

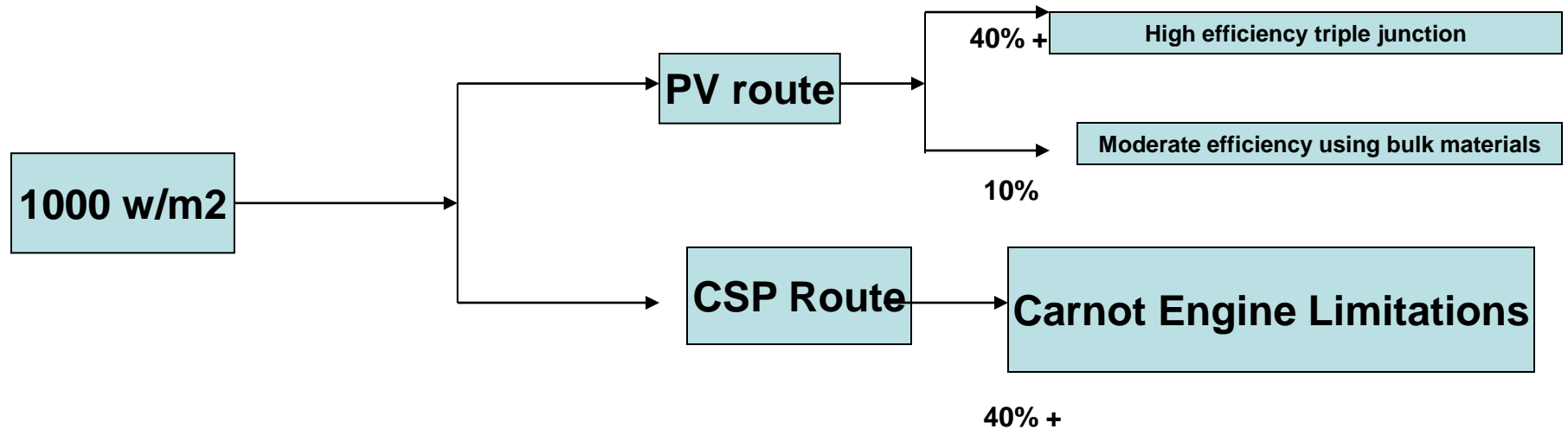
DEPLOYMENT OF SOLAR TECHNOLOGIES

A Materials technology challenge



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EFFICIENCY SYNDROME IN SOLAR ENERGY TRAPPING



How do we push the conversion efficiency to 80% plus?

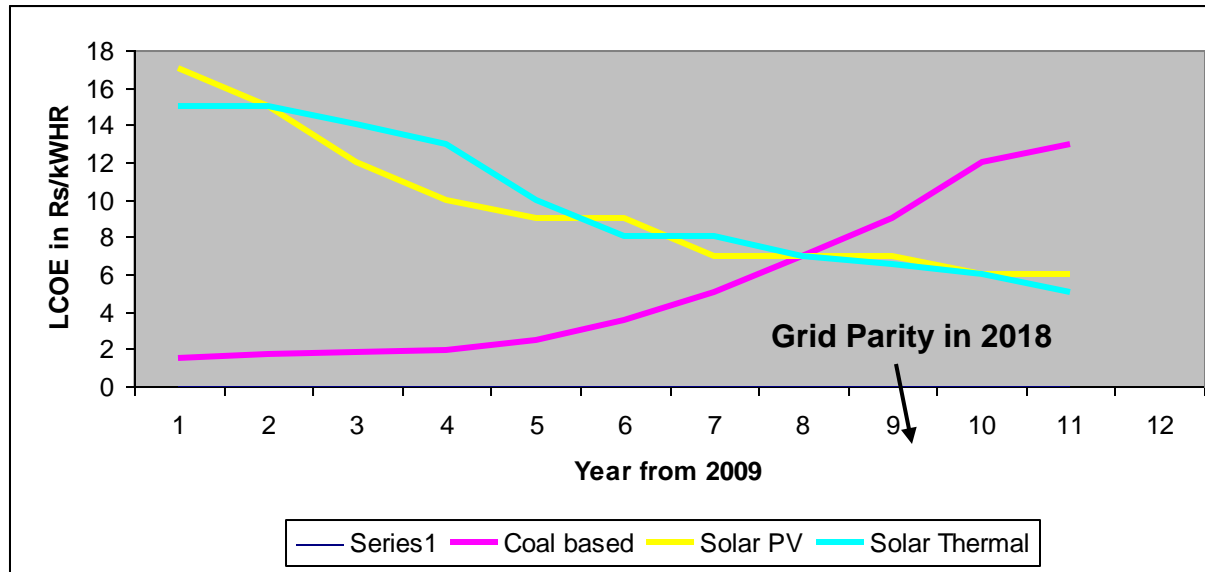
Break through High End Scientific discovery

Material development To increase efficiency

Innovative Hybrid solutions

Challenges in Solar Energy Deployment: Fossil fuel Parity

– a good target to set our goals



	Fossil (coal)	Solar
Energy Intensity	4000 kCal /kg	1000 w /m2
Efficiency	35-45%	10-40%
Capital cost	6 Cr /Mwe	12-20 Cr /Mwe
Units Produced	6.4 Million units / year / Mwe	1.6 Million units /year /Mwe
LCOE	2- 3 Rs /kWhr	9-18 Rs / kWhr

Energy density
Is approx 40 times

National Solar Mission

“... India is a tropical country, where sun shine is available for longer hours per day & in great intensity. Solar energy, therefore has great potential as future energy source. It also has the advantage of permitting the decentralized distribution of energy, thereby empowering people at the grassroots level...” PM’s Statement on Inaugural address on Jan 11th 2009

Decentralized power focus



Industry



Lighting



Cooling



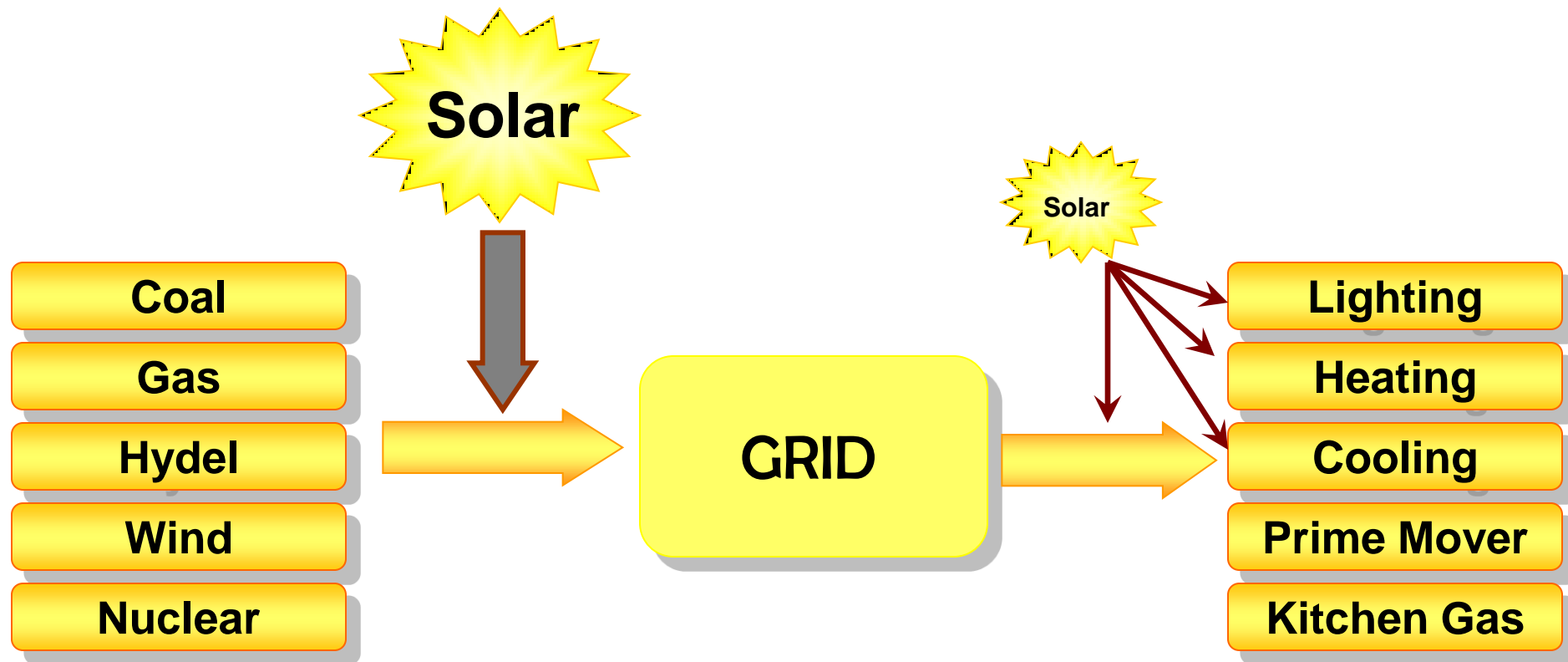
Agriculture



Water

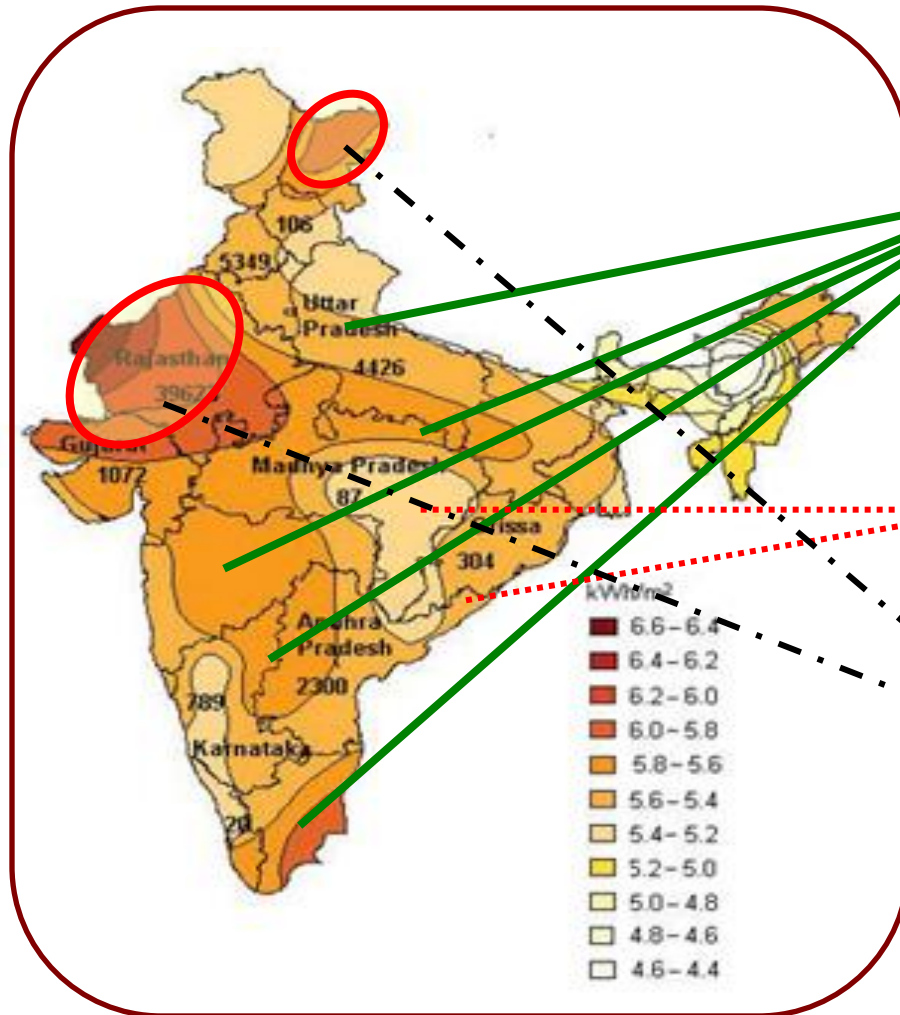
Solar energy usage needs to be made all pervasive in India

Solar in Central and Distributed mode....



