



# Savosolar

Solar thermal technology taken to the next level

## Solar district heating – High efficiency Savosolar solar thermal plants in Danish district heating systems

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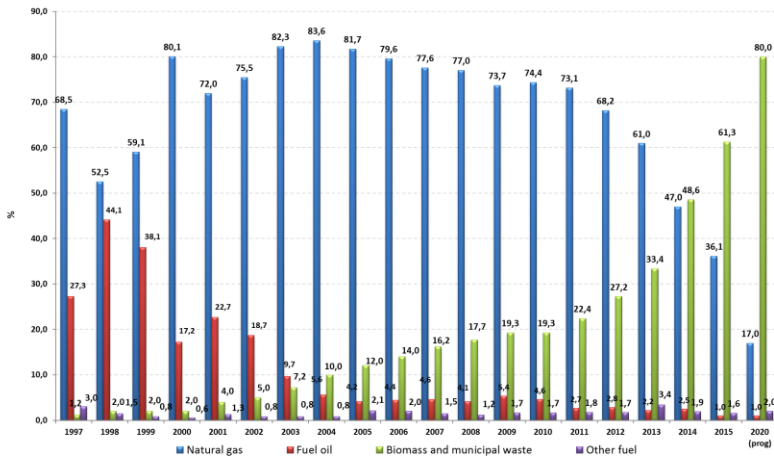
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# Solar thermal

## – a role in the Lithuanian DH sector?

- Presentation of Savosolar – technology and references
- Solar district heating experience in Denmark
- Solar district heating and biomass – synergies?
- Next step – identify projects and partners



# Our customers face

- Constantly rising energy prices
- Business models without the possibility to forecast energy costs
- Public pressure and legal obligations to lower greenhouse gas emissions
- Politically dependent fuel costs and fuel availability

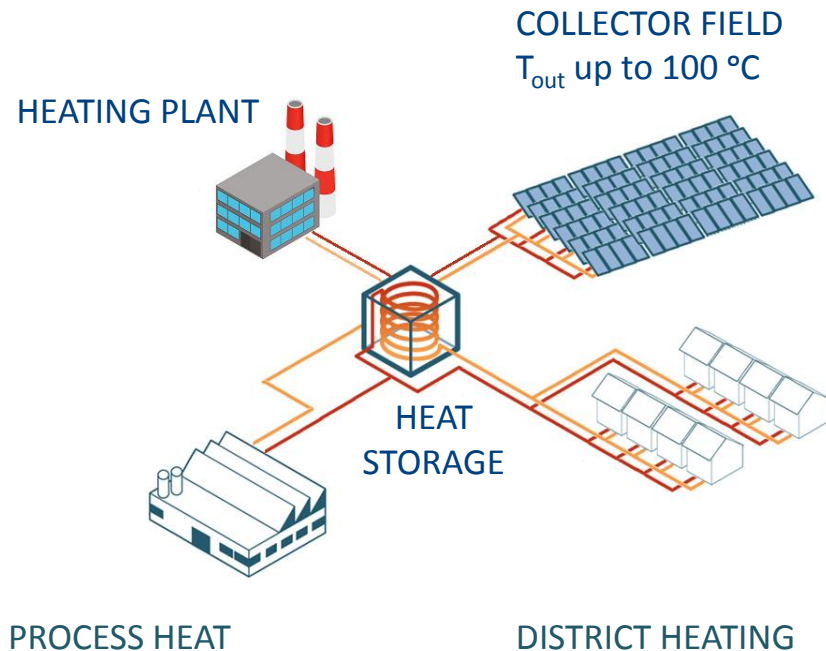
Interest rate and  
depreciation are  
the costs

## Savosolar offers

- The highest efficiency in the market, and thereby the lowest possible energy cost over 25 years
- Energy price stability over 25 years
- Independent energy production without fuel costs and less political dependency
- Emission free energy and an environmentally responsible image



