
„Introduction to photovoltaics”

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Photovoltaic Laboratory

35 years of experience in a solar cell technology

The first silicon solar cell in Poland (1977)

Unique laboratory in Poland (performing solar cells)

The main areas of research:

Crystalline silicon solar cells technology

Comprehensive characterization of solar cell parameters

Advantages and disadvantages of photovoltaics

Generating electric power from sources of energy

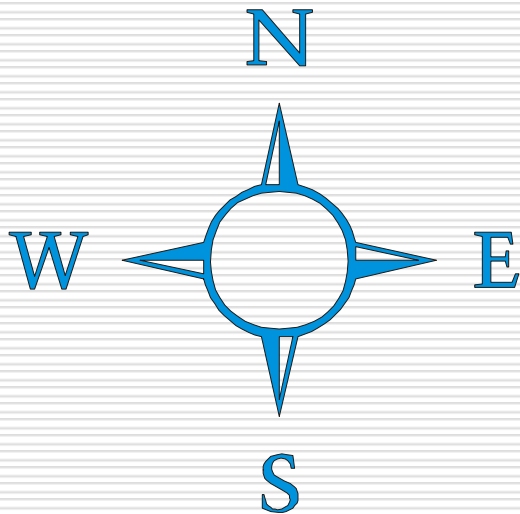
Conventional energy sources

COMBUSTION

Generating power from sources of energy

Conventional energy sources

Wind



Water



Generating electric power from sources of energy

Conventional energy sources – wind

Wind - Most wind turbines generate electricity from naturally occurring wind.



Generating electric power from sources of energy

Conventional energy sources - water

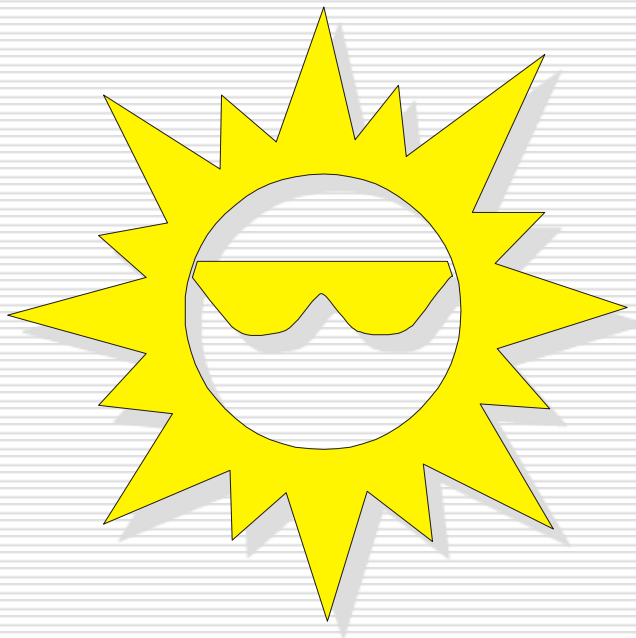
Water (hydroelectric) - Turbine blades are acted upon by flowing water, produced by hydroelectric dams or tidal forces.



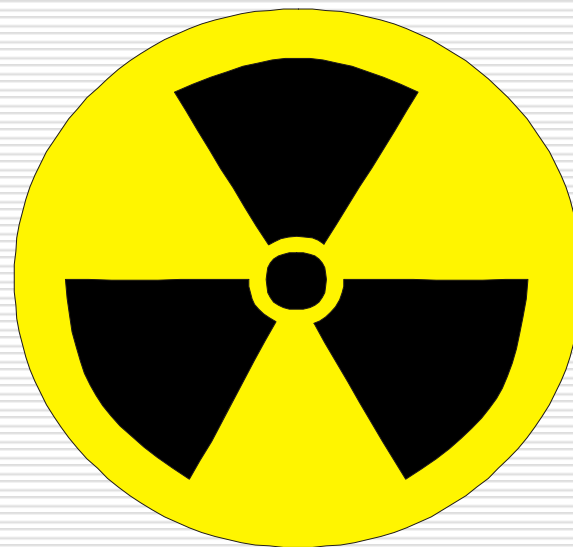
Generating electric power from sources of energy