**Feed solar to Grid using technology developed globally
& develop India centric technology for Point of Use**

Thus the best strategy for India is..



Strategy 1: Small sized (distributed generation plants) in large numbers with & w/o grid connectivity

Strategy 2: Hybrid solar with large sized Thermal Power Plants

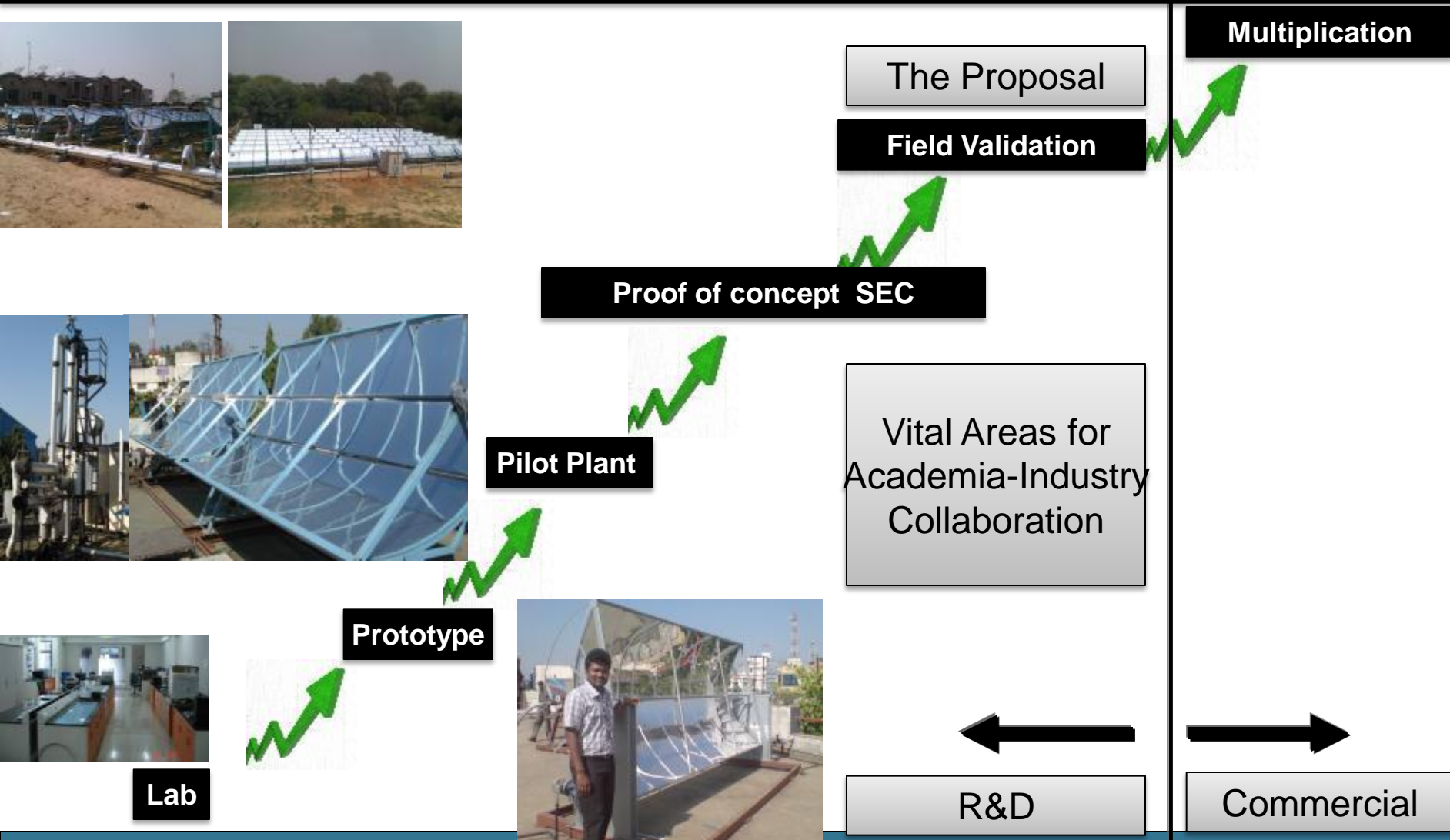
Strategy 3: Large sized CSP plants / 10 Mw clustered PV and CPV

Strategy 4: Direct solar cooling and heating

...tropical nature of solar radiation and non-availability of large land mass puts different challenge in India

Non Linear Pathways from Lab to Land

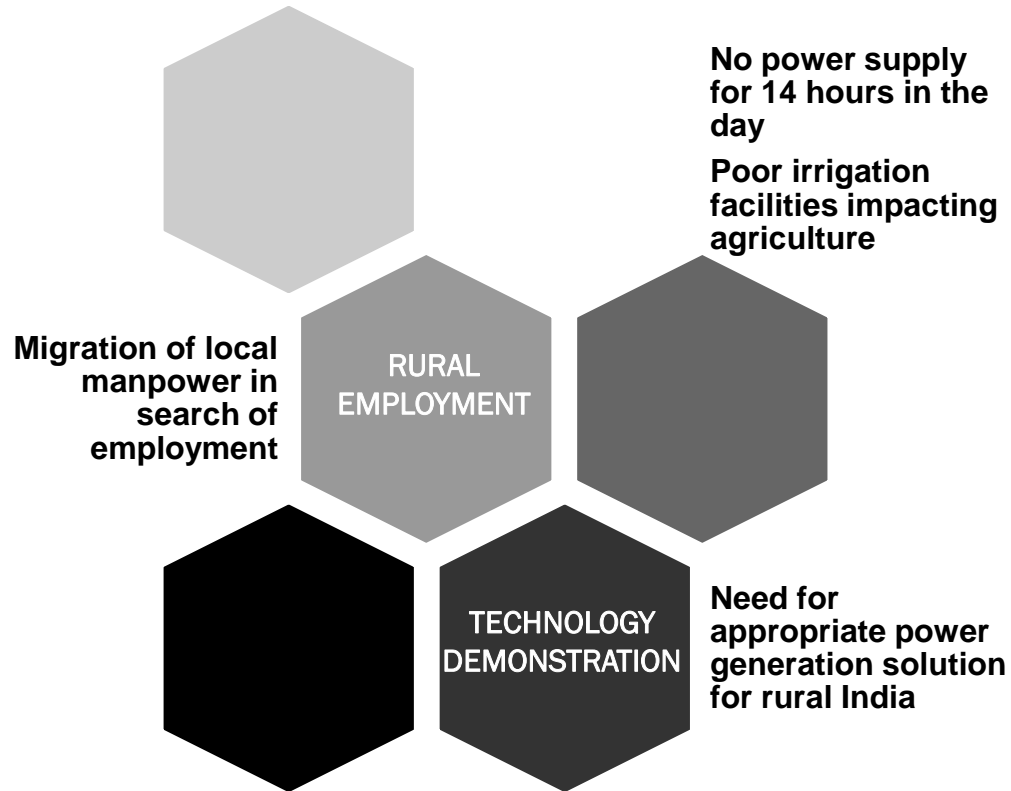
Frugal engineering, innovative solutions and low cost manufacturing are key for taking these concepts to commercial scale



EXAMPLES : INDUSTRY – ACADEMIA – GOVERNMENT collaboration

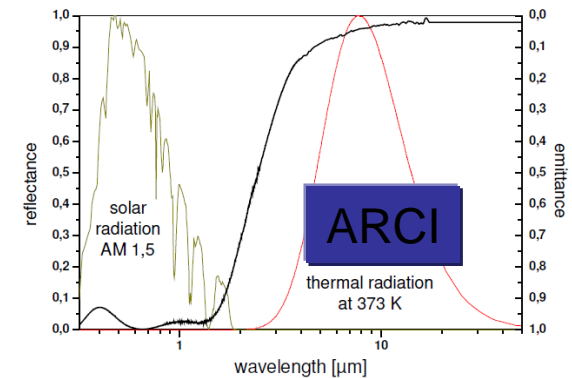
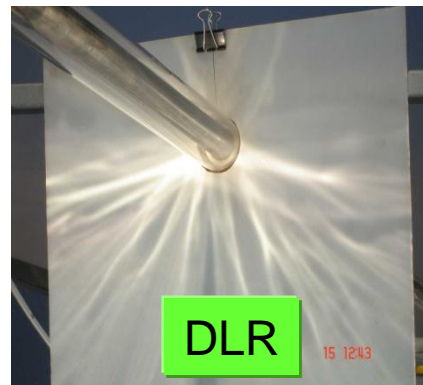
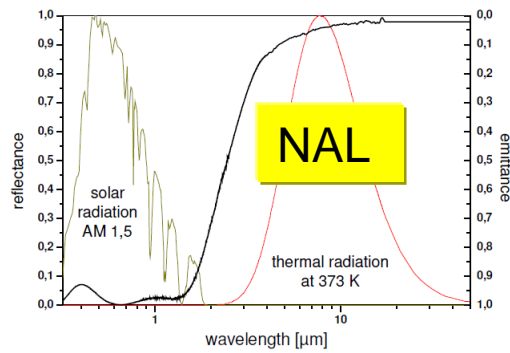
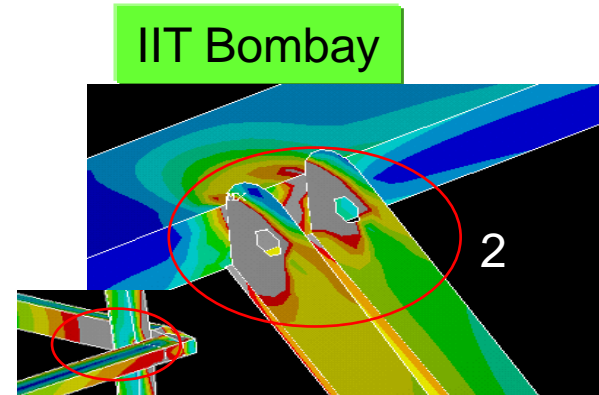
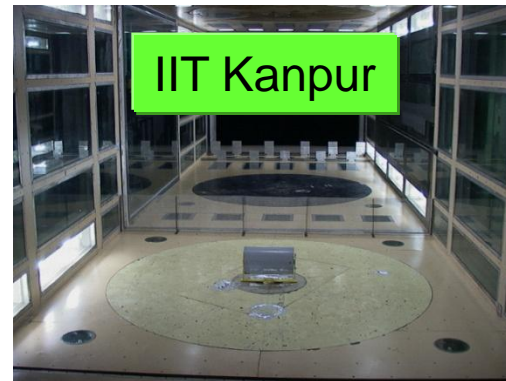
- 1. Solar Distributed Power Generation : 250 kW to 3 Mw scale**
- 2. Solar – Fossil Hybrid**
- 3 Thermoelectric**
- 4 Solar cold storage**
- 5 Solar Direct Heating and Cooling**