# Solar thermal plant – turnkey



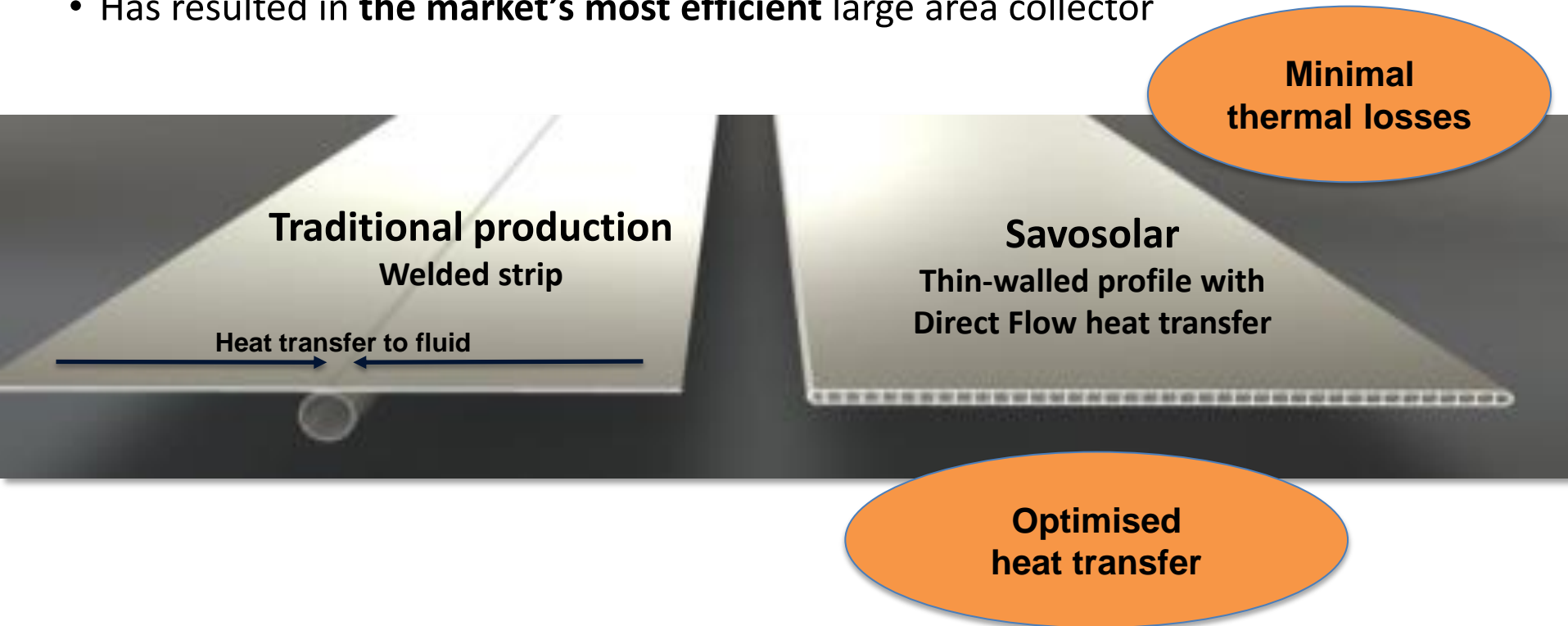
- Savosolar work with local partners
  - Local economy
  - Local competences
- The whole solar thermal system, comprising:
  - Collector field
  - Piping (solar field and transmission)
  - Pumps
  - Heat exchanger
  - Control
  - Heat storage (tank)
  - Building
  - Ground works