New energy sources – sun and nuclear power

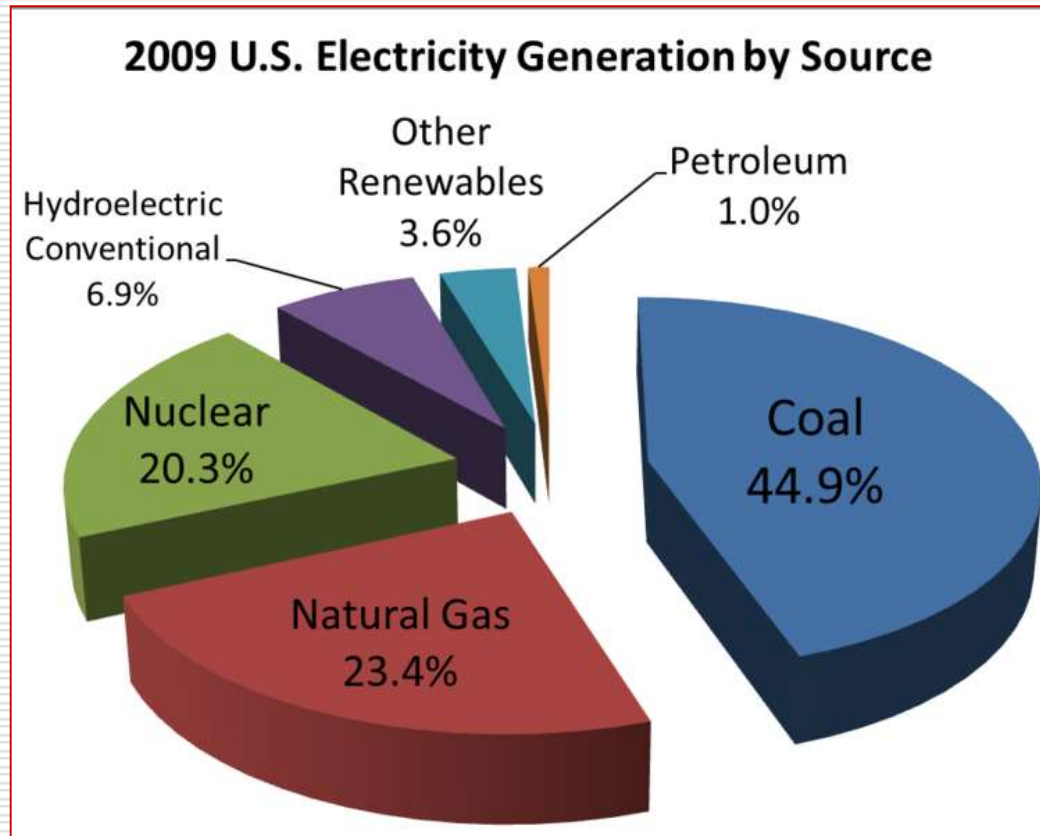
SUN



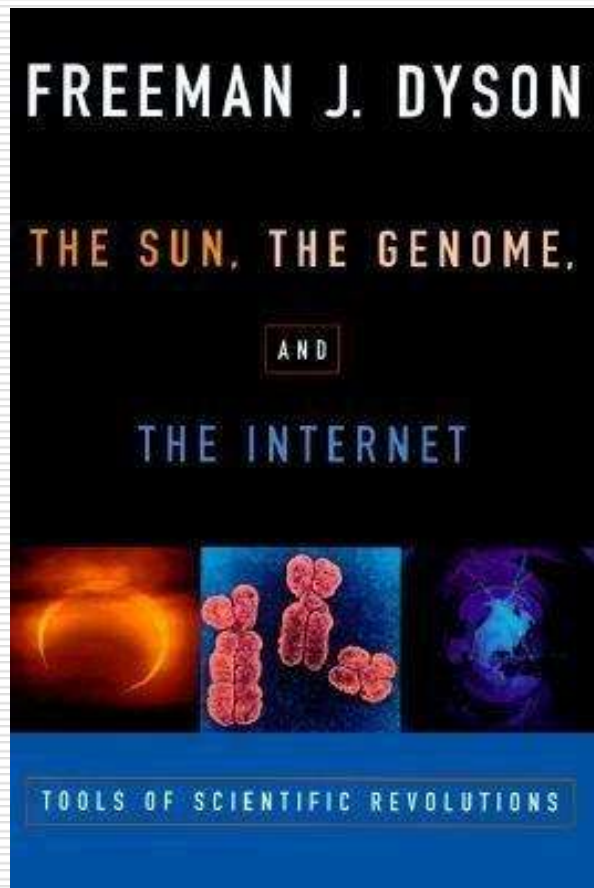
NUCLEAR POWER



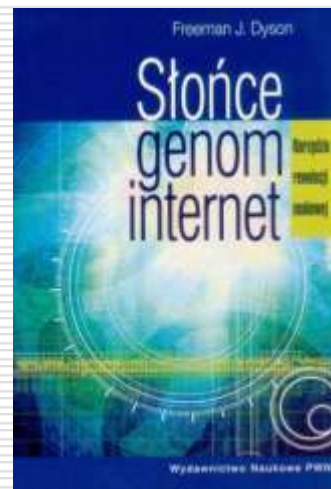
Electricity Generation by Source



The Sun, the Genome, and the Internet is a non-fiction scientific book by renowned physicist Freeman J. Dyson



Professor Dyson suggests that three rapidly advancing technologies, Solar Energy, Genetic Engineering and World-Wide Communication together have the potential to create a more equal distribution of the world's wealth.