1 SOLAR DISTRIBUTED POWER GENERATION: 250 Kw TO 3000 Kw



Location : Shive, 40 km from Pune
Population: Approx. 3500
Agricultural area: Approx. 1000 acres

Collaboration for development



1 Shive Project for DDG



Cost effective solar
collectors

Direct steam
generation

Hybrid solar
biomass

Organic Rankine
Cycle

Hybrid STG-ORC

Free open access:
Use of existing grid

Local skill
development:
Social engineering

2 Fossil – Solar Hybrid



THERMAX



Fraunhofer
ISE

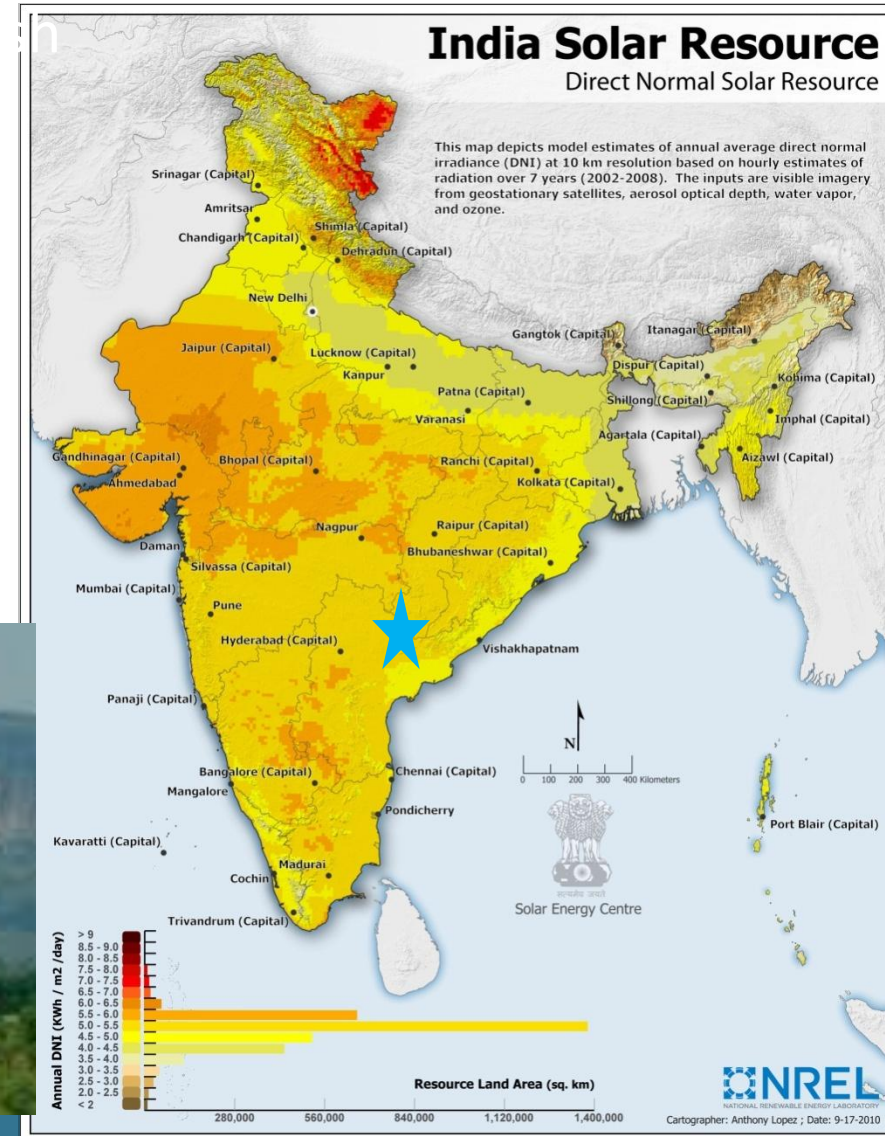
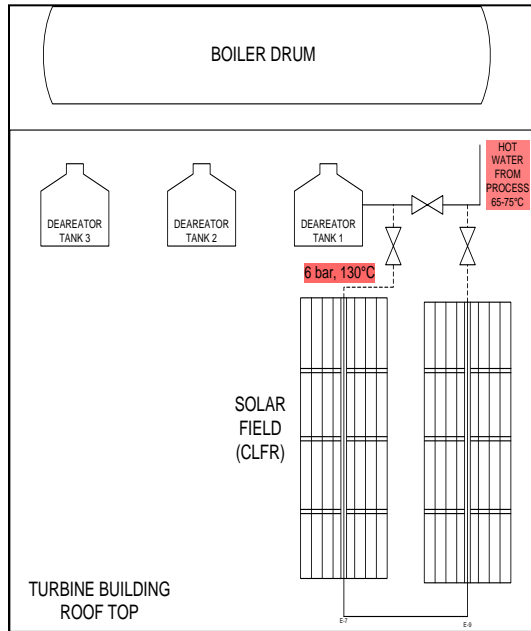
IGSTC

SCHOTT
glass made of ideas

Project sanctioned by international committee of solar power experts

2 Fossil Solar Demo plant

17.87° N ,80.84° E ,Heavy Water Plant, Manuguru, Andhra



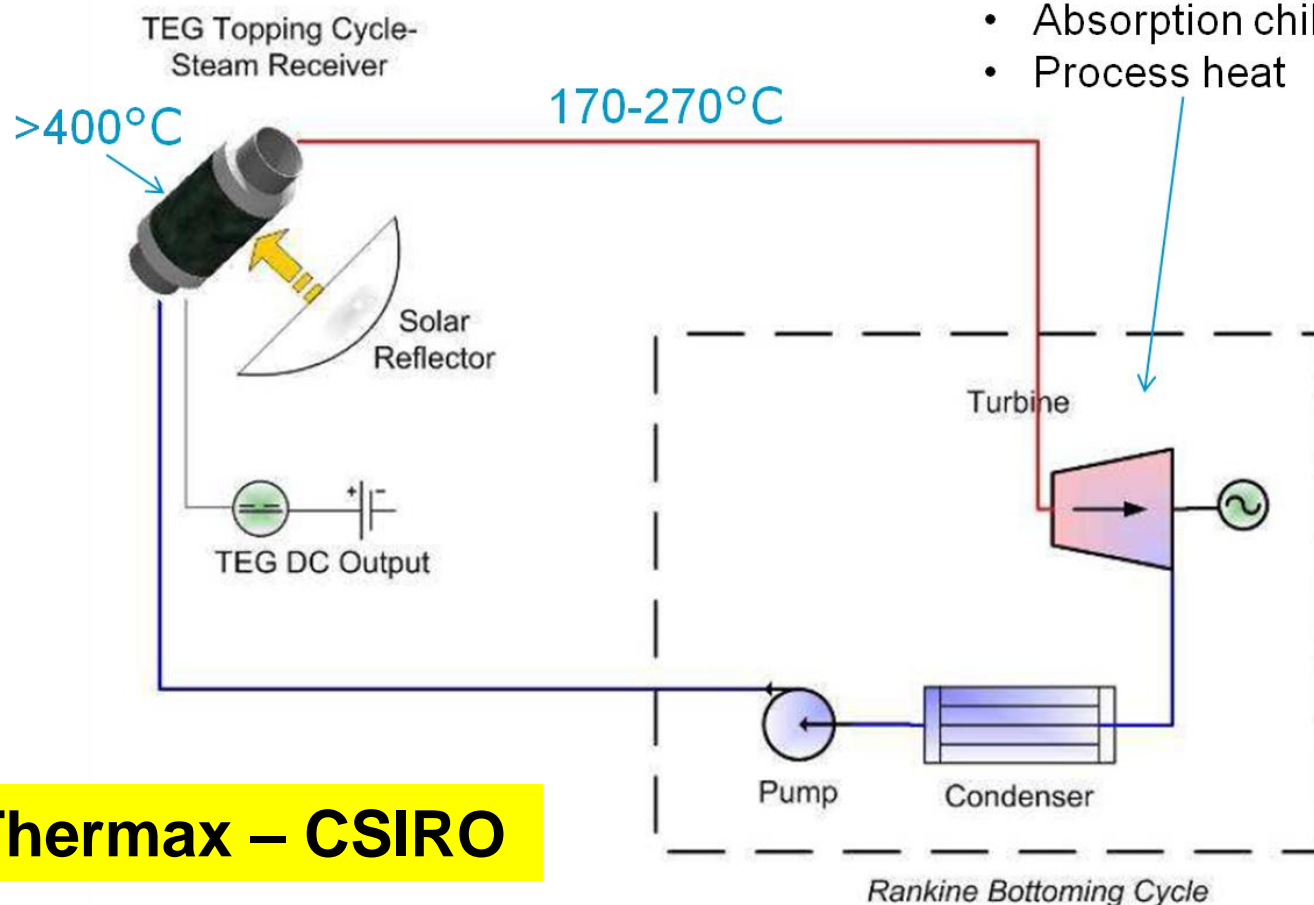
3 ASI PROJECT IN THERMOELECTRICS

Thermo electric generator - Integration of Topping Cycle

Or other bottoming applications

- Absorption chiller
- Process heat

Developmental project on thermo-electrics



Thermax – CSIRO





4. COLD STORAGE- AP 6 PROJECT



Technology, deployment strategy and policy support for
Cold Storage infrastructure in Rural India

