SOLAR-POWERED COOLING, DEHUMIDIFICATION AND AIR CONDITIONING

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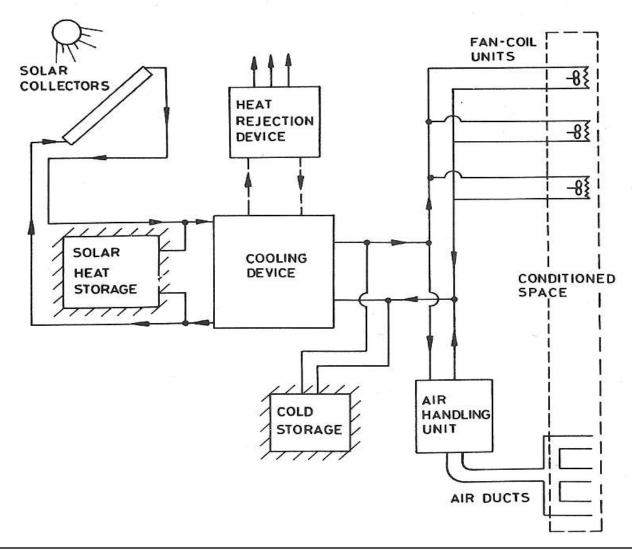
Demand for Air Conditioning in the World is on the rise...

- Climate change and Global Warming
- Increased standard of living
- Demand for comfort
- European countries with no A/C tradition: "12 participants (national energy agencies, manufacturing experts, university labs, electric utilities) from 8 countries including the EU manufacturer's association EUROVENT gathered to identify suitable measures to transform the Central Air Conditioning market in the direction of Energy Efficiency" (EU Report, 2003)

Demand for A/C associated with increased demand for primary energy...

- Solar Cooling can Alleviate the Problem
- Closed-cycle systems: Absorption, Adsorption, Jet-cooling....
- Open-cycle systems: Liquid desiccant, Solid sorption

