Fritjof Salvestad
- Renovation of Schools in Germany*, by Johann Reiss

Other Task presentations:

- Analysis of the thermal behavior of historical box type windows for renovation concepts with CFD*, by Daniel Brandl and Thomas Mach at SGB13 on September 28 at Graz University of Technology.

- Renovation of Non-Residential Buildings – outcome from UPGRADE and SHC Task 47, by Fritjof Salvesen at a seminar for Norwegian industry representatives on April 24.

### Subtask A: Exemplary Renovation Projects

For the public presentation of the Task 47 exemplary projects, an eight-page brochure template has been developed. The brochure describes the key project information, including the context and background, the decision-making processes, the building envelope, the building services system, the energy and environmental performances and finally the costs. Eight exemplary project brochures were uploaded to the Task webpage in 2013 – four office buildings (Denmark, Germany, Italy, Norway), two schools (Austria, Norway), one cultural center (Denmark) and a workshop building (Germany). The twelve brochures can be downloaded from <https://task47.iea-shc.org/publications>.

Preliminary findings from these 12 projects:

- Windows upgraded to 0.6 – 1.2 W/m<sup>2</sup>C
- Demand controlled mechanical ventilation system with heat recovery often in combination with controlled natural ventilation system during summer months
- Limited mechanical cooling needed, mostly covered by night-time ventilation
- Decrease in heat demand 50-95%
- Efficient lamps with daylight control and/or movement sensors
- Multidisciplinary team of experts is necessary in the early stage of planning to achieve a high standard renovation; architects, consultants, owner, tenant and contractor; integrated energy design
- Plus energy standard achieved with PV-system even in Norwegian climate, within acceptable economic conditions
- BREEAM outstanding achieved in at least one project
- Documentation of pupils in a school project showed significant improvement in their concentration test scores and health and well-being questionnaires after a renovation that included an upgrade of the ventilation system

### Task 47 Glossary

A glossary of the most widely used expressions and terms was created. During this work, it was noticed that the new draft standard prEN 15603:2013 Energy Performance of Buildings, which supersedes EN 15603:2008 and from which many of the Task 47 terms come from, did not include the terms “Embodied Energy” and “Green Energy.” These are important terms in Life Cycle Analysis and CO<sub>2</sub> footprint calculations for NZEB and plus-energy buildings. This was commented on to the Norwegian Standard Organization, but the outcome is not yet known.

**Renovation Examples**

- School Italian Headquarters**  
November 2013 - PDF 2,061KB - Posted: 11.25.2013  
By: G. Pansa, T. Pol  
The building from 1930 includes several solar energy installations: 600 kWp PV system, solar absorption boiler 15 kW and 10 m<sup>2</sup> solar collectors for DHW
- Sollingsøland Steinfeld Office Building**  
November 2013 - PDF 1,724KB - Posted: 11.25.2013  
By: Jørgen Rose and Kirsten Engeldund Thomsen  
The office building from 1968 was extended with a penthouse to the top of the building. 130 m<sup>2</sup> PV-system included.
- Office and Workshop Building at Fraunhofer ISE - Germany**  
November 2013 - PDF 1,724KB - Posted: 11.25.2013  
By: Mads Mjsten and Anne Svendsen  
Building from 1975 renovated in 2011. Wall insulation including ventilation ducts.
- Powerhouse Meråker - Norway**  
August 2013 - PDF 1,518KB - Posted: 8.14.2013  
By: Arne Førlund-Larsen  
Two office buildings from early 1980s are renovated to a plus energy standard using high insulation standard, PV and ground coupled heat pump.
- Printing Workshop and Office Building - Germany**  
August 2013 - PDF 0,951KB - Posted: 8.14.2013  
By: Doreen Kätz  
Building from 1978 renovated in 2005 and 2011. Thermal comfort evaluated both in summer and winter condition.
- Kampen School, Norway**  
August 2013 - PDF 1,411KB - Posted: 8.12.2013  
By: Mads Mjsten and Anne Svendsen  
A demonstration project where new concepts for energy efficient ventilation and lighting are integrated, using the existing ducts and demand control sensors.
- School in Börgenmündel - Austria**  
January 2013 - PDF 1,115KB - Posted: 2.10.2013  
By: Claudia Derki, Thomas Steffl and Susanne Supper  
School building from 1960s with numerous expansions. Renovated in 2006/07 to meet the passive house standards.
- Osram Culture Centre - Denmark**  
January 2013 - PDF 1,518KB - Posted: 2.10.2013  
By: Jørgen Rose and Kirsten Engeldund Thomsen  
Built in 1953 as an industrial building and renovated in 2008. The first prefabricated building in Copenhagen.
- Kindergarten Veiløsten - Denmark**  
October 2012 - PDF 1,318KB - Posted: 10.19.2012  
By: Jørgen Rose and Kirsten Engeldund Thomsen  
Built in 1971 with minimal insulation standard. One of 27 kindergartens in the municipality that will undergo an extensive energy renovation. The method developed in this project will be applied in all the other kindergartens.
- NVE Building - Norway**  
October 2012 - PDF 1,223KB - Posted: 10.19.2012  
By: Anders Johan Almas, Michael Kilræk, Niels Lassen  
The office building was constructed through 1982-84 for the Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate. Protected elements both internal and external. The first protected building in Norway to be renovated to energy level B or better.
- School Renovation - Cavens, Italy**  
June 2012 - PDF 0,751KB - Posted: 7.2.2013  
By: Task 47  
Presentation that outlines a major renovation of a primary school built in the 1960s. Includes building envelope, heating system, renewable energy system and lighting.
- Norwegian Tax Authority Building Renovation - Oslo, Norway**  
June 2012 - PDF 1,171KB - Posted: 7.2.2012  
By: Task 47  
Presentation that outlines the renovation of the high-rise Norwegian Tax Authority building in Oslo, Norway. The renovation includes high insulated building facade, increased air tightness, energy recovery, and high efficiency technical systems.

### **Subtask B: Market and Policy Issues**

To identify barriers and opportunities in the renovation process, a number of interviews of key persons involved in renovation projects were accomplished. Some of the lessons learned when it comes to the decision process are:

- There is still skepticism about indoor air quality in Passive-House-standard buildings.
- The BREEAM classification system is a useful tool to put energy saving on the agenda.
- The innovative attitude is considered important for the Passive-House-standard decision.

Building stock analyses shows that the biggest potential is in office buildings, schools and retail/shopping centers. Unfortunately, no retail buildings are represented in Task 47. Across the different building types, the experts see a large potential in historic buildings. These buildings also face more complicated decision-making processes.

All researchers in Task 47 participated at an internal workshop to systematize the group's knowledge of decision-making processes. The outcome showed that the Task 47 experts have experiences mainly from educational buildings and offices. Some of the findings from the workshop include:

- Based on known building stock analysis it seems that future research project should look more into:
  - Retail buildings: the main focus should be directed towards national shopping centers.
  - Schools: kindergarten/pre-school buildings should be included as high energy saving potential.
  - Hospitals and elderly homes: due to demographics these represent a huge potential.
  - Across the different building types, the experts see a large potential in historic buildings. These buildings face also more complicated decision-making processes.
- There are mixed experiences regarding attitudes among private and public actors. Some of the experts have experienced public actors to be easier to work with, but at same time tendering processes complicate innovation projects in the construction sector.

The researchers in Task 47 have interviewed key actors of the decision process in nine projects from six of the partner countries. It is too soon to draw any conclusions as a cross analysis will be done in the first half of 2014. Interestingly, in some projects the ambition level has changed during the process. How and why this has happened will be discussed in the final report of Subtask B. For example:

- In a Norwegian case study the renovation process for an office building in Asker first focused on improving the indoor air quality and energy efficiency. However, the property owner experienced that this was not enough to attract new tenants and so the whole façade of the office building was updated.
- In a Danish case study it was shown that the main driver for an office building of Boligselskabet Sjælland in Roskilde was "green image" combined with economy.