*Sustainable Cold Storage System for Remote Rural
Applications*

Schematic diagram of cold storage



Solar Dishes



Ammonia



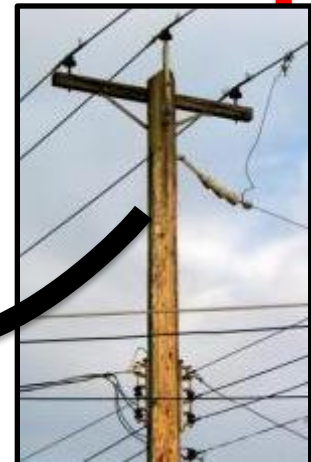
Cold Storage



Biomass Gasifier

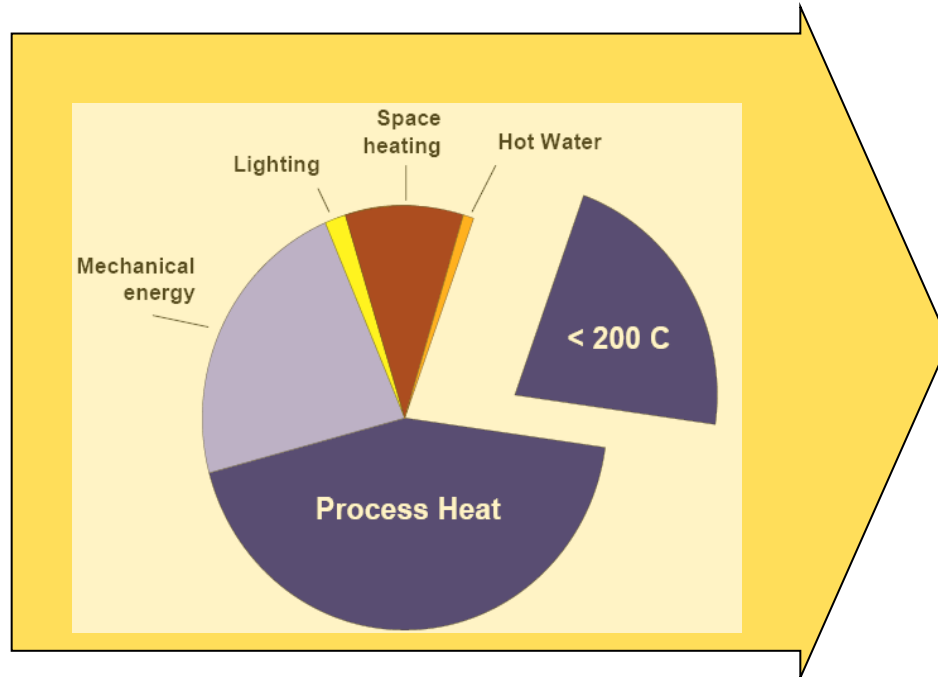


Gas Engine



**Electrical
Power**

5 Solar Thermal for Process Heating & cooling



Source: Thermax Internal, PSE

- 2/3 of industrial end energy = process heat
- 1/3 of process heat < 200 C

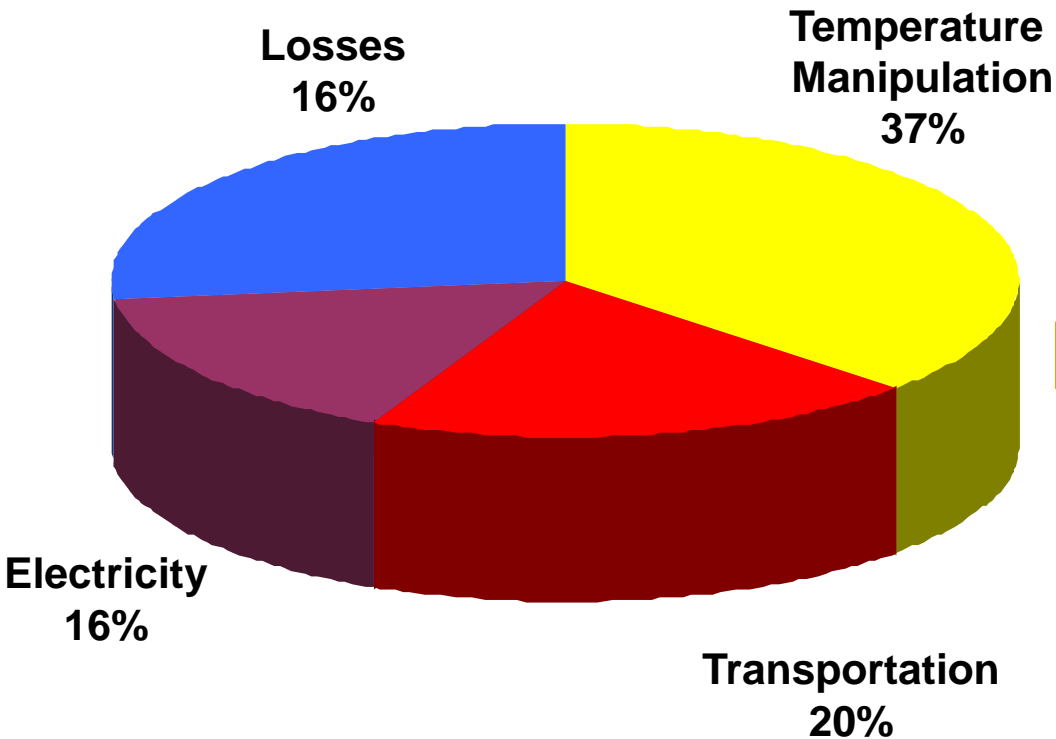


Food Industry
Textile Industry
Chemical Industry
Cooling / Air Conditioning

- 1 Million tons of Furnace Oil worth (Rs. 3000 Cr) being consumed every year for new boilers added
- Total FO consumed in FY08 = 8.5 Mn Ton (Rs. 25000 Cr)

Substitute fossil fuels with Solar

Present Energy Use Pattern



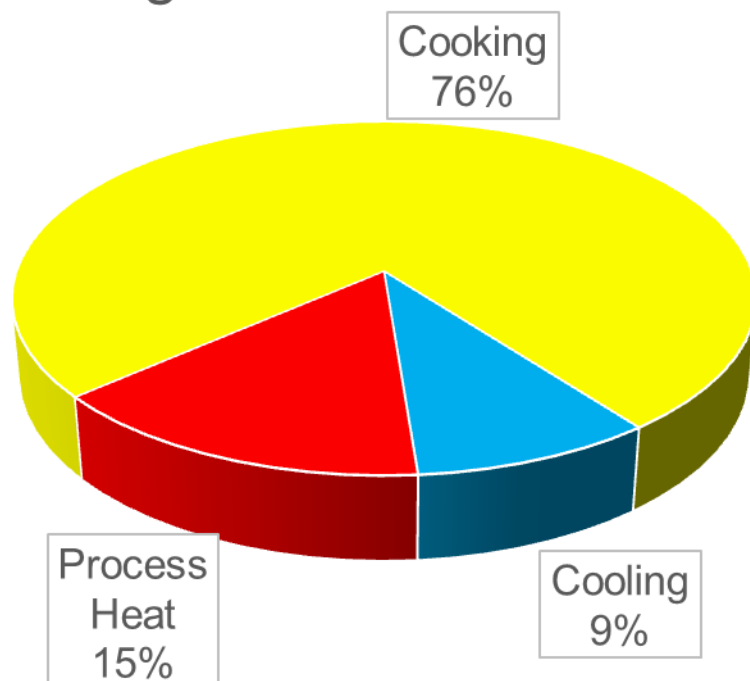
Source: Wikipedia

- Electricity accounts for 16% of the energy consumption
- Solar thermal requirement is 37% and many a times along with electricity requirement
- The electricity and thermal requirements are largely distributed

Target solar development for temp manipulation and electricity in distributed mode