Advantages of solar cells

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 3. Very quick response
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Advantages of solar cells

DOES NOT POLLUTE DURING WORK

THEY ARE MADE FROM SILICON (VERY WIDE-ELEMENT)

ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF SYSTEMS FROM MW TO MW

CAN BE ASSOCIATED WITH VARIOUS SURFACES WITHOUT SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION

PV SYSTEMS APPLICATIONS

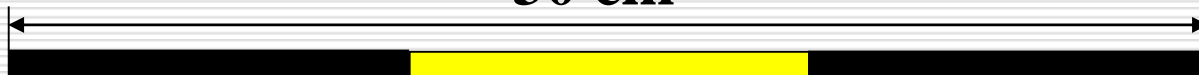
- IN ARMY - electric power field devices (radios, stations leads, measuring equipment, lighting equipment, etc.).
IN METEOROLOGY - power remote weather stations.
IN HOUSEHOLDS - power household appliances from calculators and watches as through radio and television etc.
IN MEDICINE - supply of complete field of medical clinics in third world countries (especially important supply cold storage of vaccines and drugs).
TOURISM - stand-alone power systems for mobile homes, mountain chalets.
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PV SYSTEMS APPLICATIONS

- In the NAVIGATION - power marine waterways and aviation beacons, battery charging on yachts.
In agriculture and forestry - protection of electrical power pastures and forests, irrigation and drainage, fire protection equipment.
IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS - power radio communications relay stations, radio stations, mobile phones.
SHIPPING - Power marks on the road and rail ropes.
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SMALL SOLAR MODULES

30 cm

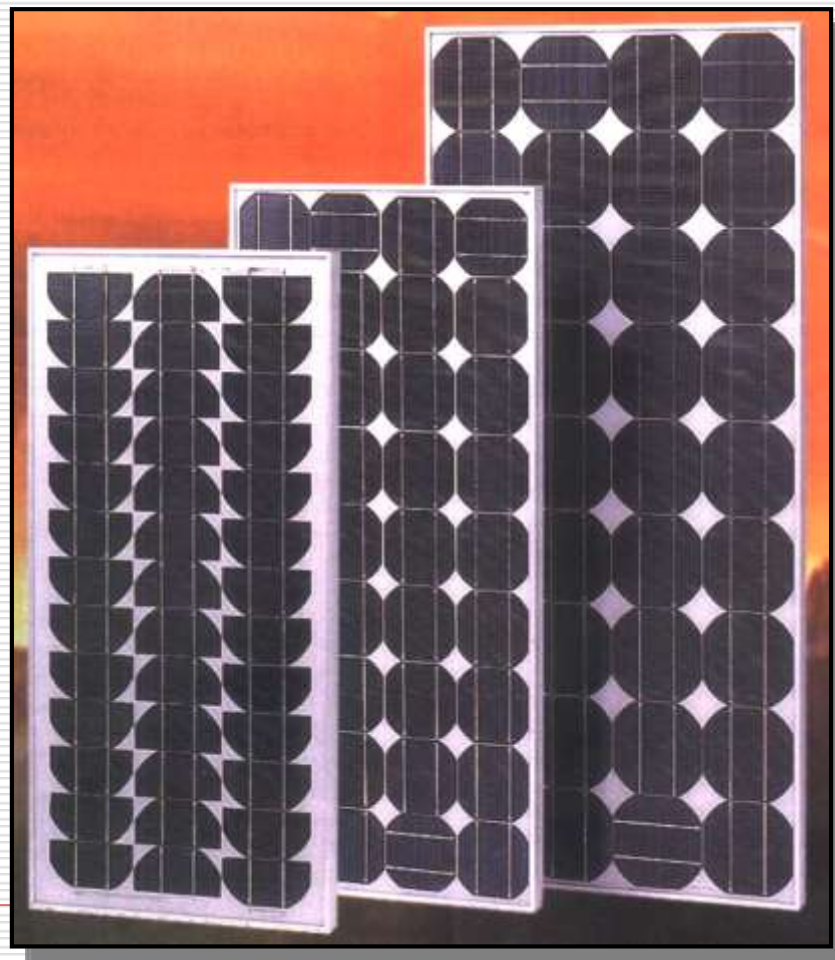
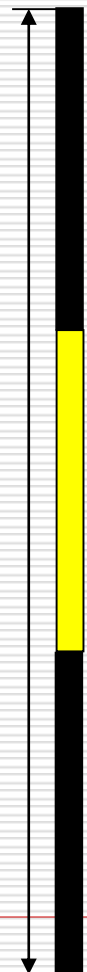