# Savosolar winning market concept



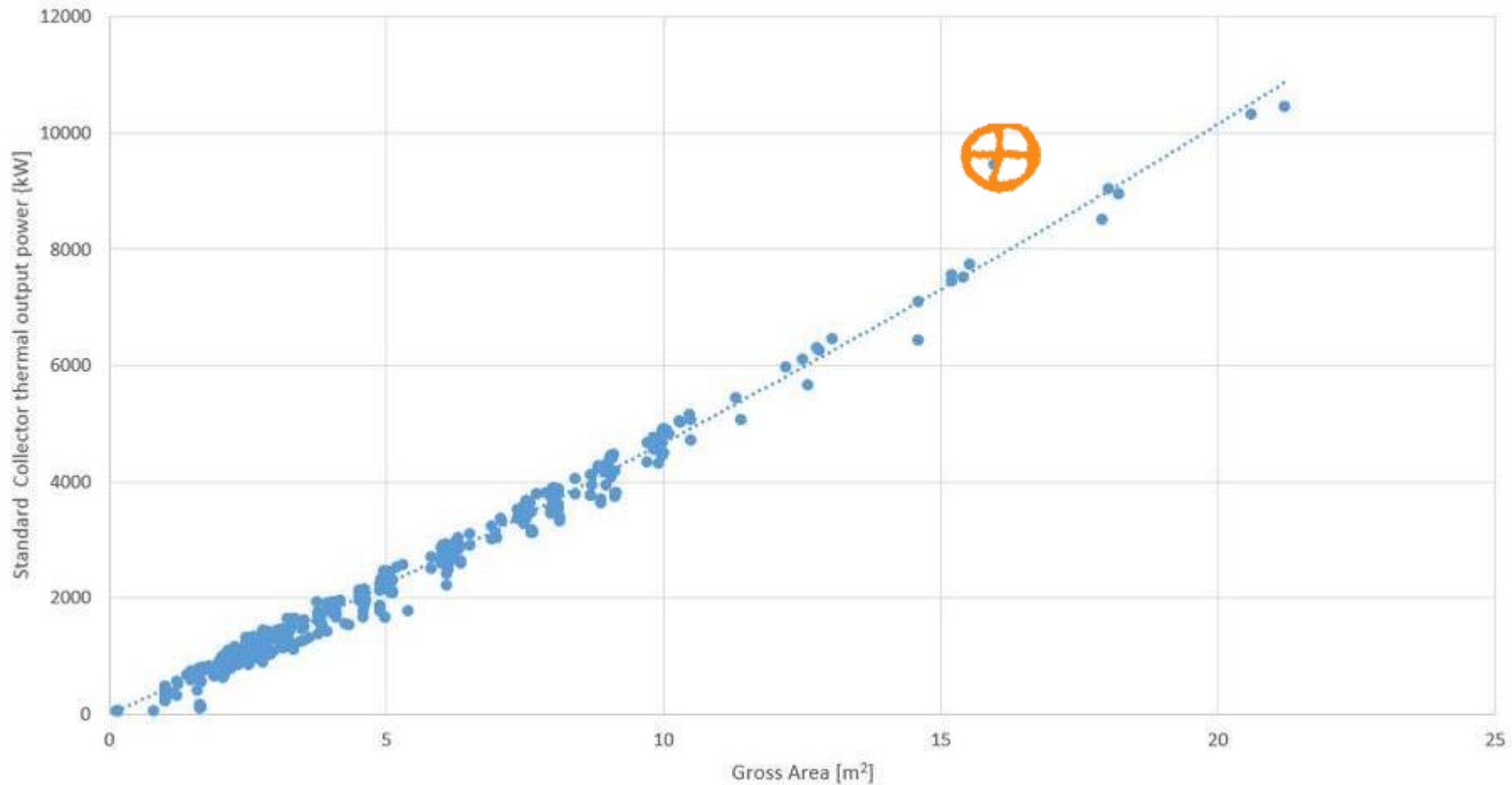
# Unique technological advantage

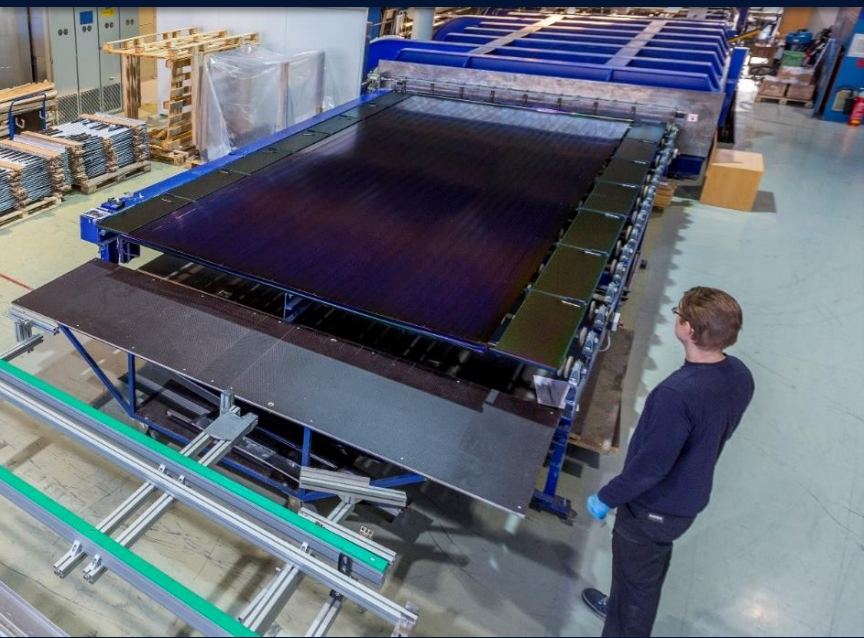
- **Absorber strips** made from aluminium profiles as used in automotive heat exchangers
- One-of-a-kind **coating** technology, which makes it possible to coat entire absorbers after assembly
- Has resulted in **the market's most efficient** large area collector



# The most efficient collector in the world

## Collectors in Swiss subsidy list







# Further advantages

- Awarded with the Intersolar Award 2011 for “the biggest absorber development in the industry the last 30 years”
- Double glazed collectors with superior glass insulation
- Solar Keymark certified and ISO 9001 certified
- Only producer of large area collectors with PED module II certification according to directive 97/23/EG of the European Parliament
- Mounting solutions for both fields and roofs – fields preferred
- Etched (as opposed to coated) anti-reflective glass treatment without deterioration over time
- Several large scale district heating solar fields – up to 15,300 m<sup>2</sup> in size