### **Subtask C: Technical Solutions and Operational Management**

An individual technical database for the demonstration projects and their energy concepts has been established. The database includes performance numbers for monitored buildings as well as technical descriptions. The performance of eight buildings is analyzed in terms of energy consumption and thermal comfort achieved using long-term monitoring data in high

time resolution. In particular, a comparison was made between the performance before and after the retrofit. It can be seen that the buildings studied achieve the ambitious target values set during the design stage of the building.

The Austrian AIT investigated energy efficiency improvements with weather predictive controls. The quality of the weather forecast is crucial. In the analyzed building, energy savings can be achieved by changing start and stop times of the main heat pump serving the concrete core activation.

### **Subtask D: Environmental and Health**

Subtask D work addresses indoor comfort and quality of life, with a special focus on school building refurbishment.

The objective of Subtask D is to offer any designer or developer guidelines to follow during renovation projects with the goal to significantly improve the school's energy performance as well as the comfort of the children and teachers and the quality of life and use of the school building.

All these recommendations are included in a guide in four chapters:

- Improve the comfort and quality of life
- Reduce the consumption of fossil fuels
- Reduce the consumption of non-energy resources (materials, water, etc.)
- Reduce waste (waste water, building and domestic waste building)

The guide is in its final stage. It is illustrated with innovative concepts of exemplary projects and links with BREEAM assessment methodology.

### **WORK PLANNED FOR 2014**

The Task will end in June 2014 and all reports will be completed by the end of 2014.

A public seminar in connection with the final Task experts meeting in Frankfurt will be held on April 3, 2014.

### **LINKS WITH INDUSTRY**

Some of the Task participants represent consulting companies, for example, the OA and the leader of Subtask B. And, in some countries, as with Norway, national Task 47 projects are organized in collaboration with several industry partners.

### **REPORTS PUBLISHED IN 2013**

Eight exemplary renovation project brochures were published and posted on the Task website.

### **REPORTS PLANNED FOR 2014**

About ten more exemplary project brochures will be posted on the SHC website.

All the four subtasks will complete their reports in 2014:

- Subtask A: Lessons learned from 25 exemplary renovation projects
- Subtask B: Publication describing decision making processes, non-energy benefits as well as barriers and driving forces from the case studies of subtask B.

- Publication summarising renovation policies and strategies.
- Subtask C: Technical report with recommendations for renovation projects
- Subtask D: Renovation of schools – guideline for designers and planners

### **MEETINGS IN 2013**

#### **5<sup>rd</sup> Experts Meeting**

April 3 - 5  
Sydney, Australia

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting**

September 30 – October 2  
Graz, Austria

### **MEETINGS PLANNED FOR 2014**

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting (Final meeting)**

April 1-3  
Frankfurt, Germany  
(*Task 47 Seminar, April 3*)

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## **Task 48**

# Quality Assurance and Support Measures for Solar Cooling

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## TASK DESCRIPTION

### Task 48

A tremendous increase in the market for air-conditioning can be observed worldwide, especially in developing countries. The results of the past IEA SHC Tasks and work on solar cooling (the most recent Task 38: Solar Air-Conditioning and

Refrigeration) on the one hand showed the great potential of this technology for building air-conditioning, particularly in sunny regions. On the other hand, they showed that further work is necessary to achieve economically competitive systems and to provide solid long-term energy performance and reliability.

#### Objectives

This Task is working to find solutions to make solar thermally driven heating and cooling systems at the same time efficient, reliable and cost competitive. These three major targets should be reached by focusing the work on four levels of activity:

- 1) Development of tools and procedure to make the characterization of the main components of SAC systems.
- 2) Creation of a practical and unified procedure, adapted to specific best technical configurations.
- 3) Development of three quality requirements targets.
- 4) Production of tools to promote Solar Thermally Driven Cooling and Heating systems.

#### Scope

The scope of the Task is the technologies for production of cold water or conditioned air by means of solar heat, that is, the subject that is covered by the Task starts with the solar radiation reaching the collector and ends with the chilled water and/or conditioned air transferred to the application. However, the distribution system, the building and the interaction of both with the technical equipment are not the main topic of the Task, but this interaction will be considered where necessary.

#### Structure

The Task is divided into 4 subtasks (including the detailed activities corresponding for each as noted below).

##### ***Subtask A: Quality procedure on component level***

- A1: Chiller characterization
- A2: Life cycle analysis at component level
- A3: Heat rejection
- A4: Pumps efficiency and adaptability
- A5: Conventional solar collection
- A6: State of the art on new collector & characterization

##### ***Subtask B: Quality procedure on system level***

- B1: System/Subsystem characterization & field performance assessment
- B2: Good practice for DEC design and installation
- B3: Life cycle analysis at system level
- B4: Simplified design tool used as a reference calculation tool: design facilitator
- B5: Self detection on monitoring procedure
- B6: Quantitative quality and cost competitiveness criteria for systems

##### ***Subtask C: Market support measures***

- C1: Review of relevant international standards rating and incentive schemes
- C2: Methodology for performance assessment, rating and benchmarking
- C3: Selection and standardisation of best practice solutions

- C4: Measurement and verification procedures
- C5: Labelling possibilities investigation
- C6: Collaboration with Task 45 for contracting models
- C7: Certification process definition for small systems

#### **Subtask D: Dissemination and policy advice**

- D1: Web site
- D2: Best Practices brochure
- D3: Simplified short brochure
- D4: Guidelines for roadmaps on solar cooling
- D5: Updated specific training seminars adapted to the quality procedure
- D6: Outreach report

#### **Main Deliverables**

The main deliverables include:

- Report on best practices on solar collection components for quality, reliability and cost effectiveness.
- Quality procedure document/check lists guidelines for solar cooling.
- Self detection on monitoring procedure report.
- Soft tool package for the fast pre-design assessment of successful projects.
- Report and database of existing international standards, rating and incentive systems relevant to solar cooling.
- Report on the rating, measurement and verification of solar cooling performance and quality.
- Report on the selected standard engineering systems ,
- Report on alternative uses of the developed standards and rating framework.
- Technical report on the results of the Life Cycle Assessment of Solar Cooling systems and LCA tool.
- Website dedicated to the Task.
- Training material for installers and planners and training seminars feedback report.
- Semi-annual e-newsletter for the industry.
- Industry workshops in national languages in participating countries addressing target groups (related to Experts meetings).
- Best practices brochure.
- Simplified short brochure (jointly edited by the Subtask Leader (Greenchiller) and IEA SHC Programme.
- Guidelines for Roadmaps on Solar Cooling and possibly general international roadmap on solar cooling (optional).

#### **Duration**

The Task started in October 2011 and will be completed in March 2015.

#### **Participating Countries**

Australia, Austria, Canada, China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United States

#### **WORK DURING 2013**

The main organizational progress was the consolidation of the adaptation of the Work Plan with aggregations of activities, due to reduced budgets of some participants, to make efficient use of the available resources.

The combined activities are:

- A2/B3: Life Cycle analysis on component/system
- C1/C6: Review relevant international standards rating and incentive schemes/

- Collaboration with T45 for contracting models
- B7/C2: Quantitative quality and cost competitiveness criteria for systems/ Methodology for performance assessment, rating and benchmarking
- B1/C7/C4: System/Subsystem characterization & field performance assessment/ Certification process definition for small systems / Measurement and verification procedures

### **Task Training Seminars and Workshops**

**Solar cooling crash course** at the Australian Solar Cooling 2013 Conference Sydney (Australia) on April 11, 2013. The course was led by Dr. Stephen White (CSIRO Solar Cooling Research Leader, ausSCIG Chair, IIR Australia Chair) and Dr. Daniel Mugnier (Task 48 Operating Agent). This successful course had more than 20 attendees from Australia and other countries from Asia.