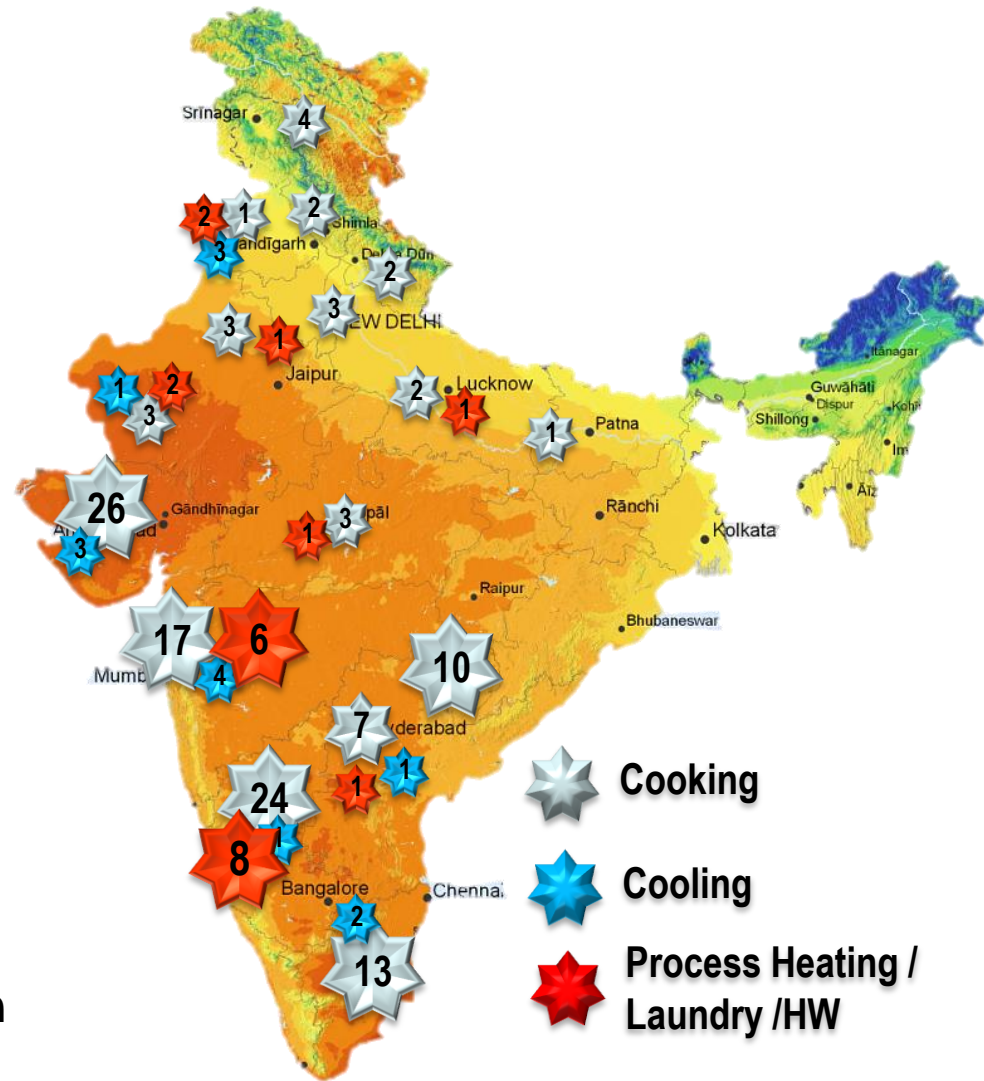
CST in India - A snapshot

Application-wise Segmentation



Total Installation base : 3 MWth

Source : MNRE and Thermax Analysis



Solar Heating Installations



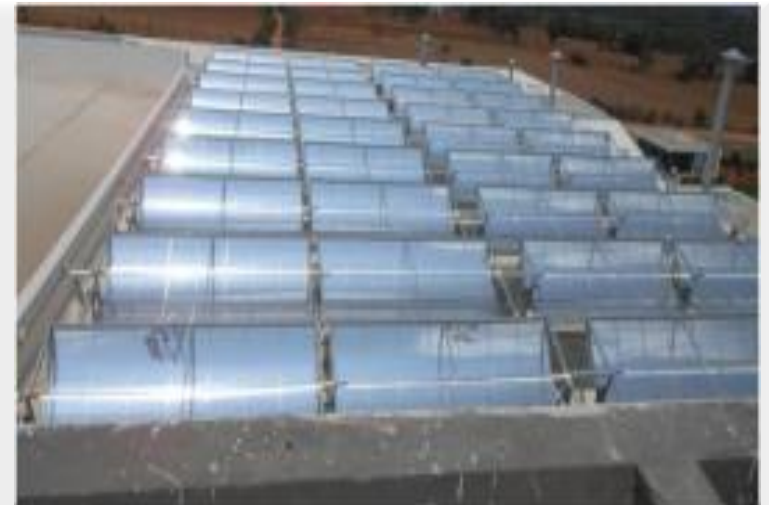
ITC Industries - Bangalore



SRM University - Chennai



ITC Kakatiya - Hyderabad



SKF Technologies - Mysore

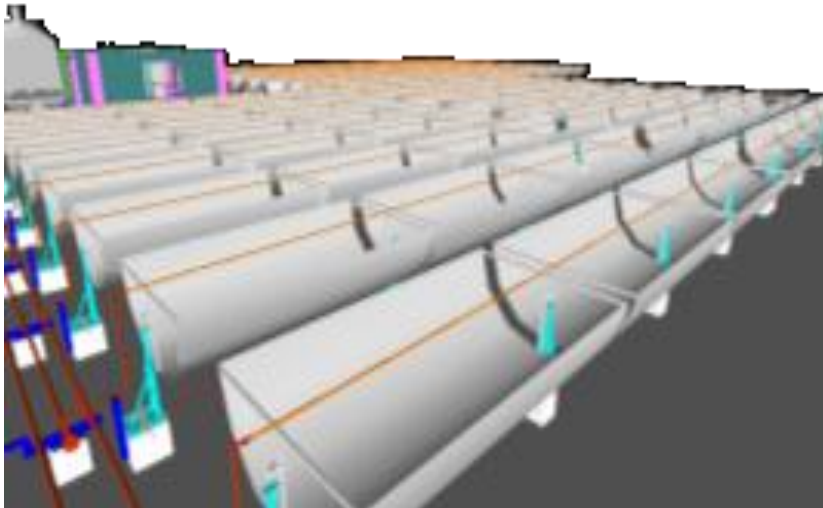
Solar Cooling Installations



Mahindra & Mahindra - Chakan



Honeywell Technologies - Hyderabad

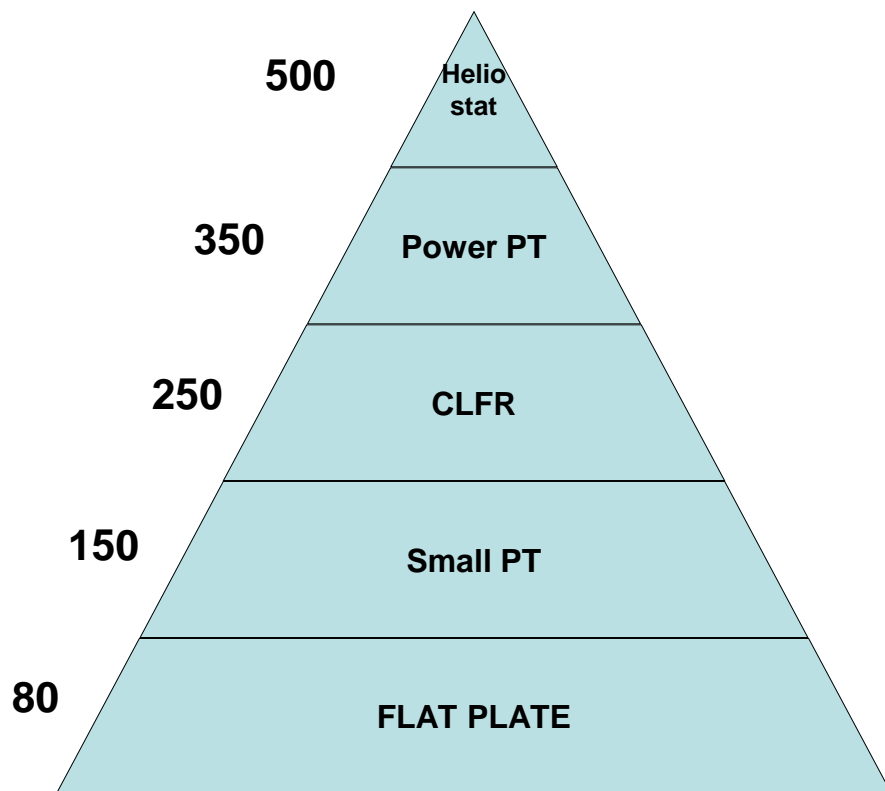


NPCIL - Kota



TVS Turbo Energy - Chennai

Solar Development



Temperature Pyramid

Thermax Ltd.

1 Parabolic Trough

2 Linear Fresnel collector

3 Moving focus dish

4 Solar CoE

Solar Thermal Technologies

70 C

250 C



Non-Imaging Collectors

- 70°C-120°C
- Suitable for flat/inclined rooftops
- No tracking, Low maintenance
- Applications: Single effect cooling, pasteurization, boiler feedwater pre-heating, LPG vaporizer



Parabolic Dish

- 100°C-150°C
- Dual axis tracking
- Fixed as well as moving focus
- Applications: Double effect cooling, oil heating, various process heating applications



Parabolic Trough

- 150°C-210°C
- Single axis tracking
- Fixed line focus
- Applications: Double/Triple effect cooling, power generation, various process heating applications



Paraboloid Dish

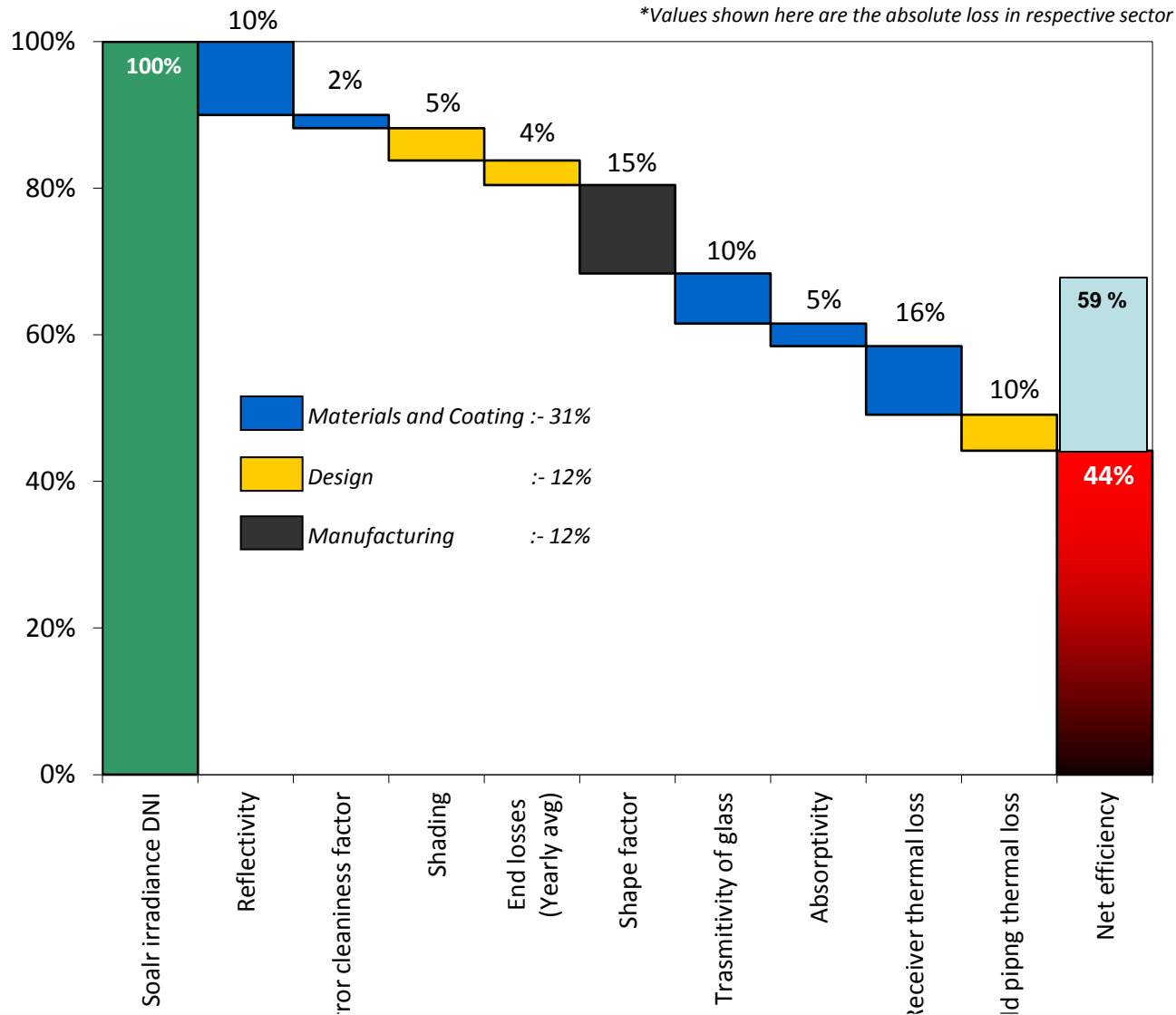
- 180+°C
- Dual axis tracking
- Fixed as well as moving focus
- Applications: Double/Triple effect cooling, various process heating applications