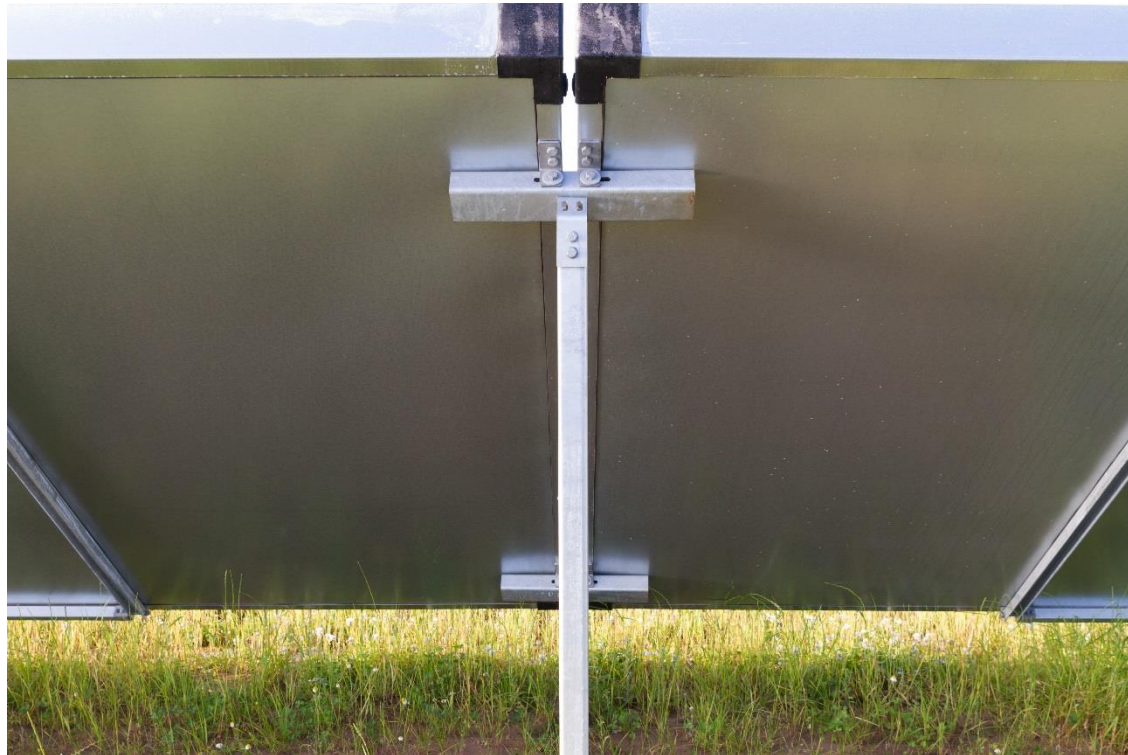
# Minimal thermal losses in connections

- Integrated connection hoses (patent pending)
  - Minimises thermal losses in the connections
  - Allows for mounting with only 40 mm distance between panels
  - Reduces shadowing effects compared to traditional connections
  - Protects the connection hoses from external wear from weathering and bird attacks



# Maximum use of available land – heat density

- Shared collector foundations (patent pending)
  - **Minimises** the number of foundations
  - Ensures that collectors are **aligned** with each other
  - Offers a **visually** pleasing result which is less noticeable in the landscape





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Foundations below the collectors  
Space for driving a vehicle  
Few foundations  
Leveling of land not required



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Danish record for  
production:  
4.97 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> in one day

Double stanchions

Jelling Varmeværk: Why they chose Savosolar



Jelling Varmeværk, Jelling, Denmark – 15,300 m<sup>2</sup>

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Saving of:  
Piping cost  
Heat loss  
Excavation cost  
Welding cost  
Land requirement

Jelling Varmeværk, Jelling, Denmark – 15,300 m<sup>2</sup>



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Heat pump

Wood pellet boiler

Exchange station

Energy storage

Savosolar solar fields 15 000 m<sup>2</sup>

Future energy storage of 150 000 m<sup>3</sup>

Future solar field extension 35 000 m<sup>2</sup>

Combination of single-glazed (SG) and double-glazed (DG)

Lolland Forsyning: Why they chose Savosolar



Sewer pipeline



SG and DG  
Double stanchions

Very wet land area – high  
heat density was important  
to meet customers  
requirements