**Workshop on Heat Rejection for Solar Cooling** (SolarRück Project) in connection with the 5<sup>th</sup> Solar cooling OTTI conference on September 27, 2013. It was organized by Fraunhofer ISE and the Green Chiller Association and presented the latest development on heat rejection for solar cooling. The SolarRück workshop focused on results concerning performance analysis and evaluation of existing heat rejection systems.

**IEA SHC Task 48 Workshop** “Technologies for Solar Cooling in Tropical Climates” and a guided tour of world’s largest solar cooling system in Singapore on April 5, 2013. The workshop and site visit were jointly organized by the SOLID company, Nanyang University and the Austrian Embassy. Nearly 60 persons took part in the Workshop.



### **Conference Presentations and Articles**

**Australian Solar Cooling Conference** in Sydney, Australia on April 12, 2013. The Australian Solar Cooling Interest Group (ausSCIG) supported by the Australian Institute of Refrigeration, Air conditioning and Heating (AIRAH) held its 2013 conference at CSIRO’s North Ryde Auditorium on Friday April 12.

**5<sup>th</sup> Solar cooling OTTI conference** from 25 to 27<sup>th</sup> September in Bad Krozingen, Germany. The “place-to-be” for the solar cooling R&D.

**SHC 2013 conference** in Freiburg, Germany. There were three sessions on solar cooling.

### **Press Releases**

- Australian Solar Cooling Conference announcement (March 2013)
- Solar Thermal Energy week in Germany’s Black Forest (July 2013)
- Australian Solar cooling standard published (September 2013)
- Workshop on Heat Rejection for Solar cooling systems in Bad Krozingen (September 2013)

### **Draft Reports**

Fourteen draft reports were completed. These draft reports are only available internally at this time.

#### **Subtask A**

- MA1-1: Definition of a common testing protocol
- MA6-2: Creation of the database on market available concentrating technologies
- MA3-1: Draft report on heat rejection

- MA4-1: Draft report on pumping systems
- MA5-1: Template for report on best practices on solar collection components for quality, reliability and cost effectiveness
- **Subtask B**
  - MB1-1: Template structure report on system/subsystem characterization & field performance assessment
  - M-B3.1 : Template for LCA method tool
  - M-B4.1: Template for software tool for the fast pre-design and performance estimation of best practice projects
- **Subtask C**
  - MC2-1: Template for Methodology for performance assessment, rating and benchmarking
  - M-C5.1: Template report structure on Labelling possibilities
  - M-C6.2 : Draft report on contracting models
  - M-C7.1 : Template report structure on certification process definition for small systems
- **Subtask D**
  - M-D2.1: Template for best practice installations
  - M-D5.2 : Template for updated specific training seminar material

## **WORK PLANNED FOR 2014**

According to the Work Plan, the following deliverables should be available by the end of 2014:

- Subtask A:
  - Final Report on Experimental activities on chillers characterisation for solar cooling
  - Technical report on heat rejection
  - Final report on pumping systems
- Subtask B:
  - Report on system/subsystem characterization & field performance assessment
  - Collection of criteria to qualify the quality and cost competitiveness of solar cooling systems
- Subtask C:
  - Methodology for performance assessment, rating and benchmarking
  - Report on contracting models.
- Subtask D:
  - Updated website.

## **LINKS WITH INDUSTRY**

Industry representatives participating in Task Experts Meeting as observers include: CoolGaia Pty Ltd (Australia), Pink (Austria), Kawasaki (Japan), SOLEM (Australia), Sortech (Germany), Invensor (Germany).

They represent primarily chiller, engineering companies and solar cooling system manufacturers. The results of Task 48 are profitable for their business and their involvement consists of supporting and analysing the work of Task 48.

## MEETINGS IN 2013

### 4<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting

April 9-11

Newcastle, Australia

*In conjunction with the Australian Solar Cooling Conference.*

*29 experts from 7 countries (Germany, Austria, Australia, Italy, Canada, France, China). A videoconferencing system was used to connect half of the attendees from Europe (see picture).*



### 5<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting

September 30-October 1

Freiburg, Germany

*In conjunction with OTTI 5<sup>th</sup> SAC conference and SHC conference 2013.*

*30 experts from 7 countries (Germany, Austria, Australia, Italy, USA, France, China).*

## MEETINGS PLANNED FOR 2014

### 6<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting

May 12-13

Kingston, Canada

### 7<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting

September

Garching, Germany

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## **Task 49**

# Solar Process Heat for Production and Advanced Applications

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## TASK DESCRIPTION

The Task is focused on solar thermal technologies for converting solar radiation into heat and is working to further the intelligent integration of the produced heat into industrial processes (that is starting with the solar radiation reaching the collector and ending with the hot air, water or steam being integrated into the application). The Task scope includes all industrial processes that are thermal driven and running in a temperature range up to 400°C.

Task 49 is structured around three subtasks with the following main activities.

### **Subtask A: Process Heat Collectors**

*Lead Country: Switzerland (Dr. Elimar Frank - SPF)*

In this Subtask, the further development, improvement and testing of collectors, collector components and collector loop components is being investigated. All types of solar thermal collectors with an operating temperature level up to 400°C will be addressed: uncovered collectors, flat-plate collectors, improved flat-plate collectors (for example, hermetically sealed collectors with inert gas fillings or vacuum) with and without reflectors, evacuated tubular collectors with and without reflectors, CPC collectors, parabolic trough collectors, Fresnel collectors, air collectors etc.

In addition, an overview of collector output and key figures will be compiled to identify and select the most suitable collector technology for specific boundary conditions. It is assumed that for all activities of this Subtask the temperature range will need to be separated in several segments. For instance up to around 200°C, water and steam can be used as heat carriers with acceptable pressure. But higher temperatures combined with another heat carrier (e.g., oil) the boundary conditions change substantially. A simple up scaling of the results from the investigations and recommendations for the temperature range up to 200°C or 250°C will not be possible. This is true both for the investigations aiming at improvements of the solar loop as well as for recommendations with regards to test rigs, testing procedures and standardization.

Based on existing approaches, methods and parameters for the assessment of the collector and collector loop performance as well as of the impact of the properties of materials and components will be developed and identified. Appropriate durability tests will be applied to specific materials/components to allow for a deeper understanding of the collector and collector loop behavior for a wide range of operation conditions and the prediction of service lifetime. Based on the investigation of the dynamic behavior of solar process heat collectors and loops (both experimentally and theoretically), recommendations for process heat collector testing procedures will be worked out.

Subtask A has three main objectives:

- Improving solar process heat collectors and collector loop components.
- Providing a basis for the comparison of collectors with respect to technical and economical conditions.
- Giving comprehensive recommendations for standardized testing procedures.

The participants will achieve the objectives by:

- Updating the IEA SHC Task 33 state of the art survey of process heat collectors.
- Increasing the knowledge of general requirements and relevant parameters for process heat collectors and their improvement.
- Determining parameters for modelling collectors in simulation programs to reflect the realistic performance of medium temperature collectors in process heat systems and

comparable measurement data evaluation also from dynamic data for different locations, applications etc.

- Developing and/or improving collectors, components and solar loops for process heat applications in co-operation with the involved industry. The main aspects are performance, reliability and cost effectiveness. Both new and improved collector or component/solar loop concepts and design details will be addressed.
- Investigating the collector behaviour by collector testing at high temperatures and by the evaluation of measurement data from existing plants.
- Investigating material aspects for collectors with up to 400°C operating temperature and system components.
- Investigating the overheating behaviour and constructive prevention measures of medium temperature collectors in large fields.
- Measurements on the thermal performance of other components and solar loops of solar thermal systems operating at high temperatures.
- Elaboration of recommendations for collector testing standards for the medium temperature level.