SMALL SOLAR MODULES



TYPICAL SOLAR MODULES

160 cm



SMALL POWER PLANTS



BIG POWER PLANTS



BAWARIA

5.3 MW

PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS



NAVIGATION

Power marine waterways

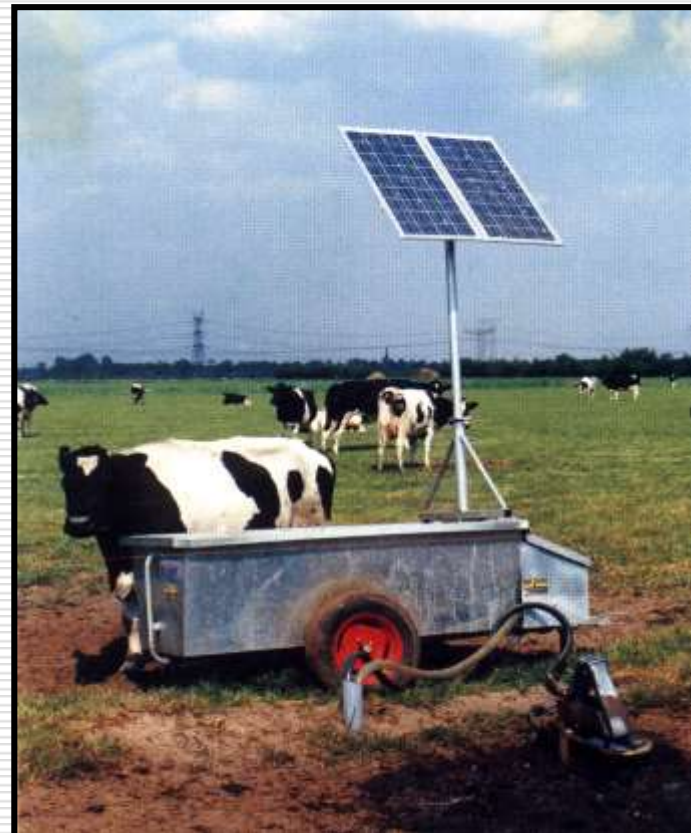


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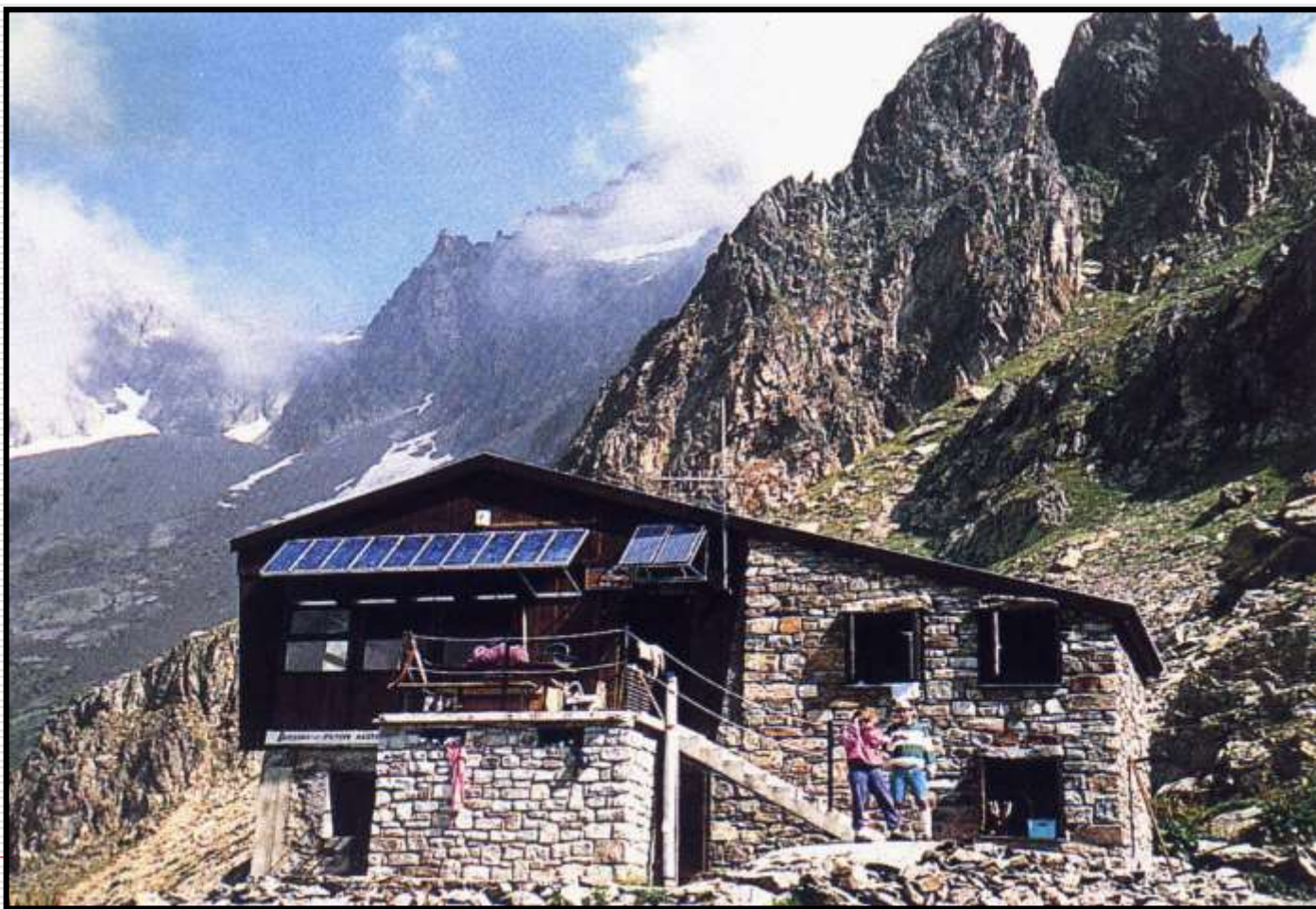
Power for remote weather stations