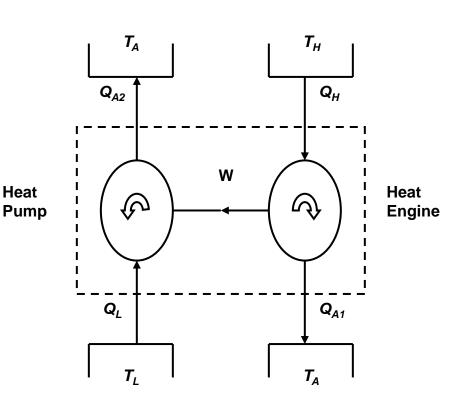
Solar Cooling System





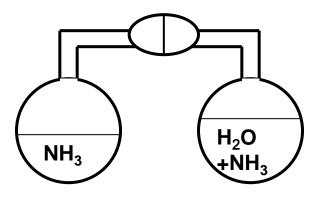
Solar Cooling/ Air Conditioning

- Heat Pump driven by Heat Engine
- Absorption/Adsorption Heat Pump



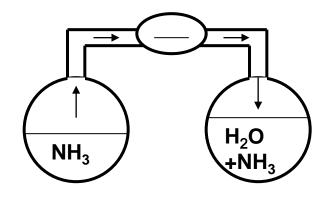


Chemical Heat Pump Principle



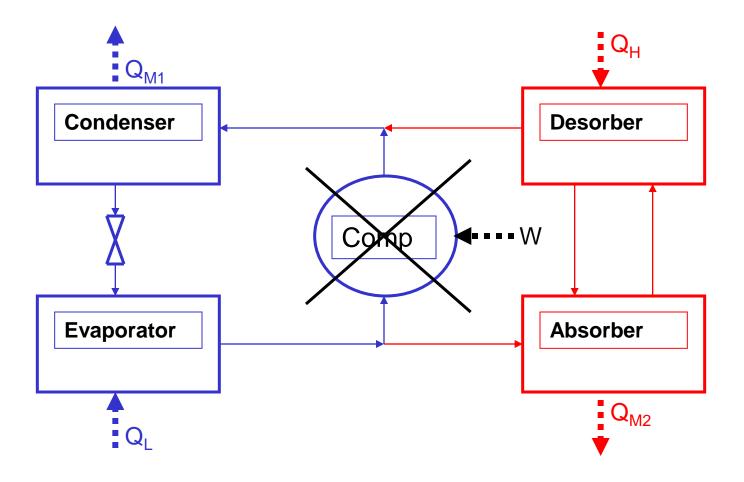
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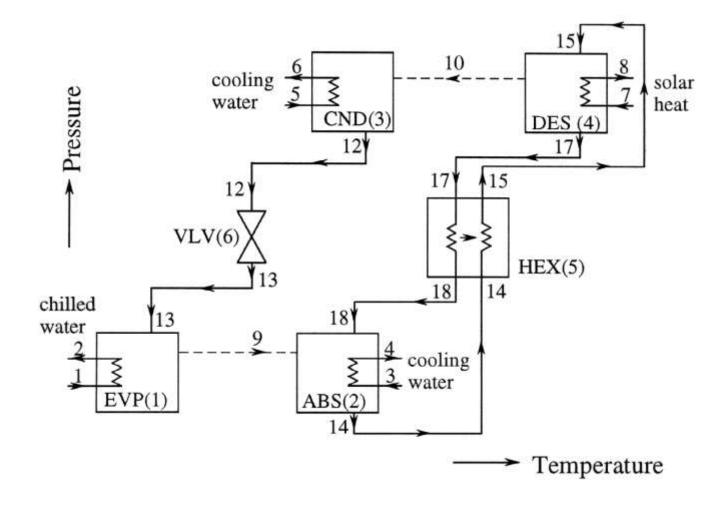
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Absorption Heat Pump Principle



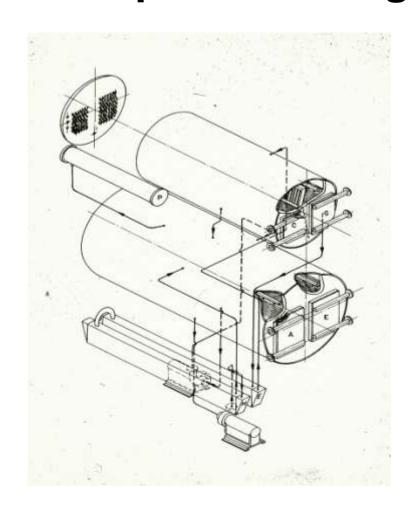


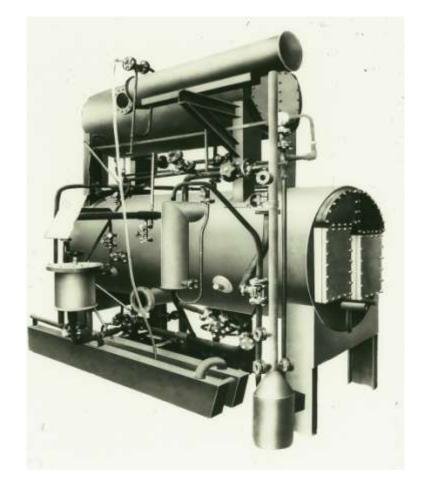
Single-Effect LiBr-H₂O Absorption Chiller





Prototype 50 TR (175 kW) Solar Absorption Cooling System, Tadiran ASD





Tadiran ASD Solar Cooling Project



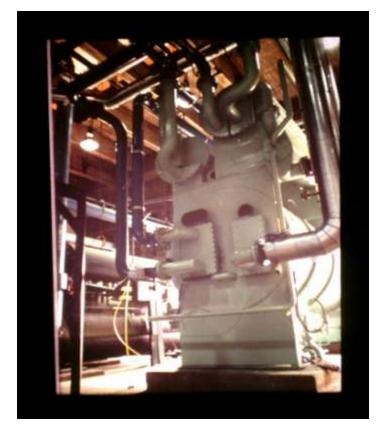






200 TR (700 kW) Solar Absorption Cooling System at Tel-Hashomer Hospital, Israel







Absorption Working Fluid Pairs

- NH_3-H_2O
- H₂O-LiBr
- Other absorbents for NH₃ and H₂O
- Organic absorbents for CFC/HCFC
- Ternary mixtures