A Special effort will be made to involve the solar industry in the analysis of all working fields, through industry-dedicated workshops.

### **Subtask B: Process Integration and Process Intensification Combined with Solar Process Heat**

*Lead country: Austria (DI Bettina Muster – AEE INTEC)*

The general methodology for the integration of solar thermal energy into industrial processes was developed during SHC Task 33. It was shown that the pinch analysis for the total production site (with building upon it) and the design of an optimized heat exchanger network for the production system is one of the best approaches for smart integration. Due to the fact that in the identified industry sectors with high potential for solar integration production processes very often run in batches, the developed pinch methodology is only be a rough estimation of the real profile of heat sources/sinks.

Beside the system optimization by the pinch analysis, a technology optimization of the applied process technologies will also reduce the energy demand and increase the potential for solar thermal integration. Process intensification (PI) can be seen as a key word for emerging technologies that achieve the framework conditions for effective, solar (thermal and/or UV) driven production processes.

Subtask B has two main objectives:

- Improved solar thermal system integration for production processes by advanced heat integration and storage management, advanced methodology for decision on integration place and integration types
- Increase of the solar process heat potential by combining process intensification and solar thermal systems and fostering new applications for solar (thermal/UV) technologies

### **Subtask C: Design Guidelines, Case Studies and Dissemination**

*Lead country: Germany (Dr. Werner Platzer - Fraunhofer ISE)*

The main objective of this Subtask is to provide information and planning methodologies to solar manufacturers, process engineers, installers and potential buyers (industry). This shall support the marketing, planning and installation phase of future SHIP plants. Experience and results from pilot projects covering a broad variety of technologies in suitable applications representing a significant part of industrial process heat consumers (in terms of size,

temperature levels, heat transfer media, load patterns, etc.) shall be evaluated. The operation of projects will be monitored for a representative period to provide feedback on the design and operation concept as a basis for future development and improvements. "Best practice" reference cases shall encourage other potential users to employ these technologies. Tools for a simplified performance assessment and conceptual planning shall be developed. Regional market surveys, case studies and financing schemes will be investigated which should facilitate the market introduction of solar process heat.

The objectives of Subtask C are to:

- Provide a worldwide overview of results and experiences of solar heat for industrial process systems. This includes the evaluation of completed and ongoing demonstration system installations using monitoring data, as well as carrying out economic analyses.
- Develop a performance assessment methodology for a comparison and analysis of different applications, collector systems, regional and climatic conditions.
- Support future project stakeholders by providing design guidelines and simplified, fast and easy to handle calculation tools for solar yields and performance assessment.
- Investigate system solutions for stagnations behavior, control and hydraulics of large field installations.
- Identify, address and lower the barriers for market deployment by providing examples of successful implementations, by describing suitable financing and incentive schemes, and developing relevant project constellations.
- Disseminate the knowledge to the main target groups involved—solar manufacturers, energy consultants, process engineers, installers and potential buyers (industry), and policy makers and platforms.

### **Duration**

This Task was initiated February 2012 and will end January 2016.

This is a collaborative Task with the IEA SolarPACES Implementing Agreement. It is managed on the "maximum level" according to the SHC Guidelines for Collaboration with other Programs.

### **Participating Countries**

Australia, Austria, China, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Japan, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, United Kingdom, USA

### **WORK DURING 2013**

#### **Develop System Concepts and Integration Guideline**

The content of the integration guideline has been discussed in detail, as well as the methodology developed by the core team who met in Stuttgart in November 2012. The visualisation of integration schemes was defined and the input possibilities into the matrix of indicators. The matrix will be updated within several on-going projects and new integration schemes will be integrated into the section "solar integration schemes." First, existing schemes will be updated, and new schemes shall be added over the course of the Task.

The integration guideline has the following structure:

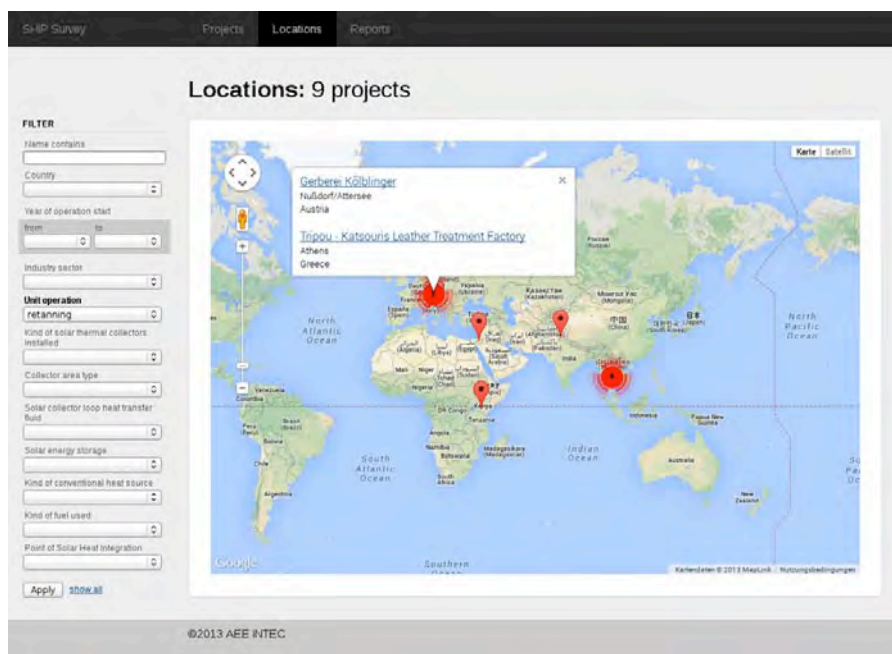
- Thermal processes and heat distribution networks in industry
  - Conventional heat supply systems in industry, Classification of industrial processes
- Assessment methodology for solar thermal integration

- Process integration and energy efficiency measures
  - The importance of thermal energy efficiency and process integration in industry, Process integration - providing a good basis for solar thermal integration
- Classification of integration concepts
- Classification of Solar Process Heat System Concepts
- Identification of suitable integration points

### Survey on Integration Methodologies for Solar Process Heat

A survey was developed to collect data of existing SHIP plants. The survey was distributed to installers and operators of solar thermal plants. While collecting information on existing SHIP plants the survey also collects information on integration concepts and general technical and economic performance of the plants.

At the moment there is data on 122 SHIP plants. This database will be published in March 2014.



Online database of existing SHIP plants.

### New Process Collector Development

#### **Ritter Plasma Collector (D. Seidler, Ritter XL)**

The new Evacuated Tube Collector called "Plasma" has an absorber coating and an AR coating on the outer side of the glass tube, which is supplied by Plasma Coating. Stagnation temperature is 340 °C. Ritter XL also is analyzing and trying to reduce the Carbon Footprint of their collectors. A Solar Keymark was done for the Plasma Collector.

#### **Double Glazed and Heat Pipe Collector Development (F. Giovanetti, ISFH)**

ISFH investigated a FPC with spectral selective double glazing that is designed for operating temperatures in the range of 70-110 °C. In another project, ISFH developed a model and a concept to reduce the thermal resistance of the heat pipe connection with the header. With the detailed model, suitable working fluids for both a high thermal conduction and a suitable stagnation behavior can be found. ISFH also took part in the development of the first commercial heat pipe flat plate collector.

### **Comparison of Collectors with Respect to Technical and Economical Conditions**

In Subtask A it was decided that as far as the **thermal output of the collectors** is concerned the focus of the work should be on gross heat gain calculations. To calculate gross heat gains seems to be the right path to have a first guess of the thermal performance without setting up elaborated system simulations, but that still includes some information on the location and the required temperature to be supplied. In particular, the comparison of calculation results with the ScenoCalc Tool was discussed.