Compound Linear Fresnel Reflector

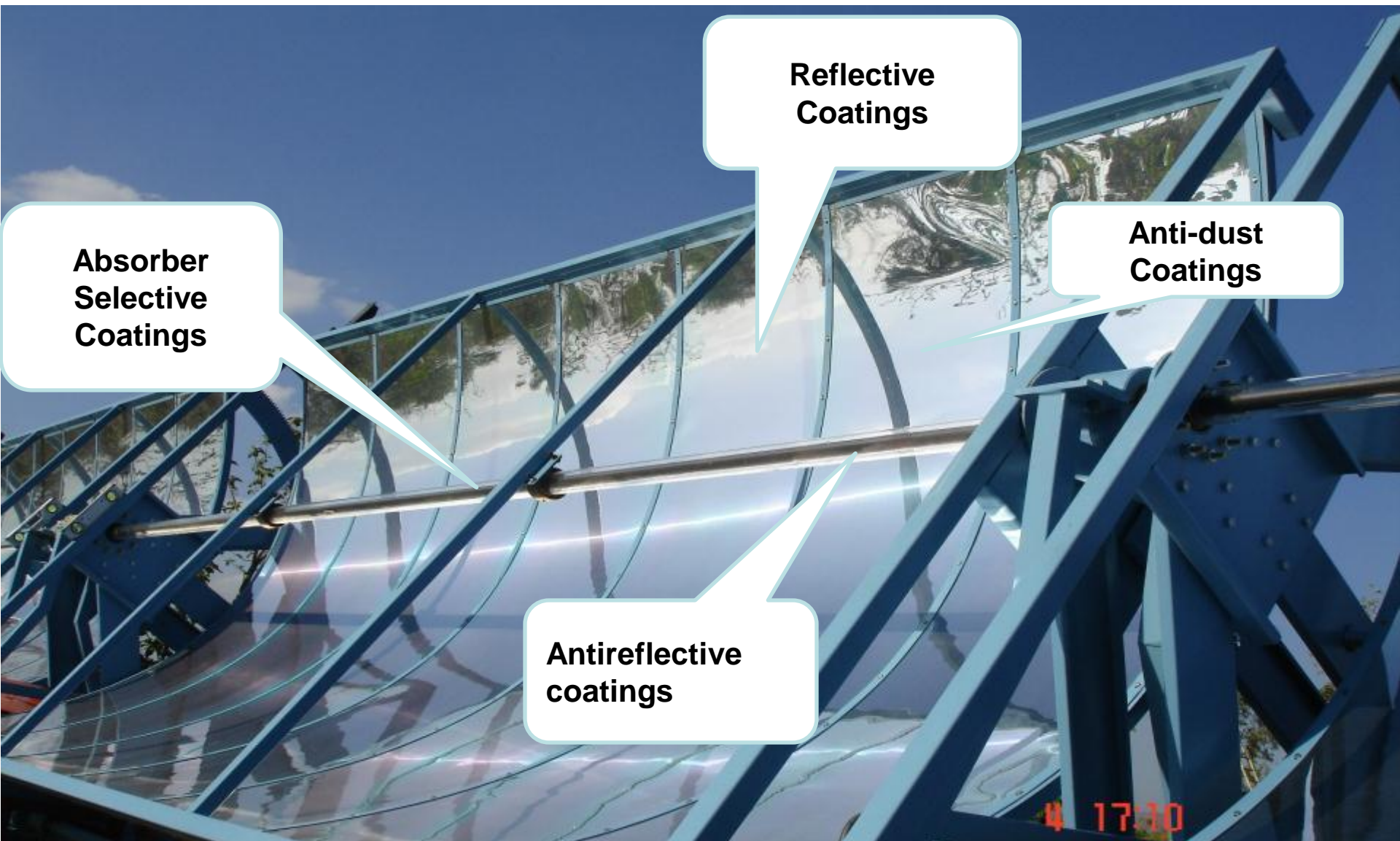
- 200+°C
- Fixed line focus
- Applications: Double/Triple effect cooling, power generation, spray drying

Efficiency Increase



Optical Efficiency 44% → 50% → 63% → 68% → 71%

Cost efficient collector requirement



The major requirement is cost effective & durable coatings

Absorber coating

	Collector	Temp range Deg Cent	Capital cost Rs/KWth
1	Water heater	60	21648
2	Scheffler dish*	120	34286
3	Med temp parabolic trough*	210	25397
4	CLFR	300	57143
5	Power Parabolic trough	450	60000
6	Parabolic dish with > 320 CR	500	??
7	Tower	700	??

Low Temp.

Available
Black chrome
& sputtering

Med. Temp.

Air stable?
Cost ?

High Temp.

Available Plasma
Vacuum stable !
Cost ?

Ceramics ??

* Thermax products

High Temp Coatings

Company	Coating	Absorptance (α)	Emittance (ϵ)	Thermal Stability
Angelantoni- ENEA (Italy)	Mo-SiO ₂ W/W-Al ₂ O ₃ /Al ₂ O ₃	0.94 0.93	0.13 (580°C) 0.10 (400°C) 0.14 (550°C)	580°C in vacuum
Solel (Israel)	UVAC 2008 (Al ₂ O ₃ based cermet)	0.96	0.10 (400°C)	400°C
	Mo-Al ₂ O ₃	0.96	0.16 (350°C)	350-500°C in vacuum
	W-Al ₂ O ₃	0.96	0.16 (350°C)	350-500°C in vacuum
SCHOTT	HTC	0.95	0.10 (400°C)	500°C in vacuum

Good fundamental understanding

High Temp coating - Demands

Low volumes
& hence
batch
process

Simultaneous
Vacuum tube, 4 mtr
long
Getter ,seals

- Absorbance > 96%
 - Emission < 0.05
 - Stability = 500 deg cent
- Durability
- Thermal cycling- 8000
 - Weather resistance – 500hrs

Cost efficient
< Rs 600/Sqm mtr
Now
> Rs 2000/sqm

Technology Demo
For durability

Development Trend -- Air Stable coating –Solgel - Hybrid

Present status

Vacuum stable

- Absorption > 95 % for $\lambda < 2000$ nm
- Emission < 0.07 for $\lambda > 2000$ nm
- Temp stability – 400 deg cent

Air stable

- Absorption > 95 % for $\lambda < 2000$ nm
- Emission < 0.15 for $\lambda > 2000$ nm
- Temp stability – 300 deg cent

Need : Air stable , >95% Absorption, < 0.07 emission , 500 Deg C stability

Sol-gel synthesis of Multi-Layer Selective Absorber Coatings

Cermet based selective coatings

AR Coating – SiO_2 , MgF_2 , Hybrid Silica

Low Metal Volume Fraction (LMVF)
M-Oxide (M = Ni, Mo, W, Mn, Co, Cr ; Oxides = TiO_2 , Al_2O_3)

High Metal Volume Fraction (HMF)
M-Oxide (M = Ni, Mo; Oxide = Al_2O_3)

Substrate

Parameters to Control Coating Characteristics

- Process parameters while sol preparation (Mixing, temperature, pH etc.)
- Coating conditions and coating process
- Aging of sol and thermal treatment of coating

Dip Coating

Spin Coating

Spray Coating

Sol-Gel Process Advantages

- Low Cost
- Easy process steps, Scalable

Precursor
(Inorganic Salt or Metal Alkoxides)

Controlled Reaction Conditions Mixing, Temperature, pH

Hydrolysis and
Condensation

Aging of Sol

Coating of Sol on Substrate
(Plate/Tube)

Drying / Thermal Treatment of Coating

Surface Ready for Second Coating

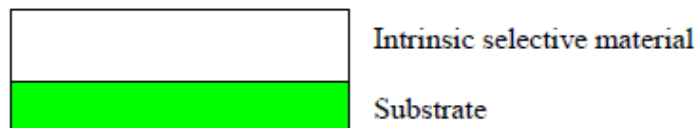
Coatings for spectral selective absorption of solar energy

Desirable Coating For Solar Absorber

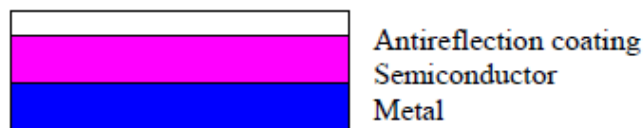
- High Absorbance and Low Emittance
- Resistance to Higher Temperature, Corrosion
- Low Cost

Design of Absorber Coating

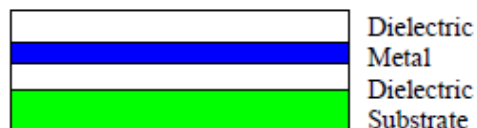
- Intrinsic Light Absorption
- Absorber Reflector Tandem
- Multi-layer Selective Coating
- Cermet



