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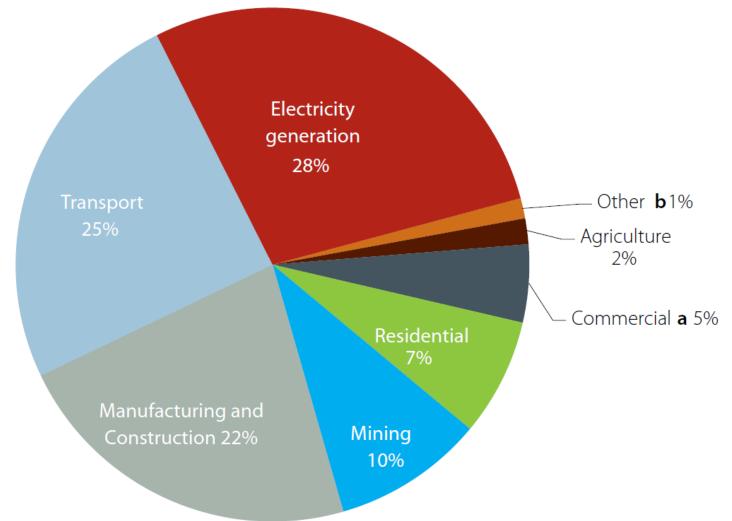
#### **Solar Thermal**





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# Solar Thermal Provides the Whole 'Energy Pie'



### **Australian Energy Consumption by Sector**

Source: http://www.bree.gov.au/

# Main Areas of Research (Solar Thermal)

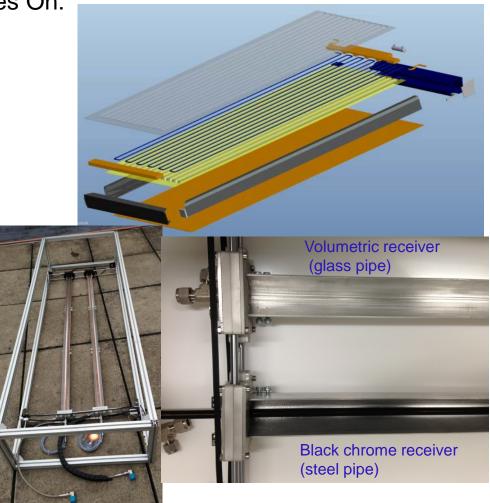
Ranges from Basic Research to Prototypes On:

#### **New Solar Thermal Collectors**

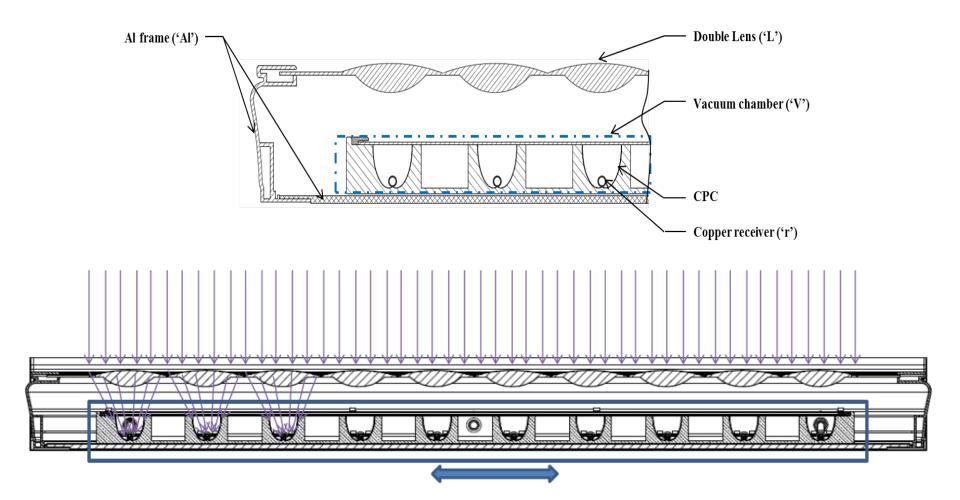
- Rooftop optics, packaging
- Industrial heat supply (
  temperature)
- 10cm height (utilise PV infrastructure)

#### New Types of Absorbers

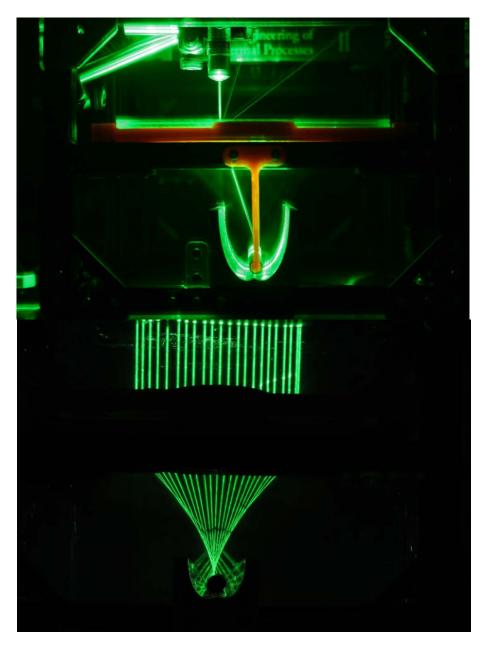
- Volumetric (liquid) absorbers
- Reliable @ high temperatures
- Work as Pure Thermal Absorbers
- Work for Heat and Electricity (light filters)