#### ***Effect of Dust Accumulation Ono the Collector Performance (V. Palmieri, TVP Solar)***

With measurements at a TVP high vacuum flat plate collector test field installation in Masdar, UAE, and the effect of dust accumulation on the collector performance has been assessed. The panels were cleaned, then measured and evaluated with daily-cumulated heat gains over a period of one month and then cleaned and measured again. First results (corrected for different irradiance and fluid temperature values) showed that at this location the performance continuously decreased down to 80% of the clean collector values course of two weeks before the performance seem to stay on this level. It was agreed to to have further activities within Subtask A on this topic, including the evaluation of further measurement data (for different collector technologies) and gathering of information from other projects.

#### ***Measurements on Parabolic Trough Collectors (M. Larcher, SPF)***

At SPF two different NEP Solar parabolic trough collectors have been measured, one with an aperture width of about 1.2 m and a length of 4 m and one with an aperture width of about 1.8 m and a length of 10 m. Both a hydraulic circuit with water/glycol mixture up to 120 °C and a newly developed test rig with water up to 200 °C has been used. Results of the collector output, the efficiency curves and the IAM were reported.

#### ***Performance Testing of mid temperature collectors (F. Helminger, AIT)***

Different collectors have been tested at AIT. Performance curves and IAM were reported for anonymized collectors: One FPC (double glazed) up to 130 °C and one CPC ETC up to 140 °C, one CPC FP and one PTC up to 180 °C, all with both the steady state testing method (SST) and quasi-dynamic testing method (QDT). AIT plans to do InSitu measurements in 2013.

### **Collector Field Measurements**

With respect to efficiencies and general operating behavior of the field, two presentations were given:

#### ***Measurements Zehnder, Festo and Wels (D. Seidler, Ritter XL)***

Measurements of Ritter XL Aqua installations at three sites were documented. In all installations, the guaranteed solar yield was met or exceeded. Ritter XL analyzed that the frost protection of their system concept in the Festo installation only needs 1,7% of the heat collected whereas the start up losses are responsible for 5,9 %.

#### ***Measurements of Parabolic Collector Field at Swiss Dairy (E. Frank, SPF)***

The evaluation of measurements at the Bever plant (PTC, up to 180 °C) was presented. Diagrams with the cumulated daily solar gains over the cumulated direct irradiance on the one-axis tracked aperture area were shown. The control of the system seems to work quite well, and collector field efficiencies is in the range of 25-45% were calculated, depending on the cumulated daily irradiances.

### **Development of Simulation Tools**

Fraunhofer ISE developed a round robin simulation activity and six different cases have been defined, with four different collectors and three different locations. The objective is to

cross compare the tools and simulation approach, not collectors, applications or locations directly.

It includes concentrating collectors having more complexity and also several heat transfer fluids (water, thermo-oil, steam, air). The system complexity has to be limited as a comparison of the tools is the objective, whereas more complex systems may differ in the approach different simulators will take. The simulation in C2 shall deal with the collector field (solar loop), the storage and the industrial process. However the industrial process as such is not modelled with these tools but only load profiles will be used. Nevertheless control strategies had to be defined for the solar part.

The general objectives of the participants concerning tools are:

- Extension of the capabilities of tools
- Comparison of tools
- Standardization of simulation approaches
- Validation of tools and component models (Storage, collectors)

Therefore this activity will also address collector models and storage models, on the one hand side identification of possible needs for extension of models and tools, and on the other hand, which testing parameters have to be taken for different operation modes and regimes. A unified simulation strategy might be treated after. Validation will be addressed when comparing complex cases where monitoring data are available.

### **Development of Advanced Pinch and Storage Management Tool(s)**

The aim is to identify suitable integration places of solar heat in industrial processes with the following requirements:

- Tools can model current heat flows including their real-time profiles (batch or continuous processes with varying loads)
- System is optimized via heat integration and ideal heat management
- Planners can choose suitable places to integrate solar thermal heat

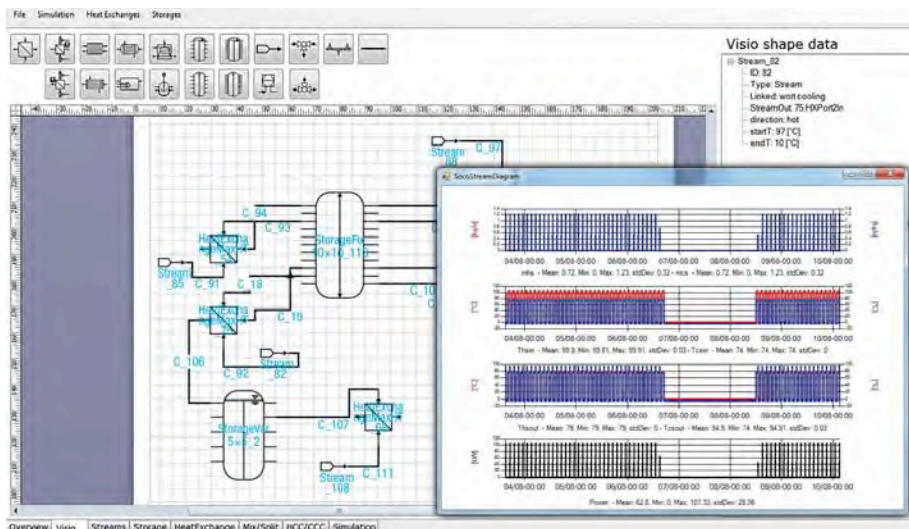
The collection of such pinch and process analysis tools will be on going over the next months. The software SOCO was developed by AEE INTEC and a first release has been presented. This software has the following features and benefits:

#### **Features**

- Enter/Import real, variable stream data
- Define single heat exchangers and heat storages
- Propose heat exchanger and heat storage network
- Drawing flow sheet of suggest or adapted proposal
- Simulate defined network

#### **Benefits**

- Considers time variable streams
- Individual HEX and storage configurations
- Detailed storage optimisation
- Flow sheet



Screenshot from SOCO software tool.

The software SOCO is tested by different Task partners on various test cases in order to optimize the tool and compare it with other existing tools like the Pinch software from the company Planair.

## WORK PLANNED FOR 2014

Key activities planned for 2014 include:

- Discussion and decision on the design guidelines
- Development of the first draft of the design guidelines
- Definition of general requirements and relevant parameters for process heat collectors (and specific collector loop components) and their improvement
- Overview of collector output and key figures for defined conditions
- Perform a Workshop of Pi and solar energy
- Report on overheating/stagnation issues including the high temperature behavior of the investigated components

## REPORTS PUBLISHED IN 2013

Integration Guideline (Methodology for Advanced Integration, System Concepts, Guidelines on Integration Types, Checklists, etc.), (B.2.1)

## REPORTS PLANNED FOR 2013

Overheating/Stagnation Issues Including the High Temperature Behavior of the Investigated Components (A1.2), February 2014

Comparison of Collectors with Respect to Technical and Economical Conditions; an Overview of Collector Output and Key Figures for Defined Conditions (A2), March 2014



## MEETINGS IN 2013

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Experts Meeting**

March 5-6

Rapperswill, Switzerland, 5-6

*35 experts from 11 countries attended the meeting.*

### **4<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting**

October 3-4

Evora, Portugal

*31 experts from 10 countries attended the meeting.*

## MEETINGS PLANNED FOR 2014

### **5<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting**

23-24 January

Stellenbosch, South Africa

### **6<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting**

25-26 September

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## **Task 50**

# Advanced Lighting Solutions for Retrofitting Buildings

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## TASK DESCRIPTION

The scope of the Task is on general lighting systems for indoor environments. The focus is laid on lighting appliances in non-domestic buildings. Technically the Task deals with:

- daylight harvesting (i.e., replacement of electric light by better façade or roof lighting concepts),
- electric lighting schemes, and
- lighting control systems and strategies (daylight and occupancy dependent controls).