Additives – anti-corrosion, enhanced heat transfer

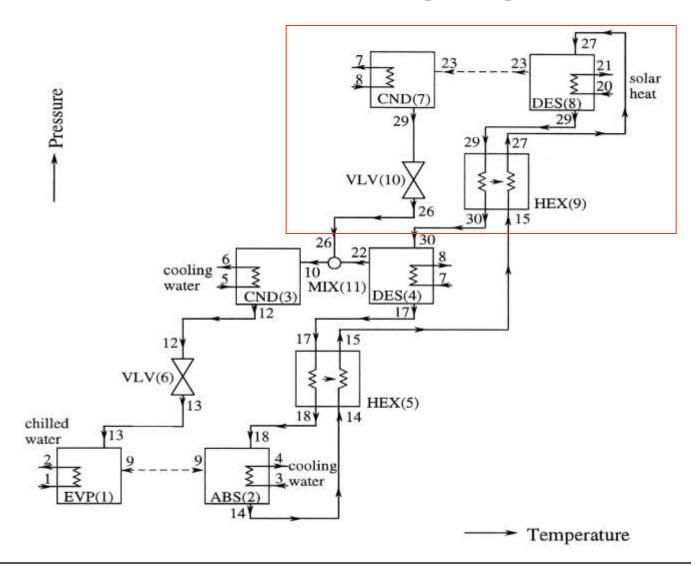
Absorption Systems – first cooling machines in History

- Chemical Heat Pumps as early as 18th century
- First continuously operating refrigerators Edmond and Ferdinand Carrè ~1860
- Gas-fired NH₃-H₂O domestic refrigerators up till ww2
- Large-scale H₂O-LiBr chillers powered by waste heat and solar
- Multi-effect gas-fired chillers for A/C ~1980's and on
- Domestic NH₃-H₂O heat pump development



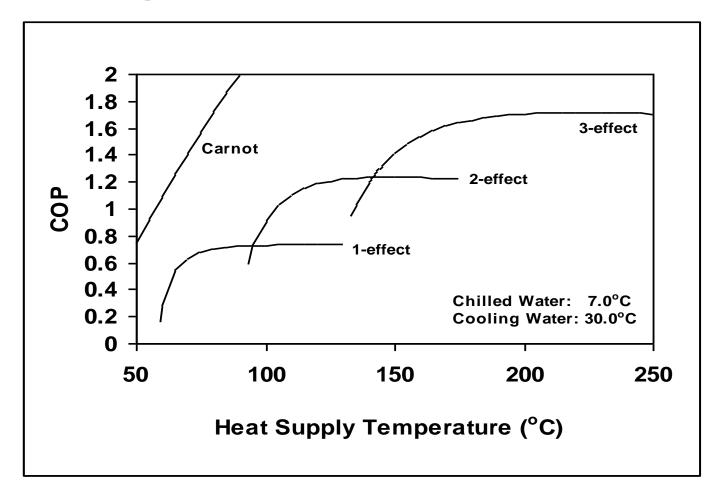
Absorption Multi-Staging

- Staging required to benefit from hitemp heat source
- Double-effect chillers: Series and parallel connections
- •Triple-effect systems
- Cascading





Multi-Staging allows improved performance with high heat source temperatures





Research Needs

- Advanced cycles
- Advanced fluids
- Heat and mass transfer in absorption/desorption
- System simulation