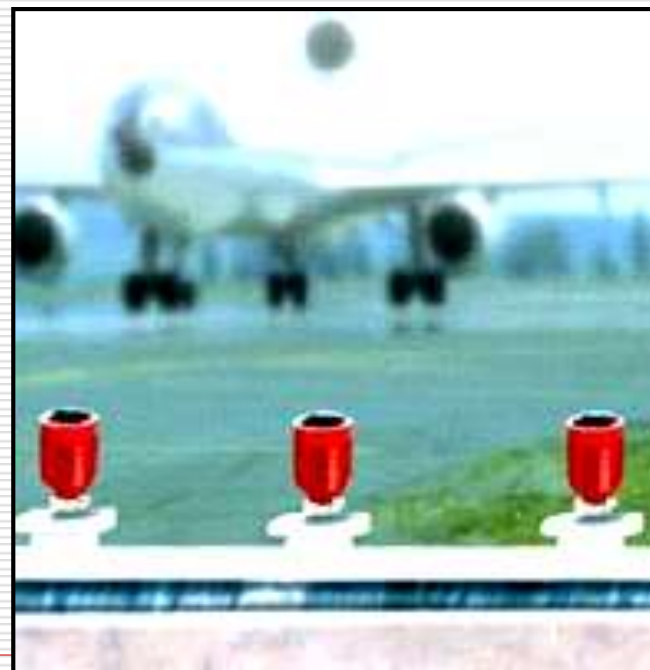
FARMS



TOURISM



TRANSPORT



TRANSPORT



The World Solar Challenge is a biennial solar-powered car race which covers 3,021 km through the Australian Outback, from Darwin to Adelaide. „Honda Dream” **average speed 90 km/h**

One complete, the Blackfriars solar bridge will be the largest and only the second of its kind in the world. Image courtesy of Solar Century.