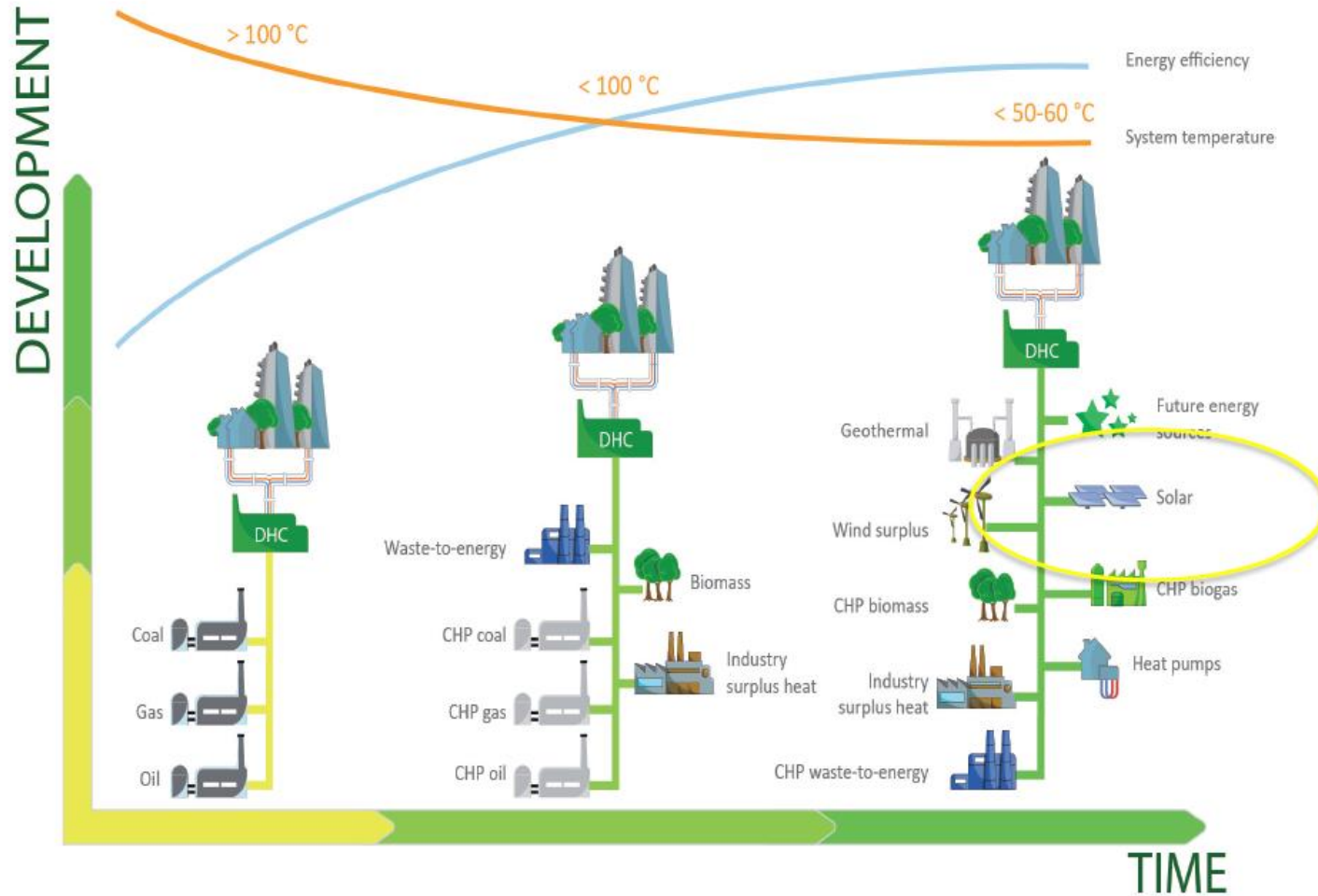


High heat density  
also important for  
roof installations





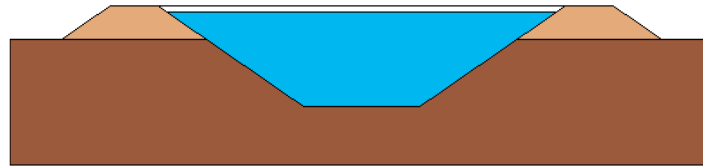
# District heating development



Euroheat & Power, [www.4dh.eu](http://www.4dh.eu)

# Heat storage – enabling diversification

- Heat storage is always required for solar thermal
- Diurnal or seasonal – different technologies
  - Diurnal – tank storage, 20-35 % solar fraction
  - Seasonal – e.g. pit thermal heat storage, 50-70 % solar fraction



# Solar district heating in Denmark

- Phases of a solar thermal system
  - Preparation and planning
  - Establishing
  - Commissioning
  - Operation and maintenance
- Target groups
  - Boards
  - Municipalities
  - Operators
- Six examples of solar district heating systems
  - Based on interviews
- Links to more information
  - E.g. [www.solarheatdata.eu](http://www.solarheatdata.eu)