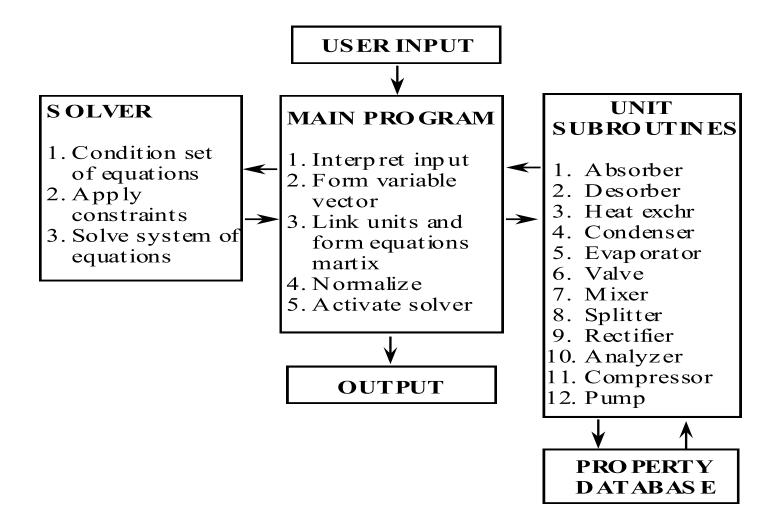
ABSIM

Modular Simulation Tool for Absorption and other Thermal Systems

- User-oriented, modular and flexible
- Evaluate different cycle configurations and working fluids
- Evaluate system performance in off-design conditions
- Perform preliminary design optimization
- Check control strategies