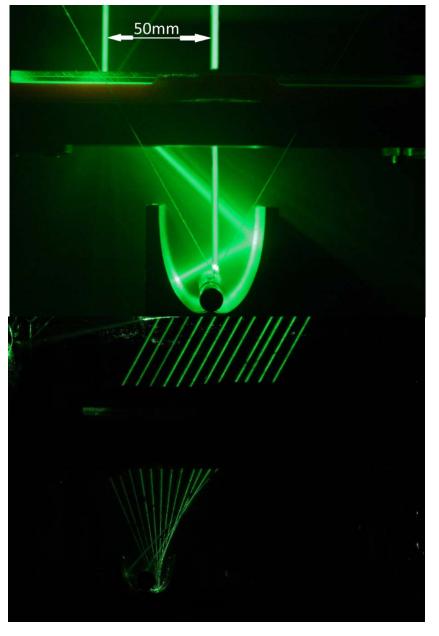


## **Our Patented Design**

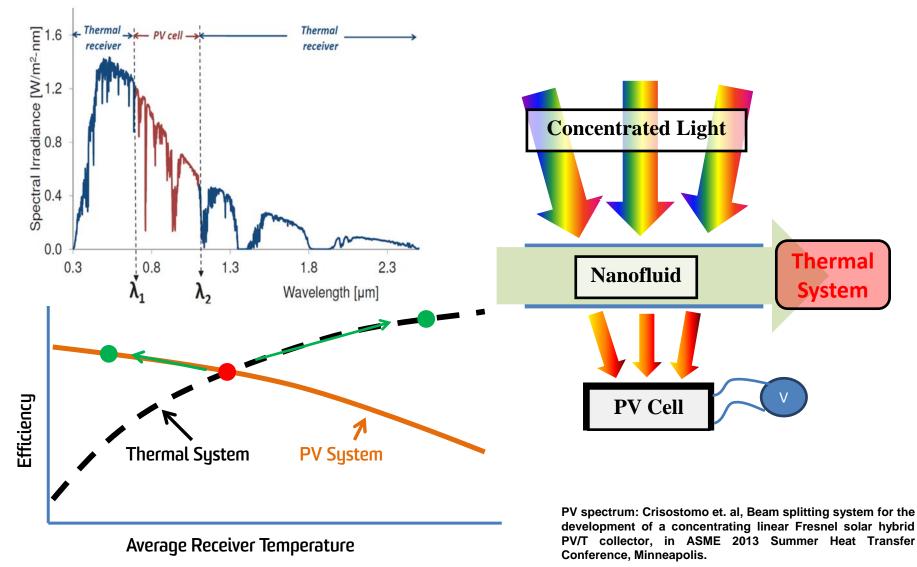


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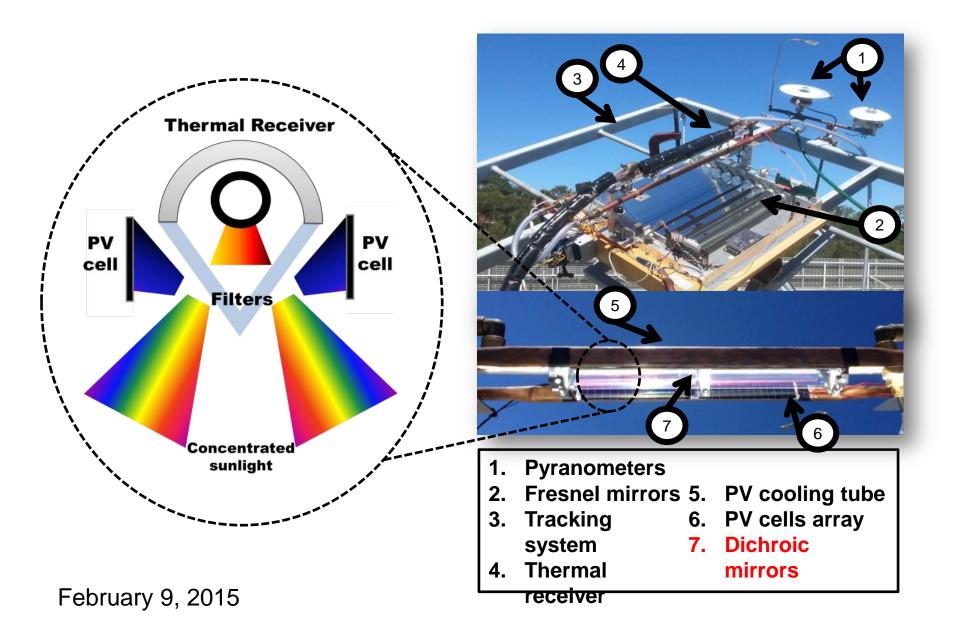


## Absorbers: ... for both Heat and Electricity

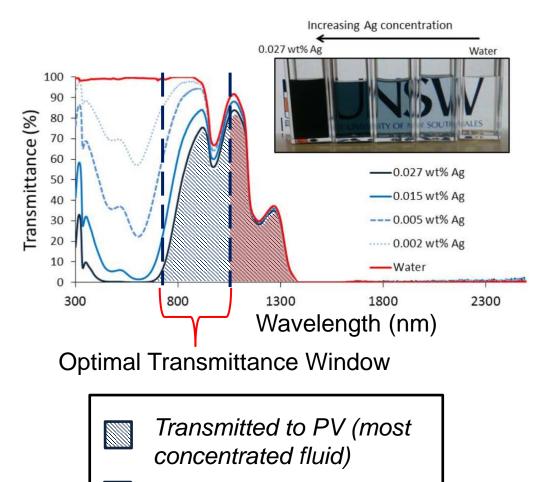


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# **PV/T: Dichroic Mirror Filters**



# Nanoparticle-Based Liquid Filters



Non-ideal Transmission