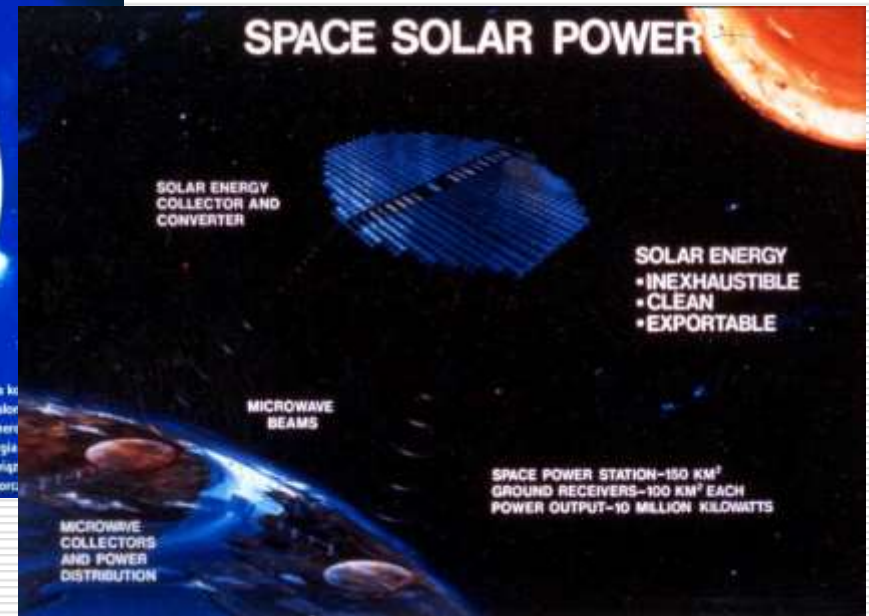
ARMY



MODERN ARCHITECTURE

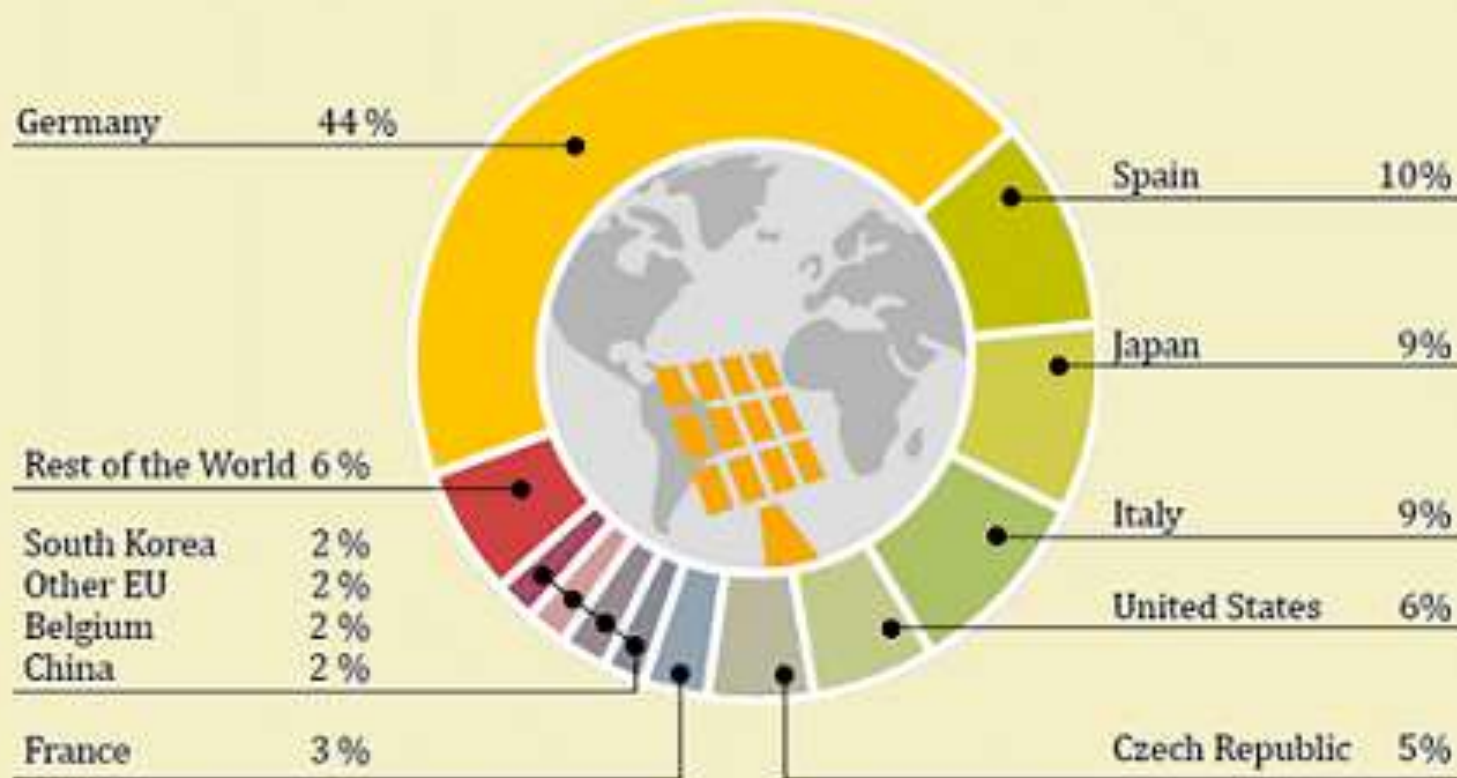


SATELLITE POWER PLANTS



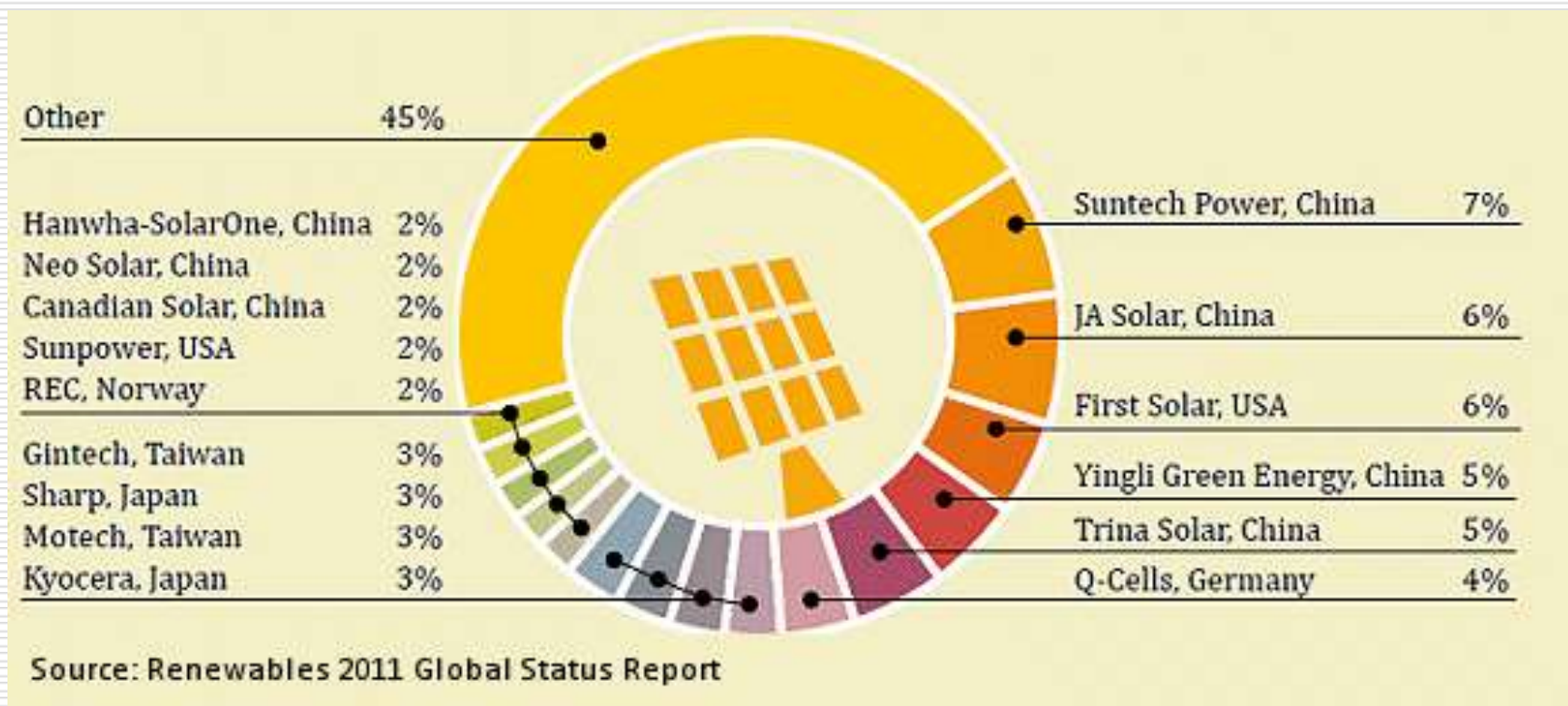
Space-based solar power (SBSP) is the concept of collecting solar power in space (using an "SPS", that is, a "solar power satellite" or a "satellite power system") for use on Earth.