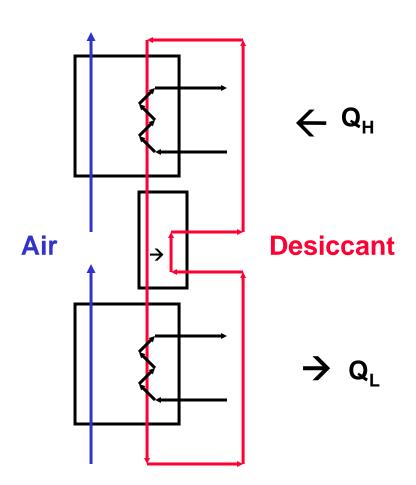


ABSIM - Program Structure





Desiccant System Principle

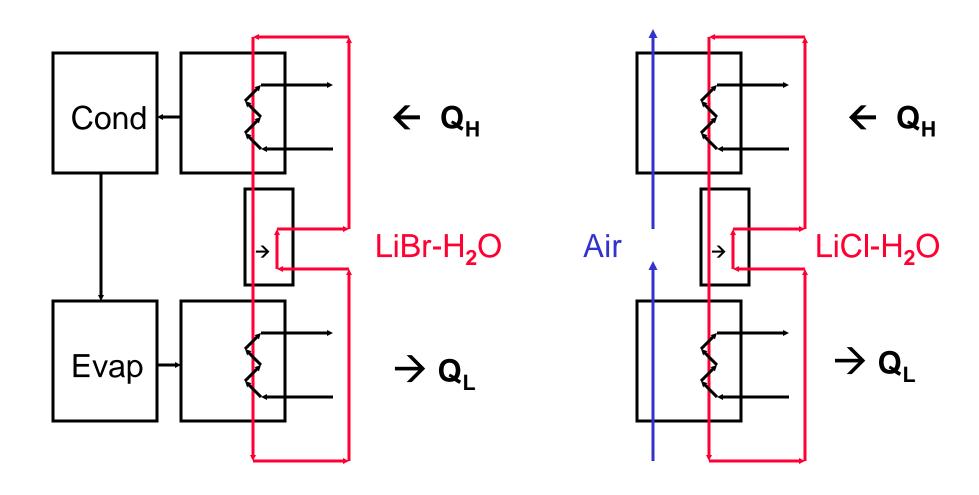


Two types of Desiccants

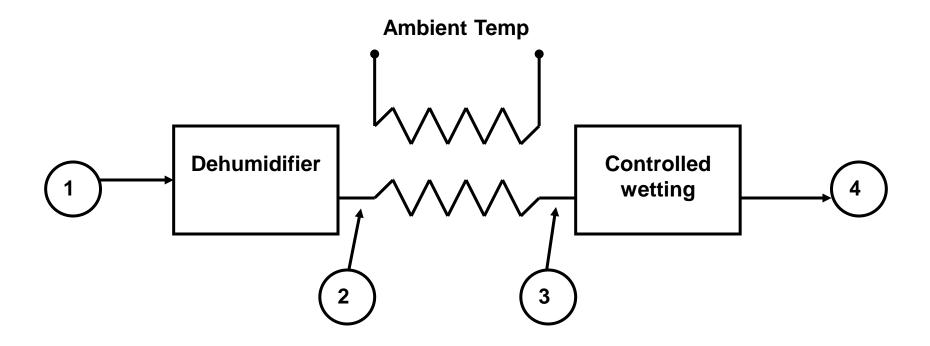
- Adsorbent
- Absorbent



Liquid Desiccant vs. Absorption

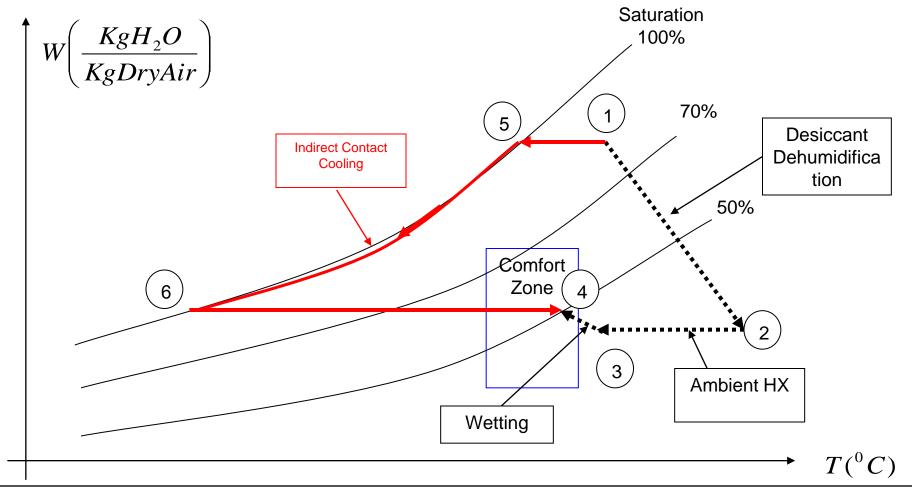


Cooling by controlled drying and wetting

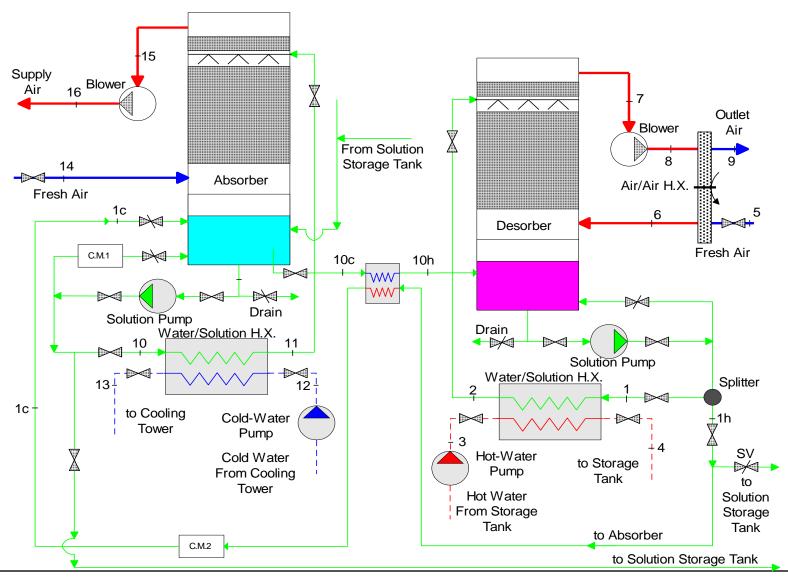




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Schematic Description of Desiccant System