<http://task55.iea-shc.org/publications>

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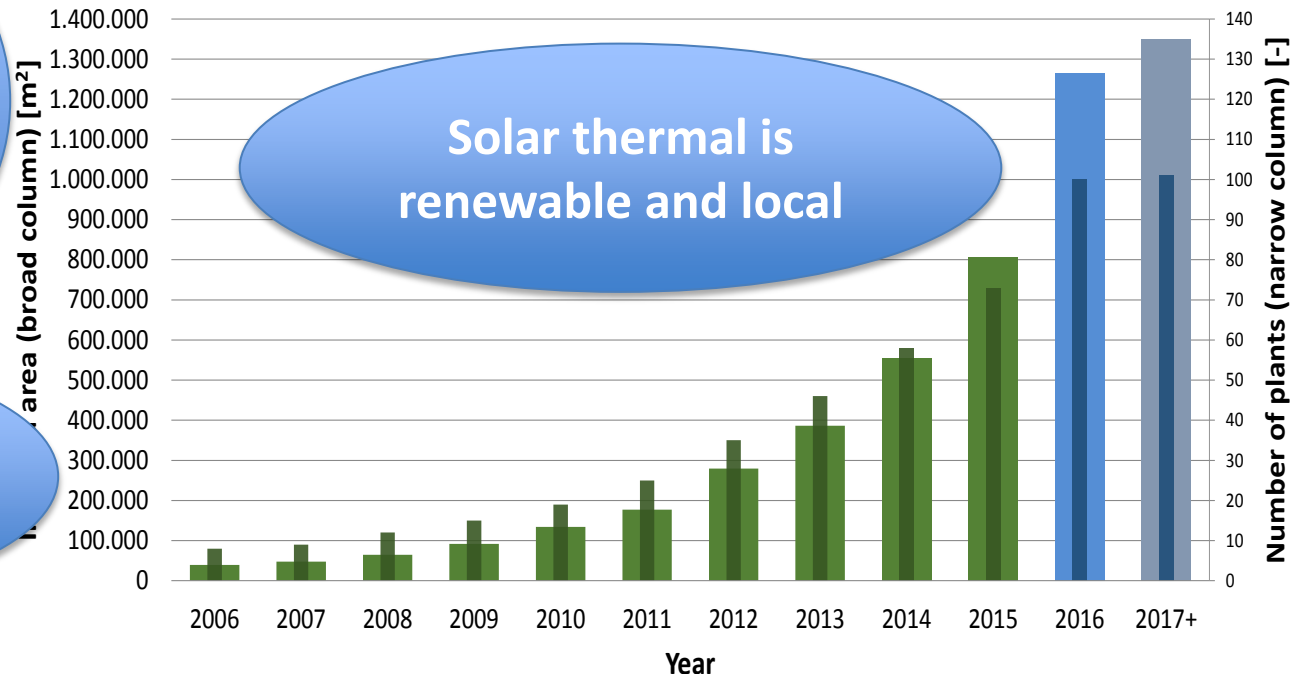
Reduced CHP-  
production – different  
production structure

Central – decentral  
Diversified systems  
Solar thermal is modular; easy  
to expand and combine with  
other technologies

Reduction of  
heat price  
primary driver  
for substituting  
natural gas with  
biomass

Increased use of  
biomass  
- Environment?

Solar district heating plants in Denmark  
Solar area and number of plants **in operation** and **planned**



Solar thermal is  
renewable and local

# Solar thermal and biomass boilers – complementary technologies

- Operation of biomass boiler
  - Saving lifetime of biomass boiler when low/no summer load
  - Reducing operation costs (low for solar thermal)
  - Solar thermal more efficient at lower output temperatures
  - Biomass boiler more stable and efficient operation with heat storage
- Solar thermal characteristics:
  - Stable energy price
  - No emissions
  - No political risk regarding supply of “fuel” (cf. biomass market, regulation)
  - Reducing the area requirement (\*20)



*The sun rises in the North!*

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