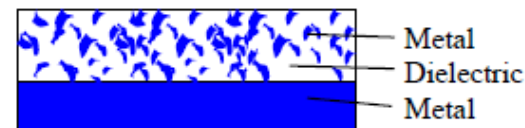
a) Intrinsic absorber



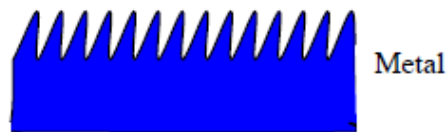
b) Semiconductor-metal tandems



c) Multilayer absorbers



d) Metal-dielectric composite

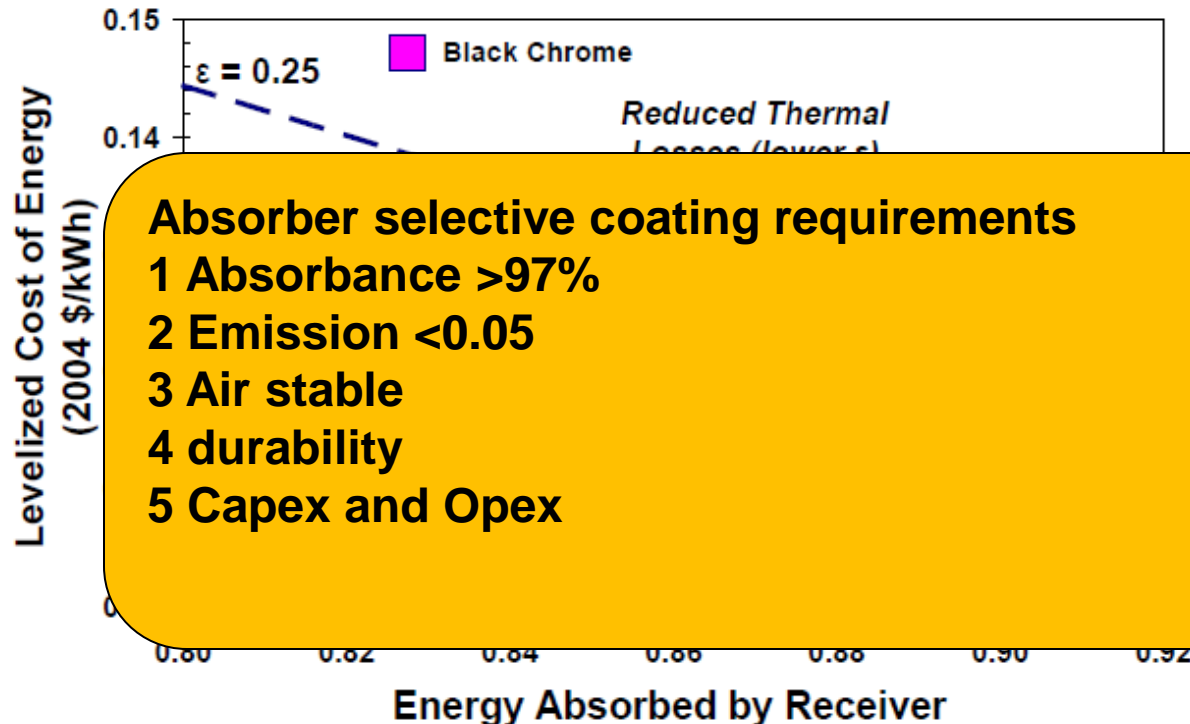


e) Surface texturing



f) Solar-transmitting coating/blackbody-like absorber

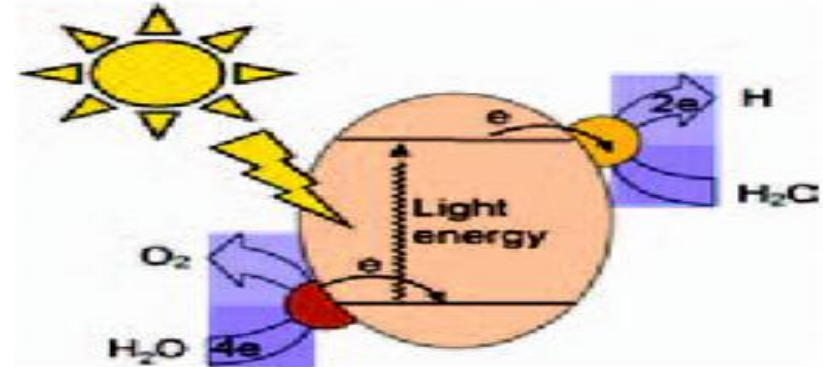
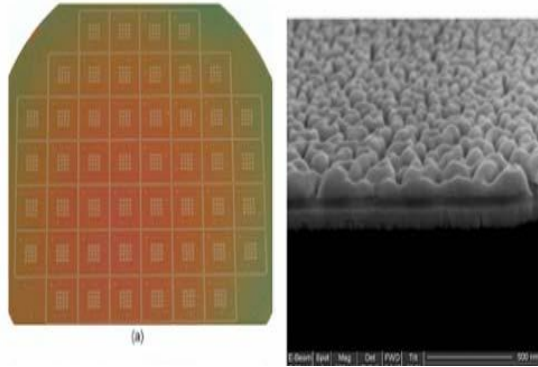
Cermet based Solar Selective Coatings



- Optical Properties of absorber coatings are dependent on thickness of film, composition of film and structure of the film.
- Nano-sized layers in the coating are required to create optical interferences to get desirable optical properties

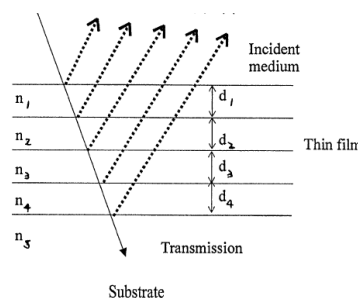
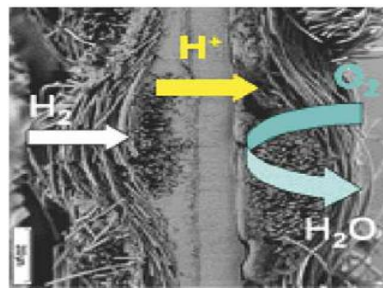
2 Anti-Reflective (AR) Coatings

Single Layer AR Coating



- AR coatings are important in solar applications as they increase the efficiency of absorption by reducing reflection losses
- Important Parameters in AR Coating Design – Refractive Index and Thickness of the film ($\lambda/4$)

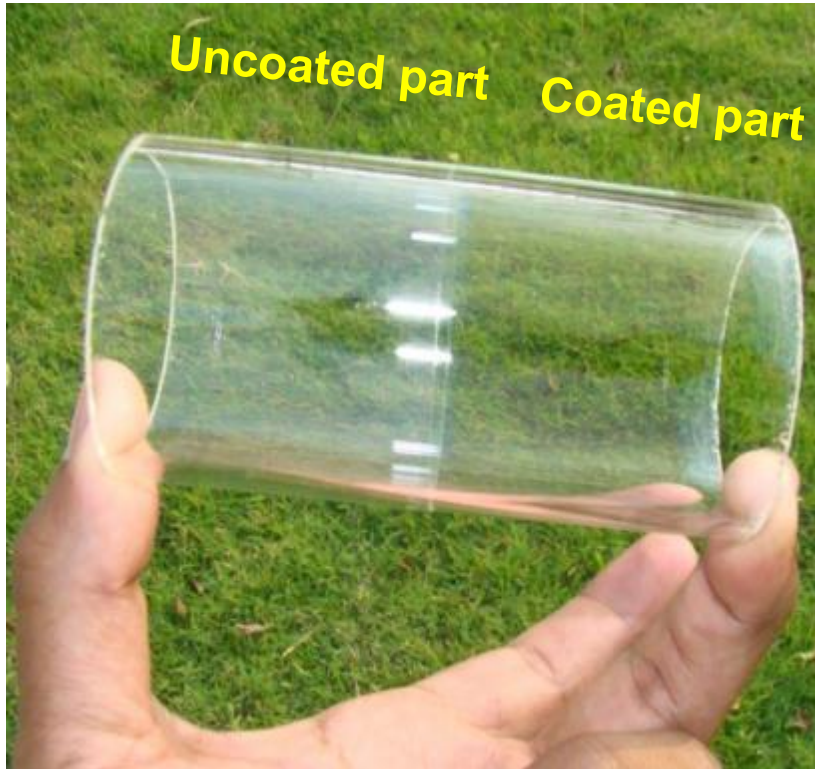
Multi Layer AR Coating



Multi Layer AR coating typically consists of a carefully constructed stack of thin layers with different refractive indices.

The internal reflections of these layers interfere with each other leading to an overall reflectance lower than that of the bare substrate surface.

Technology Development - AR Cong



Coating on tube



Lab



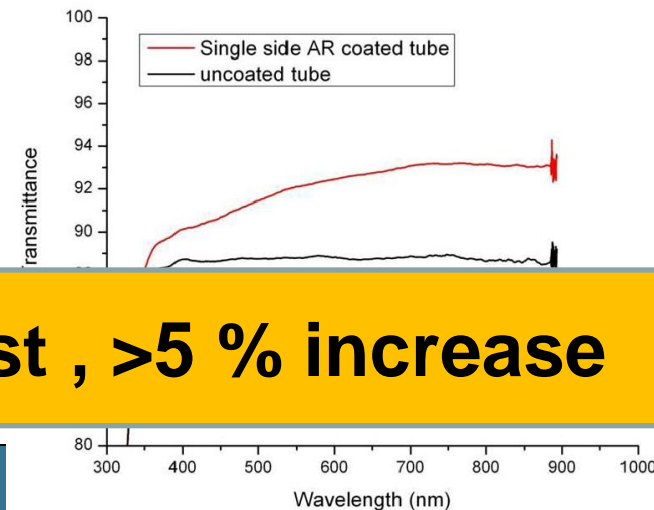
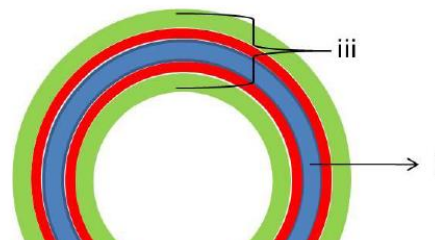
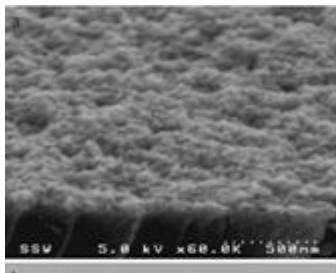
Plant

Durable, low cost 3% increase

Pilot Scale Coating Machine



Nanoparticle based anti-reflective (AR) coating on 2 m long glass tube.



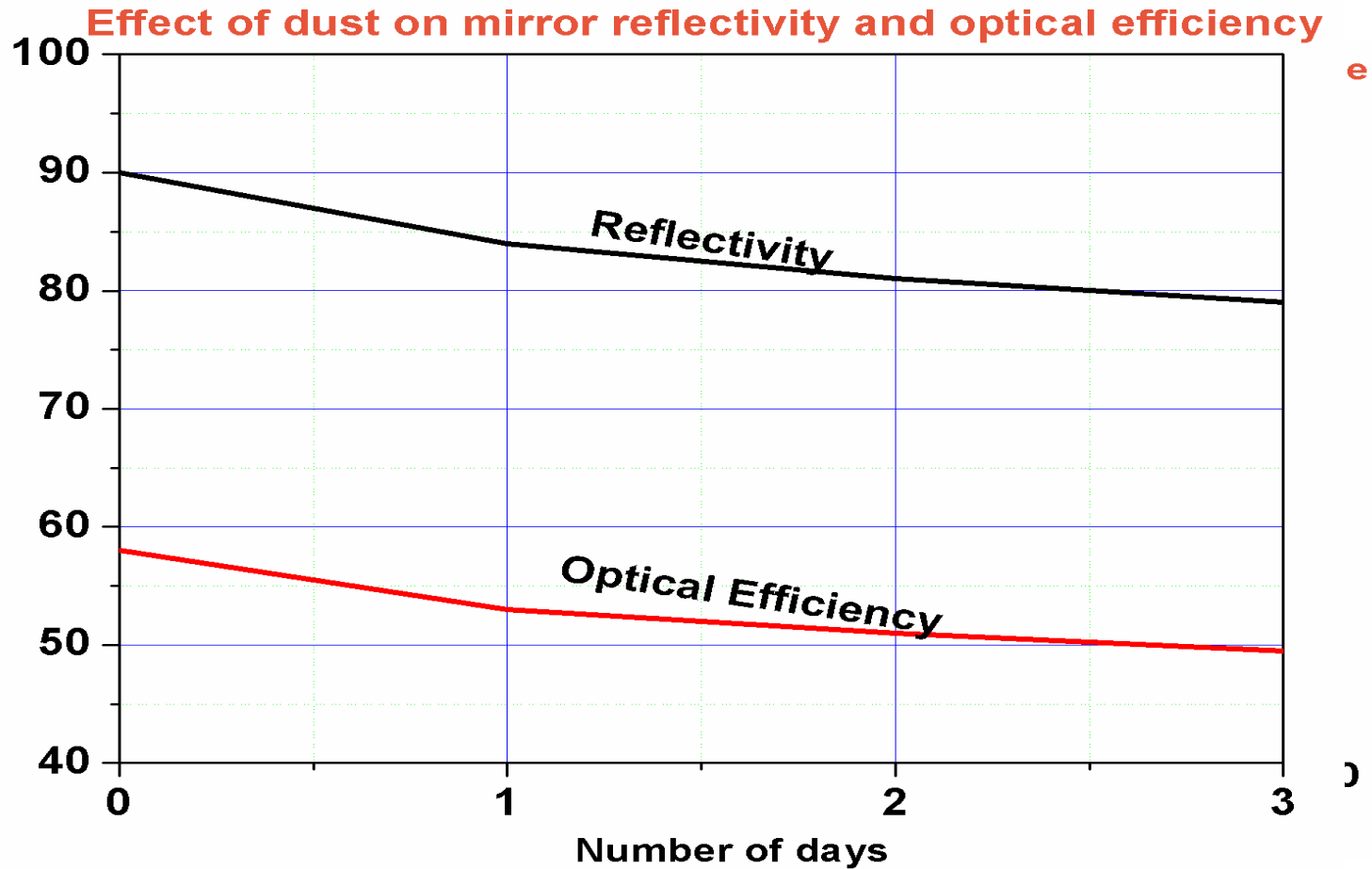
Need : Durable, low cost , >5 % increase