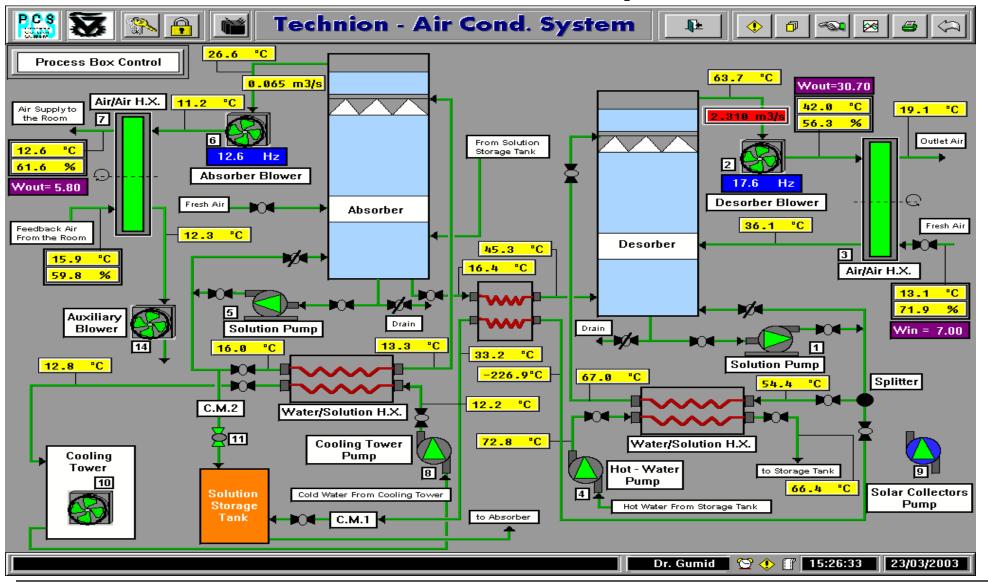




20-kW Solar Liquid Desiccant System at Technion, Haifa, Israel



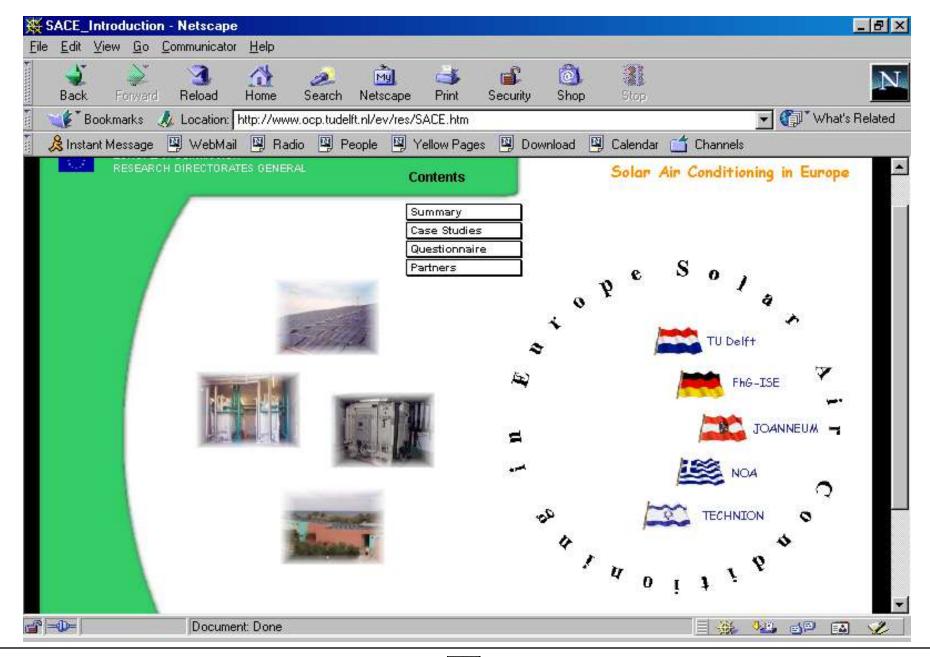
Control Unit - View of Computer Screen

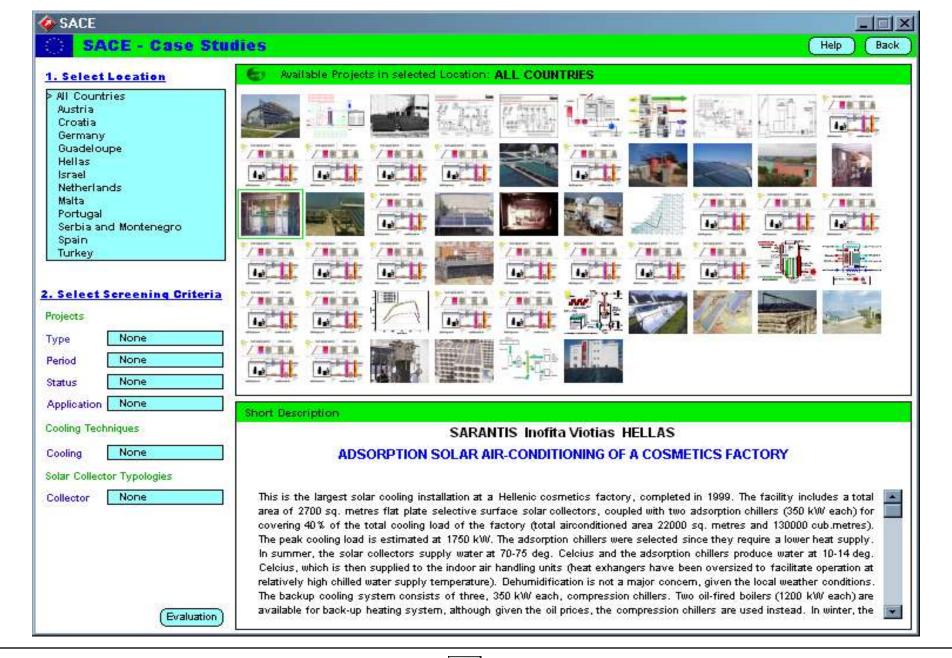




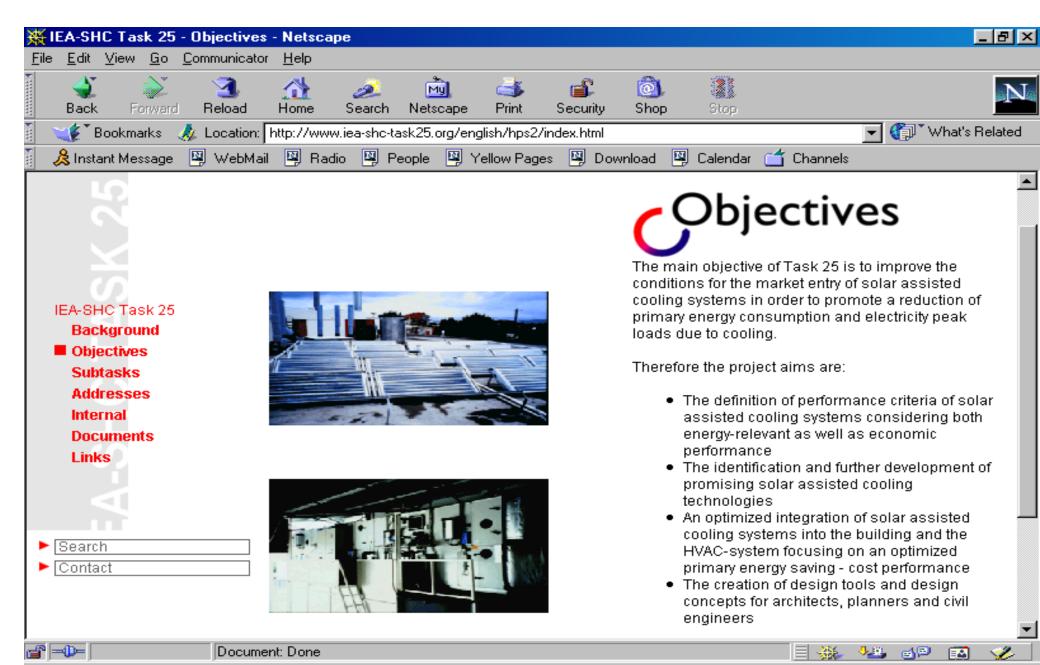
Solar Collector Field









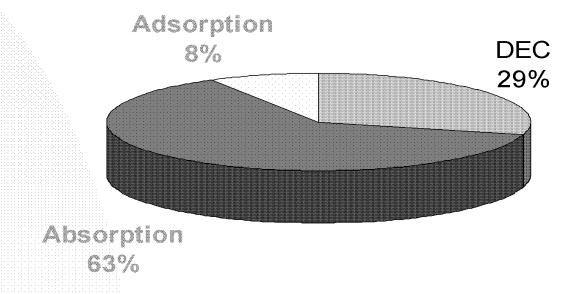




Market situation



Task 38 Solar Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration



Thermally driven chiller share: 71%

Source: Task 38 survey; 75 existing installations with detailed informations (chiller manuf.)



The End

Thank You for Your Attention!