Overview of the PVT Industry and Perspectives

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DualSun – PVT manufacturer since 2010

- >1,100 installations around the world
- 15,000 m² of panels sold
- 573 % growth over 3 years (Deloitte Fast 50 Prize)
- 6 international family patents
- 3rd version of PVT module Wave, Flash, now Spring
- 17 trophies of best product over the world

Production and innovation Made in France
PVT = profitable electricity + cheap heat

Photovoltaic market
Total capacity: 505 GW (2018) (i)
Global weighted-average
LCOE of utility-scale solar PV: 85€/MWh (2018) (ii)
LCOE residential PV <9 kWc:
DE, 2016: 155€/MWh (iii)
FR, 2017: 130€/MWh (iv)
20-25 gCO2e /kWh (v)

Solar thermal market
Total capacity: 473 GW (2017) (vi)
Average LCOH:
Pool heating: 10€/MWh (vi)
District heat: 40€/MWh (vi)
Residential DWH:
WORLD: 80€/MWh (vi)
Carbon impact 2 times lower than PV (vii)

Photovoltaic market is more profitable and fast growing.
Solar thermal is the cheapest solar solution for heating.

(i) REN21, renewables global status report, 2019
(ii) Irena, Renewable Power Generation Costs in 2018
(iii) Taylor et al., Irena, True-costs-of-renewables, Lecture at Bonn, 2017
(iv) Etude de la compétitivité filière solaire française, iCare, Enerplan, Ademe, 2017
(v) Louwen et al., 2016, https://www.nature.com/articles/ncomms13728
(vi) Solar Heat Worldwide, 2019
Towards positive energy and low carbon buildings

Buildings and construction: 39% of energy-related carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions
World Green Building Council: Coordinated action towards 100% Net Zero carbon buildings by 2050

In the French label E+C- (2019): constraints in energy consumption and GHG emissions (LCA).

- GHG emissions threshold: LCA of the building
  - Ex: multihouse building
  - Global: <1550
  - For construction products and equipments: <800

« One thing is certain: we will always need to produce domestic hot water (DHW) and the space on our buildings’ rooftops is not infinite… … the “2-in-1” technology (DHW and photovoltaic production), that combines two essential energy needs of buildings today and tomorrow, is very efficient. We use this technology for our own buildings and we observe its excellent performance every day.»

- Martin Bouygues, CEO of Bouygues

https://positive-energy-buildings.eu
H2020 EXCESS PEB demosites: PVT + GSHP
for refurbishment and new building
PVT is an opportunity for solar thermal to benefit from the quick reduction in PV costs. The clients expect to see the same % in price reduction for PVT than they have with PV: a challenge as the selling volume is really not the same.
PVT = \{PV + ST\}, design variations in all layer

**Variants**

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<th>Flat plate collector</th>
<th>Concentration CPVT</th>
<th>Trackers</th>
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<td>Front face insulation</td>
<td>« WISC »</td>
<td>Low emissivity coating</td>
<td>Overglazed</td>
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<td>PV</td>
<td>Crystalline cells</td>
<td>Thin film</td>
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* « WISC »: Wind and Infrared Sensitive Solar Collector sometimes said “uncovered”

**Fluid**

- Water/ glycol water
- Air
- Nanofluid
- Heat pipe
- Refrigerant
- Bi-fluids

**Exchanger material**

- Copper
- Aluminium
- Stainless steel
- Polymer

**Exchanger geometry**

- Sheet-and-tube
- Serpentine
- Roll bond
- Chanel
- Free
- With fins

**Contact exchanger (or fluid) with PV module**

- Below
- Above
- Both
- Multiple passes
- Direct (without PCM)
- Indirect via PCM

**Exchanger Fixation (if applicable)**

- Gluing
- Encapsulation
- Mechanical fixing

**Back face insulation**

- With rear insulation
- Without insulation
Illustration of the wide diversity in PVT concepts in the market

- vacuum [Naked]
- concentration on tracker [SunOyster]
- without tracking [Solarus]
- air-based [Systovi]
- overglazed [Endef]

- stainless steel [DualSun Wave]
- polymer [DualSun Spring]
- copper [Fototherm]
- aluminium : serpentine [3S]
- roll bond [Sunerg]
- extruded [Li-Mitra]
Since 2013, SolarKeymark clearly identifies the quality norm approval for flat plate PVTs:

- the **whole PVT module** has to repass the IEC61215+61730 for photovoltaic quality, even if the PV laminate is already certified.

- the whole PVT module has to pass ISO9806 in MPPT mode, for solar thermal quality.

/!\ PV ageing cycling = up to +85°C only  
*If stagnation >85°C, no guaranty with the certifications that the PV part of the PVT stands cycles at the stagnation temperature with no degradation on PV performances*
PVT manufacturers are mainly European.

Number of manufacturers per country

*Data from: PVT wrap, Zenhäusern, 2017*
*SolarHeat Worldwide, Ramschak, 2019*

Water PVT cumulated market (m²) in Europe

*Data from: SolarHeat Worldwide, Ramschak, 2019*

Each manufacturer mainly sells in its domestic market.
Excluding France (air), WISC wPVT largely dominates the market

WISC water PVT cumulated market
0.6 M m²
Asia : 68%
Europe : 23%
Israël : 9%
USA : 1%

Glazed and vacumm cumulated market
0.02M m²
Europe : 85%
Unknown location : 15%

Concentrated cumulated market
0.003M m²
Europe : 60%
Africa : 23%
Asia : 13%

WISC air cumulated market
0.44M m²
Europe : 100%

Data from: SolarHeat Worldwide, Ramschak, 2019
Applications: wide typology of clients, and systems

- **Individual homes (DHW, Pools)**
  - Campsites, restaurants and hotels
- **Multihouse building, social housing**
  - Public pools, gymnasium
- **Schools, nursery**
  - Establishments for Elderly, hospitals

- Direct SDHW
- Direct pool heating
- Direct glycol to heat pump
- Cold side storage to heat pump
- To ground
Barriers: unfair supports

For the same production, PVT most of the time is less supported than the side by side PV+ST due to unfavorable criteria for PVT (power at high temperature, minimum kWh/m², energy labelling*, classified as « unglazed », PVT excluded …).

* Data required for CDR (EU) N°811/2013 and N°813/2013 for energy labelling is not adapted to PVT (calculated at dT=40°C)!

Production: 6000kWh_{el} + 1500kWh_{th}

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<td>PV support</td>
<td>1740€</td>
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<td>ST support</td>
<td>2000€</td>
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SWOT : GO PVT !

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<td>- Lack of awareness from prescribers (still a young technology)</td>
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<td>- &gt;55 manufacturers in the market</td>
<td>- More complex than PV</td>
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<td>IEA Task 35 : technical issues behind us</td>
<td>- Unfair public supports</td>
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<td>- Norms IEC/ISO already in place</td>
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<td>- Already thousands of successful PVT installations</td>
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<td>- As all REN : fossil price !</td>
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<td>- Best energy solution for positive buildings</td>
<td>- Follow the rhythm of PV prices</td>
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<td>- Many plumbers already qualified in solar heating</td>
<td>- Difficulty in Europe in financing massive investments for industrial companies in fast growing</td>
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<td>- Synergy with heat pumps</td>
<td>- Emergence of poor quality with a growing market?</td>
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