The overall objective of Task 50 is to accelerate retrofitting of daylighting and electric lighting solutions in the non-domestic sector using cost-effective, best practice approaches, which can be used on a wide range of typical existing buildings. The Task targets building owners & investors, governments & authorities, designers & consultants, and industry by providing strategic, technical and economic information and with this helping these stakeholders overcome barriers in retrofitting of lighting installations.

The work in the Task is structured into four Subtasks and a Joint Working Group concluding the (Sub-) Task's results.

### **Subtask A: Market and Policies**

*(Lead Country: Denmark)*

This Subtask identifies the various possible approaches of retrofitting daylighting systems and lighting installations in buildings. It proposes to provide key figures concerning costs (Total Cost of Ownership) and identify barriers and opportunities concerning lighting retrofit actions. Beyond costs, barriers could be related to inertia of stakeholders, poor habits or lack of knowledge. Opportunities may go beyond reduction of costs, reduction of energy requirements and may relate to added benefits for investors, building owners, building managers and occupants.

Subtask A has four main objectives:

- To understand, and model, the financial and energy impact associated to retrofitting daylighting and electric lighting of buildings.
- To map the context of building-retrofit, identifying barriers and opportunities, even if they are not directly related to lighting issues.
- To provide a critical analysis of documents used for energy regulation and certification and to make proposals for adjustments.
- To identify possible lack of awareness and know-how in the value chain and to identify strategic information to deliver to stakeholders.

### **Subtask B: Daylighting and Electric Lighting Solutions**

*(Lead country: Germany)*

This Subtask deals with the quality assessment of existing and new solutions in the field of façade and daylighting technology, electric lighting and lighting controls. For replacement solutions, the Subtask will identify and structure existing and develop new lighting system technologies.

The objectives of Subtask B are:

- To provide a set of criteria to describe lighting technologies appropriate for the retrofit process.
- To provide figures as baseline to classify and rate existing, built-in lighting installations against new retrofit concepts.
- To generate a profound state of the art overview on technology and architectural

- measures.
- To generate an overview on emerging new technologies and develop selected new techniques.
- To generate required technical data of selected state of the art and emerging new technologies.
- To publish a source book.

### **Subtask C: Methods and Tools**

*(Lead country: Switzerland)*

Whether an intended retrofit is technically, from an energy point of view, ecologically and economically meaningful is at the moment not self-evident for the majority of stakeholders and building designers. This Subtask focuses on simple computer design tools and analysis methods in order to improve the understanding of retrofit processes. This incorporates energy and visual comfort analysis as well as the financial aspects of lighting retrofit solutions. Also encompassed are advanced and future calculation methods aiming toward the optimization of lighting solutions, as well as energy auditing and inspection procedures, including lighting and energy performance assessments.

The objectives of Subtask C are:

- To understand the workflows, wishes and needs with respect to tools of the stakeholders by conducting and evaluating a survey.
- To establish a list of tools and methods to assist practitioners and compare their outputs with the criteria and metrics identified in Subtasks B and D.
- To benchmark the appropriateness of tools on case studies/test cases.
- To develop a simple tool (calculation engine) for a holistic approach of potential benefits of lighting retrofit solutions to be among others to be included in the retrofit adviser.
- To investigate energy audit procedures.
- To establish a review of advanced simulations tools for promoting complex fenestration systems and electric lighting (such as LED).
- To list the feature of new simulation tools for different case studies and compare them to the existing tools, and ultimately give a feed-back to the tool developers. To advance tool development for special questions like façade design.

### **Subtask D: Case Studies**

*(Lead country: Sweden)*

Case studies are essential to communicate lighting retrofit concepts to decision makers and designers. Therefore, the main aim of Subtask D is to demonstrate sound lighting retrofit solutions in a selection of representative, typical case studies.

The selection of case studies is based on a general building stock analysis, including the distribution of building typology in relation to lighting retrofit potential. These case studies will deliver proven and robust evidence of achievable savings and show integrated retrofit strategies. Measurements and assessments will include monitoring of energy savings, lighting quality and operational costs. In addition, Subtask D also provides updated information from an analysis of previously documented case studies in the literature and on websites.

The objectives of Subtask D are:

- To define the building types and categories included in this Task.
- To identify the already existing databases of case studies.
- To update key information regarding energy saving strategies and solutions

- demonstrated in the past by research, monitoring or demonstration projects.
- To define an applicable standard assessment and monitoring procedure for all case studies to be investigated.
- To provide a robust analysis of the performed case and derive generalized conclusions.
- To produce a very well documented, e-book of case studies linked with the Lighting Retrofit Advisor.

**Joint Working Group: Lighting Retrofit Adviser**  
(Lead Country: Germany)

All Subtasks will provide major parts of their results, as input to this joint activity. Based on these results, the Joint Working Group will develop an electronic interactive source book (Lighting Retrofit Adviser). A central database will include all task results and will allow the users to obtain extensive information, according to their individual focus of interest: design inspirations, design advice, decision tools and design tools. Thus, the user will be able to increase quickly and reliably his knowledge in the respective field of interest. Users will have the choice of analyzing retrofit (design) scenarios themselves and/or using the pool of experience gained in the case studies projects (electronic version of case study book) to access information on energy saving potentials and economic approaches.

The objectives of the Joint Working Group are:

- To define a software architecture and design complying with needs of the stakeholders.
- To incorporate results of subtasks A-D.
- To ensure meeting the demands of the target groups.
- To generate a working software tool.
- To ensure a high quality of the tool and generate country specific versions.

**Duration**

The Task commenced in January 2013 and will end in December 2015.

**Participating Countries**

Austria, Belgium, China, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland

**WORK DURING 2013**

**Analysis of Processes and Decision Makers Involved in the Lighting Retrofit Process**

To analyze and understand influences, interactions, effects and participants in the lighting retrofit market as well as dependencies on policies, information was collected and examined. The analysis was started by the development of a structure to sort and include all relevant aspects.

**Development of a Criteria Catalogue to Describe Technologies**

The first collection of criteria to describe lighting technologies appropriate for the retrofit process has been consolidated to practitioners needs. The aspect to assure that information is up to date was addressed. Especially the development of the LED market shows rapid changes towards technically better and cheaper products.

Catalogue of Criteria – Daylighting component

Energy efficiency	energy savings potential, light guiding into depth of the room, primarily used daylight
Environmental footprint	primary energy consumption in manufacturing stage, with or without energy embodied in raw materials
Visual comfort	provides glare protection
Visual amenity	reduces / increases wall illuminance, colour rendering, CCT, impact on non visual effect of light, spectral selectivity, visual transmittance, blockage & distortion of view, view out, privacy, effective aperture
Use / maintenance	control possibilities, maintenance, need for tracking
Retrofit process	installation time, retrofit classification
Costs (initial)	initial costs
Climate restrictions	most suitable for ... building location / orientation based
Related to HVAC	SHGC, U value, solar protection, solar gains, Relative Energy Impact
Additional benefits (e.g. effect on productivity, academic results, sales, ...)	

**Draft catalogue of criteria – daylighting components (© Dr. Martine Knoop, TU-Berlin)**



## Development of a Systematic Approach to Classify Renovation Strategies

Based on the catalogue of criteria established, a systematic approach was developed to classify renovation strategies and the technologies to be considered. The collection of information on performance and characteristics of different technologies (state of the art as well as new techniques) was started.

## Questionnaire about Methods & Tools Used for Lighting Retrofit of Buildings

In order to analyze workflows and needs in practical retrofitting processes, a questionnaire was developed and transferred into a web based survey system.