ii = High index layer
iii = Low index layer

Increase in transmittance
 on glass tube ~ 5.0 %

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Self Cleaning Coating

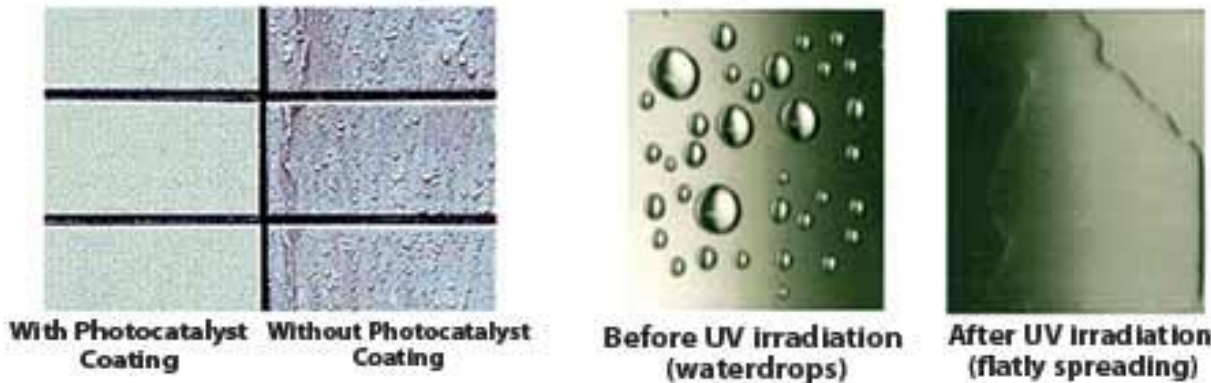


3 to 15% loss of efficiency due to dust

Self Cleaning Coating



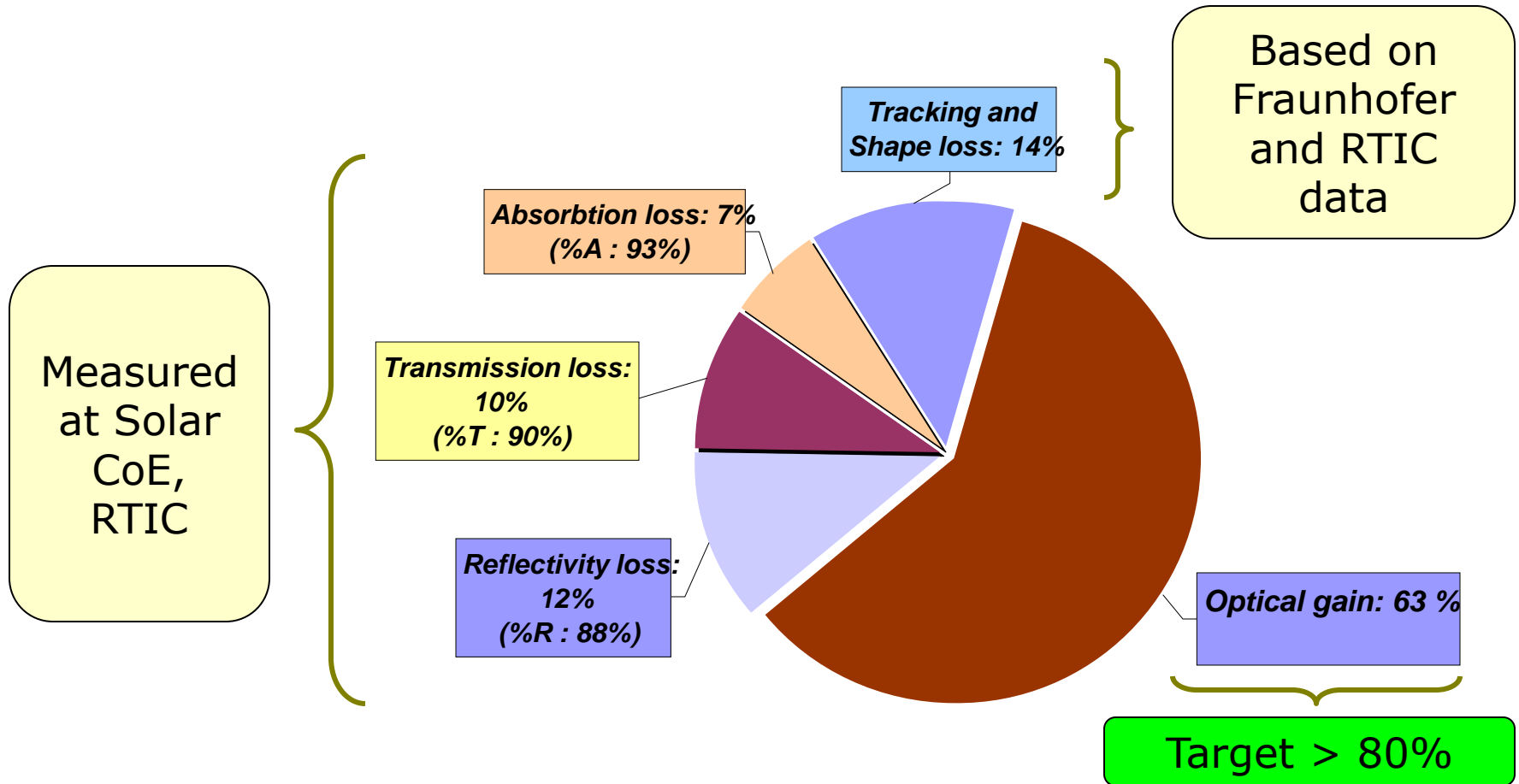
Fig. 1 Shape of waterdrops on the surfaces of glass, resin and hydrophobic resin



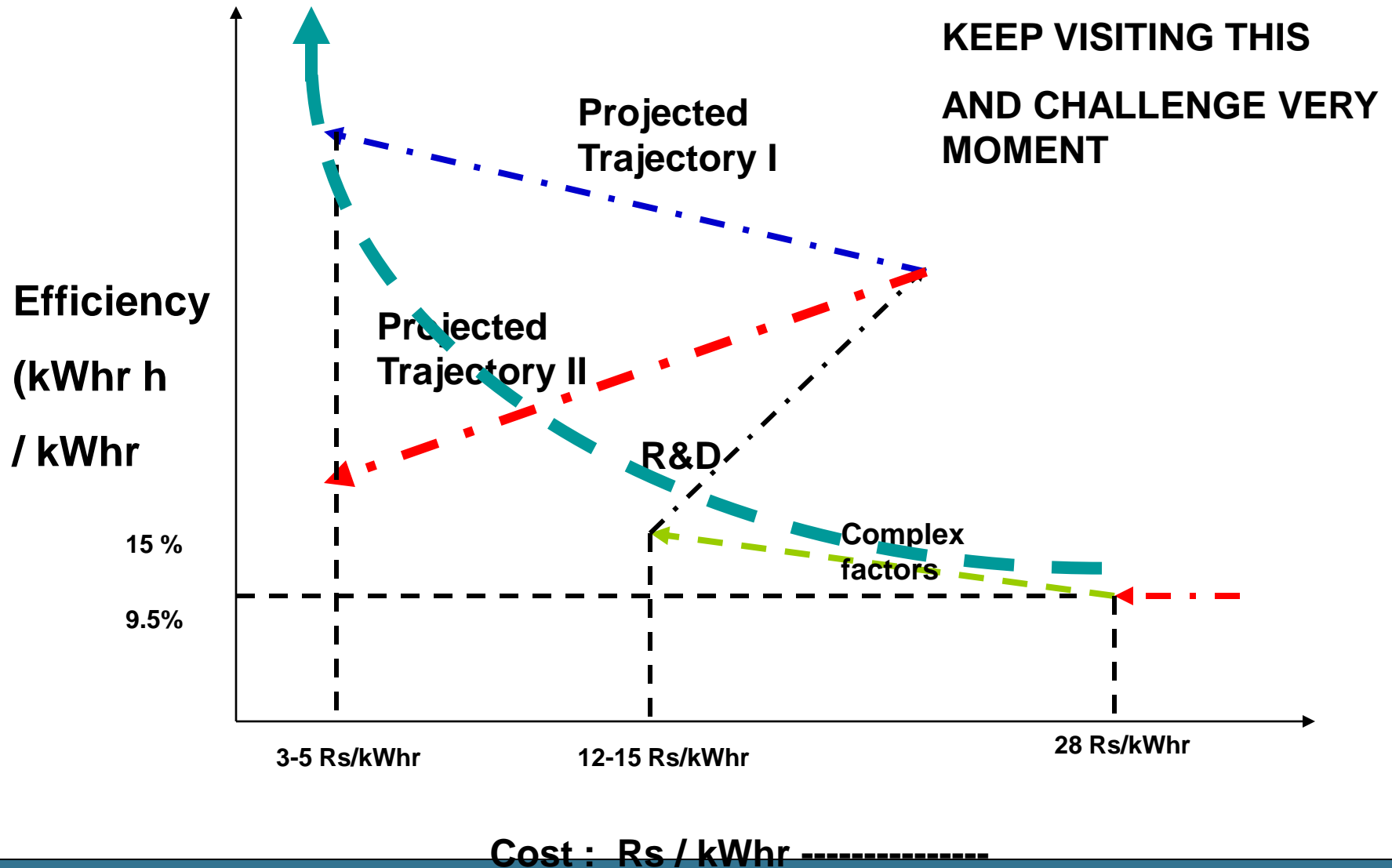
Self Cleaning – Anti Dust TiO_2 Coating

- Super-Hydrophilic property
- Low contact angle of the photocatalyst surface with water is reduced gradually → does not repel water.
- Enable the dust particles to be swept away following the water stream, thus making the product self-cleaning


Development for efficiency



THE QUEST BEGINS



Thank You!



**We must learn to happily progress
together or miserably perish
together. Man can live individually
but can survive only collectively**
Atharva Veda