Building intervention level	Lighting component	Intervention level	Intervention type		
			Upgrade of existing situation	Use new components in existing situation	Redesign
Building Skin	Daylighting	Product			
		Control system			
Building Equipment	Electric lighting	Product			
		Control system			
Building Interior	Daylighting + Electric lighting	-			

Developed systematic approach to classify renovation strategies (© Dr. Martine Knoop, TU-Berlin)

The survey is directed to all actors involved in building retrofit processes, focusing on electric lighting and design strategies to increase daylight utilization. The survey's results aim to contribute to the understanding of the retrofit process, barriers, and needs.

The questionnaire is subdivided into the following four parts:

1. The role of lighting in retrofits.
2. The design methods within the retrofitting process.
3. Tools for lighting design.
4. Background information for statistical purpose.

The questionnaire is available in different languages and can be found on the following website:

<http://leso2.epfl.ch/task50/>.

Screenshot of the online-questionnaire (©LESO-PB/EPFL)

## Analysis of Building Stock Distribution and Typical Installations

In order to define the most important building types and the typical installations used to be focused on within the Task, the current distribution of the building stock in the non-residential sector was analyzed as well as average energy intensity for electric lighting for each building type and the characteristics of the existing lighting installations.

Preliminary results from this analysis show that the non-residential building stock can by approximation be characterized by seven dominant building types: “offices”, “educational buildings”, “wholesale and retail trade”, “industrial buildings”, “hotels and restaurants”, “hospitals and healthcare” and “sports buildings”. Regarding energy intensity for lighting, generally higher values are found for “wholesale and retail trade”, “hotels and restaurants”, “hospitals and healthcare” and “sports buildings”. The results found further indicate that fluorescent lighting is the dominant light source in the non-residential sector and that roughly half of fluorescent lamps are of the older type (i.e., T12 or T8 lamps with conventional ballasts).

### **Collection of Case Studies and First Assessments**

Suitable case studies from different countries representing the typical building types were collected. So far 22 possible case studies have been reported by participants. From the identified building types no case studies for 'hotels and restaurants' as well as for 'sport facilities' could be identified. The search for representatives of these types has been intensified.

From some case studies, where the majority of photometric measurements and first user surveys were already completed, preliminary conclusions regarding the success of the retrofit could be drawn and valuable information for the monitoring protocol could be gained.

### **Development of a Monitoring Protocol (draft)**

The need of a monitoring protocol on different levels of detail was defined to cope with the different available resources and information. It was decided to have 2 levels of monitoring in the protocol: "basic" and "comprehensive". The protocol itself will cover 3 main aspects 1) energy efficiency, 2) lighting environment, and 3) user comfort and space perception. It is intended to be used not only for the case studies within the Task, but also to serve as an exemplary monitoring protocol for external use. Based on the experiences from the first case studies and the experts involved, the draft of a monitoring protocol with procedures, metrics, and information to collect (in space and time) was developed.

### **Development of the Lighting Retrofit Adviser's (LRA) Structure**

A first proposal of the Lighting Retrofit Adviser's (LRA) structure was developed and first mock-ups of screens were drafted. In addition, issues regarding the software technology to employ were discussed and possible solutions were identified.

### **WORK PLANNED FOR 2014**

Key activities planned for 2014 include:

- Further analysis of market and policies.
- Further development of a "technology sheet" and collection of input for different technologies.
- Evaluation of the questionnaire's result.
- Collection of further case studies.
- Revision of the monitoring protocol.
- Description and evaluation of case studies using the monitoring protocol.
- Development of databases to organize results and include them in the LRA.
- Further elaboration of structure and content of the lighting retrofit adviser.

### **LINKS WITH INDUSTRY**

#### **Industry Workshops**

Two Industry Workshops were held with active participation from (mostly) local industry, the first-one on March 20, 2013 at Lund University in Sweden, and the second-one on September 23, 2013 at Aalborg University in Copenhagen in Denmark.

The following institutions presented insights and experiences regarding the issue of lighting retrofit:

- Somfy, Sweden
- Department of Environmental Psychology, Lund University, Sweden
- Philips Lighting, Netherlands
- Fagerhult, Denmark
- Henning Larsen Architects, Denmark

In addition, the workshops were joined by representatives from:

- Belysningsbranschen, Sweden
- Ramboll DK Department of Lighting Design, Sweden
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- Marinov Consult, Denmark
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### **Industrial Involvement**

A connection to *Lighting Europe* was established and possibilities of collaboration are currently being discussed.

*Philips Lighting* is involved and actively participating in the Task's work as a Level II Partner. A representative from 'Philips Research' is joining the experts' meetings.

### **REPORTS PUBLISHED IN 2013**

As the task was in its first year, in 2013, no (technical) reports have been published yet.

### **REPORTS/DOCUMENTS PLANNED FOR 2014**

- Building stock distribution and electricity use for lighting
- Lighting retrofits: a literature review
- Monitoring protocol
- Evaluation of the questionnaire

### **MEETINGS IN 2013**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Experts Meeting**

March 19 - 22  
Lund, Sweden

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Expert Meeting**

September 22 - 25  
Copenhagen, Denmark

### **MEETINGS PLANNED FOR 2014**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Expert Meeting**

March 10 - 12  
Aldrans/Innsbruck, Austria

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Expert Meeting**

September 29 - October 1  
Yonezawa, Japan

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# Task 51

## Solar Energy in Urban Planning

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## TASK DESCRIPTION

The main objective is to provide support to urban planners, authorities and architects to achieve urban areas, and eventually whole cities, with architecturally integrated solar energy solutions (active and passive), highly contributing to cities with a large fraction of renewable energy supply. This includes the objective to develop processes, methods and tools capable of assisting cities in developing a long-term urban energy strategy. Heritage and aesthetic issues will be taken into account. Also, the goal is to prepare for and strengthen education at universities on solar energy in urban planning by testing and developing teaching material for programs in architecture, architectural engineering and/or urban planning. The material will also be useful for post-graduate courses and continuing professional development (CPD).

To achieve these objectives, work is needed in four main topics:

1. Legal framework, barriers and opportunities for solar energy implementation
2. Development of processes, methods and tools
3. Case studies and action research (implementation issues, test methods/ tools/processes, test concepts for example NZEB, NZEC)
4. Education and dissemination

Task 51 will require a dialogue and cooperation with municipalities in each participating country. This ensures good communication with different key actors, gives the possibility to develop and test methods and tools, to document good examples of how to work (methods and processes) with solar energy in urban planning, and to show inspiring examples of urban planning with solar energy integration. The municipalities are also a target group in the dissemination phase.

The main objectives of the Task are subdivided into four key areas and involve:

### **Subtask A: Legal Framework, Barriers and Opportunities**

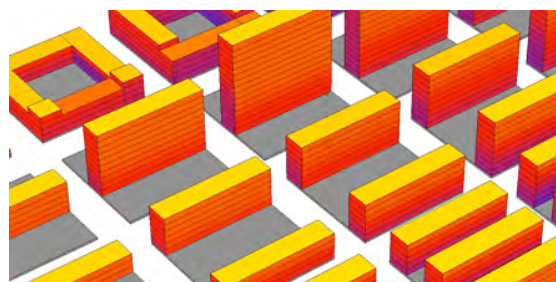
*(Lead Country: Australia)*

- Investigate current legal and voluntary frameworks, barriers and urban planning needs of specific relevance to solar energy implementation.
- Review existing targets and assess the practical potential of solar energy in urban environments to support urban planning design and approval processes.
- Recommend areas in need of attention to improve the uptake of solar energy in urban planning.

### **Subtask B: Processes, Methods and Tools**

*(Lead Country: Sweden)*

- Identify factors among existing processes and supportive instruments (knowledge/methods/ tools) that enable decision processes for solar energy integration in urban planning, and to elucidate development needs.
- Develop new and/or improve urban planning processes in order to facilitate passive and active solar strategies in urban structures, both in new and existing urban area developments as well as in sensitive/protected landscapes.
- Develop new and/or improve supportive



**Solar potential study (Jouri Kanters)**

instruments (knowledge/methods/tools) and show how guidelines along with existing and new supportive instruments regarding active and passive solar energy can be incorporated and at what stage in the planning process.

### **Subtask C: Case Studies and Action Research**

*(Lead Country: Norway)*

The main objective is to facilitate replication of successful practice. Complementing objectives are to:

- Coordinate a database of best practice case studies and stories across Subtask topics.
- Establish and manage action research in each participating country.
- Facilitate and document the development and testing of supportive instruments and process models in at least one city in each participating country, in cooperation with local decision makers.

### **Subtask D: Education and Dissemination**

*(Lead Country: Germany)*

- Strengthen the knowledge and competence in solar energy and urban planning of relevant stakeholders such as universities and professionals.
- Develop and make available education material based on e.g. results from the Task. Give information on where to find relevant courses.
- Provide for dissemination and education by developing an e-learning platform, integrating methods, tools and case studies.

### **Scope**

The scope of the Task includes solar energy issues related to:

1. New urban area development
2. Existing urban area development
3. Sensitive/protected landscapes (solar fields)

In all three environments listed above, both solar thermal and photovoltaics will be taken into account within the Task. In addition, passive solar will be considered in the urban environment (1 and 2). Passive solar includes passive solar heating, daylight access and outdoor thermal comfort.

Task 51 will not cover the whole complex context of urban planning; in order to achieve a substantial contribution to increased use of solar energy, this Task will focus on how to improve and accelerate the integration of solar energy in urban planning that respects the quality of the urban context. The main work will be on active solar strategies due to a great need of development in this area, related to urban planning.

Subtasks A to C reflect different stages in the urban planning process. Subtask A sets the current boundary conditions for solar integration, deals with the assessment of available potential and elucidates opportunities. Subtask B deals with processes, methods and tools and developments for the applied phase related to specific situations (new development areas, existing urban areas, landscapes). Subtask C focuses on implementation issues; tests of processes, methods and tools, tests of concepts (e.g. NZEB/NZEC) through case stories and showing good examples as case studies. Finally, Subtask D covers the dissemination focused on tertiary education and continuing professional development (CPD).

### **Main Deliverables**



### **Subtask A: Legal Framework, Barriers and Opportunities**

- D.A1. Review on existing urban planning legislations and voluntary initiatives (Subtask A) and on existing urban planning processes (Subtask B) in participating countries.
- D.A2. Report on the barriers, challenges and needs of urban planning for solar energy implementation.
- D.A3. Report on current solar energy targets and assessment of solar energy potential in urban areas from participating countries.

### **Subtask B: Processes, Methods and Tools**

- D.B1. Review on existing urban planning legislations and voluntary initiatives (Subtask A) and on existing urban planning processes (Subtask B) in participating countries.
- D.B2. Improved and/or new supportive instruments (knowledge/methods/tools).
- D.B3. Guidelines; Presentation of developed generic process models with recommendations and guidelines on how to use them when adjusting for local planning, based on lessons learnt from Subtask C, as well as recommendations of needs for improved or new supportive instruments (knowledge/methods/ tools).

### **Subtask C: Case Studies and Action Research**

- D.C1. Database of best practices.
- D.C2. Documentation of activities supporting the creation and management of action research in each participating country: exhibitions, public hearings, quality programmes, jury work, presentations to decision makers, interviews, legislation work, creation of incentives etc.
- D.C3. Documentation reports of testing of supportive instruments in partner cities: preparation, implementation and assessment of results (link to Subtask B).

### **Subtask D: Education and Dissemination**

- D.D1. Report on the state-of-the-art in education regarding urban planning with solar energy, for countries participating in the Subtask.
- D.D2. Make available and inform about teaching material/packages for tertiary education and for CPD.
- D.D3. Carry out seminars, workshops, summer schools and symposia, which support the knowledge exchange.
- D.D4. A web-based learning platform.
- D.D5. Website on innovative solar products.
- D.D6. Best practice guidelines for urban planning with solar energy based on, and referring to, developed processes, methods, tools, strategies and case studies/stories – presented in an “umbrella document” with links to Task results and deliverables (joint with all Subtasks).

### **Task Duration**

This Task started on May 1, 2013 and will end April 30, 2017.

### **Participating Countries (preliminary)**

Australia, Austria, Canada, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

Luxembourg is also participating, while waiting to become a formal member of the IEA SHC Programme. See the list of the participants at the end. Updates on participation and results from the Task are available on the website <http://task51.iea-shc.org/>.

### **WORK DURING 2013**

The first half-year was focused on clarifying available experts and their input, and to detail the planned work based on available resources.

In Subtasks A, B, and D work began on literature reviews, surveys and interviews to identify the state-of-the-art regarding current legislative frameworks and voluntary initiatives (Subtask A), barriers, challenges and needs (Subtask A), urban planning processes (Subtask B), needs for supportive instruments (Subtask B) and education regarding urban planning with solar energy (Subtask D). Subtask C developed a draft evaluation template to be used in the case studies. A set of evaluation criteria were proposed and discussed.

## **WORK PLANNED FOR 2014**

Key activities planned for 2014 include:

- Work on and finalize a review on existing urban planning legislation and voluntary initiatives (Subtask A) and on existing urban planning processes (Subtask B), in participating countries.
- Start testing supportive instruments (knowledge/methods/tools) (Subtask B linked to Subtask C).
- Start developing generic process models in case stories (Subtask B linked to Subtask C).
- Final templates for case studies and evaluation (Subtask C).
- Identification of key cases (Subtask C).
- Draft of database for cases (Subtask C).
- Work on and finalize a report on the state-of-the-art in education regarding urban planning with solar energy, for participating countries (Subtask D).
- Prepare for the web-based learning platform; first tests by students (Subtask D).
- Create a general structure of the planned guideline (umbrella document) (Subtask D with support from all Subtasks).
- Carry out workshops.

## **TASK REPORTS/RESULTS PUBLISHED IN 2013**

No reports were published in 2013.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS IN 2013**

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- Photovoltaics, Forms, Landscape on the topic: beauty and power of designed photovoltaics. Event at the 28<sup>th</sup> European Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conference (EUPVSEC), organized by ENEA, Italy. 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2013, Paris. See: [www.pv-landscapes.com](http://www.pv-landscapes.com).
- Society and Energy: Contribution of Social Sciences and prospects towards an interdisciplinary research with Engineering Sciences. Seminar organized by CERMA laboratory and IRSTV (Research Institute for Urban Sciences et Techniques), France. 22<sup>th</sup> November 2013.
- Solar Mapping workshop (May 2013) at UNSW Sydney with Tria Case, City University of New York and NREL. Link of presentations can be found at: [www.apva.org.au/solarmap-ppt](http://www.apva.org.au/solarmap-ppt)
- VegDUD day in the frame of WGIC (World Green Infrastructure Congress): Time devoted to the presentation of the research program VegDUD "Role of vegetation in Sustainable Urban Development". Seminar organized by CERMA laboratory and IRSTV (Research Institute for Urban Sciences et Techniques), France. 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013.  
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## MEETINGS IN 2013

### 1<sup>st</sup> kick-off Meeting

May 29-30  
Stuttgart, Germany

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Experts Meeting

September 26-27  
Freiburg, Germany  
(in connection with SHC 2013)

## MEETINGS PLANNED FOR 2014

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Experts Meeting

March 25-28  
Naples, Italy  
(Including workshop and bilateral meetings)

### 4<sup>th</sup> Experts Meeting

Week of September 22-26  
Toronto, Canada

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