Top Ten Countries by Solar Power Capacity (Photovoltaics), 2010



Source: Renewables 2011 Global Status Report

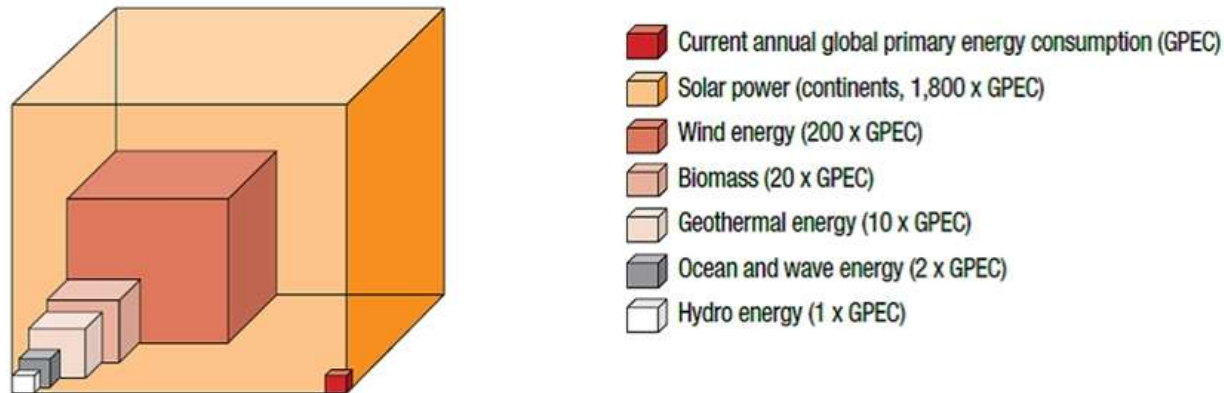
Market Shares of Top 15 Solar Photovoltaic Cell Manufactures, 2010



2. Quality and quantity of solar energy

The physical potential of renewable energies

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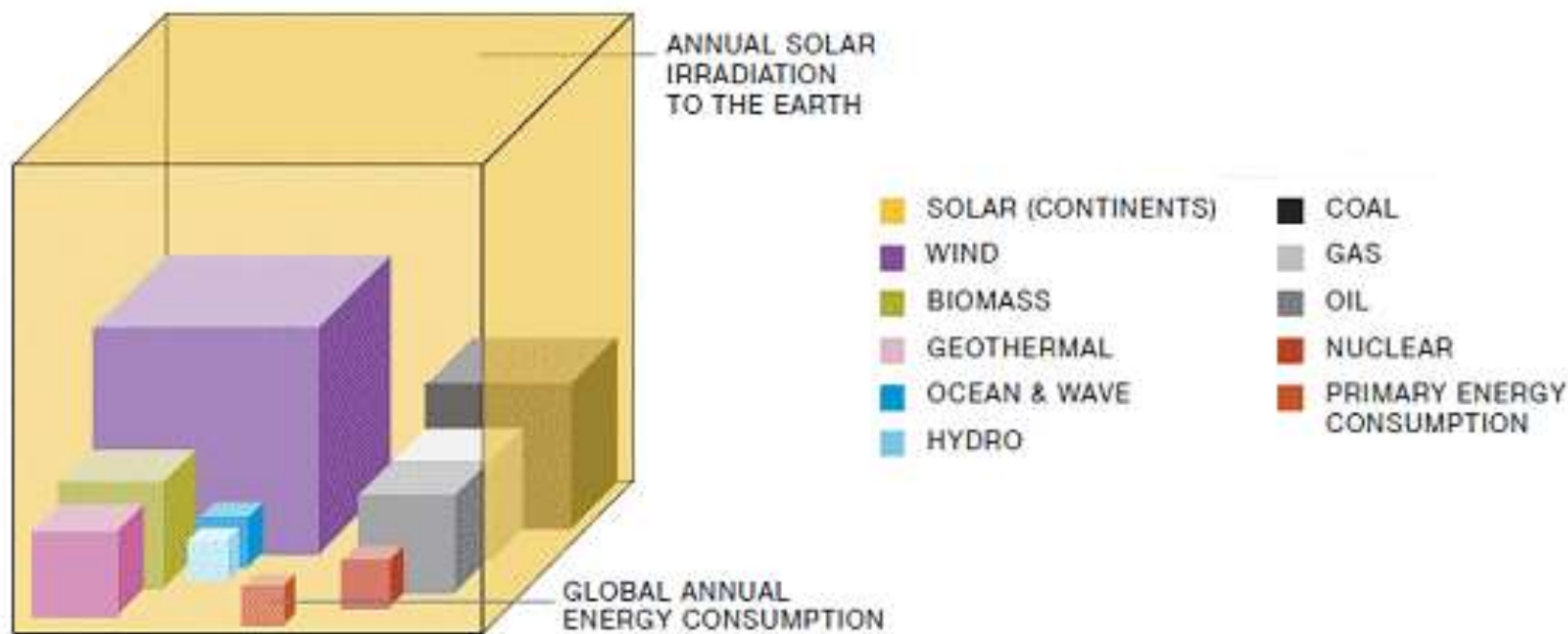


Source: Nitsch, F. (2007): Technologische und energiewirtschaftliche Perspektiven erneuerbarer Energien, Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt (DLR).

GPEC- Global Primary Energy Consumption

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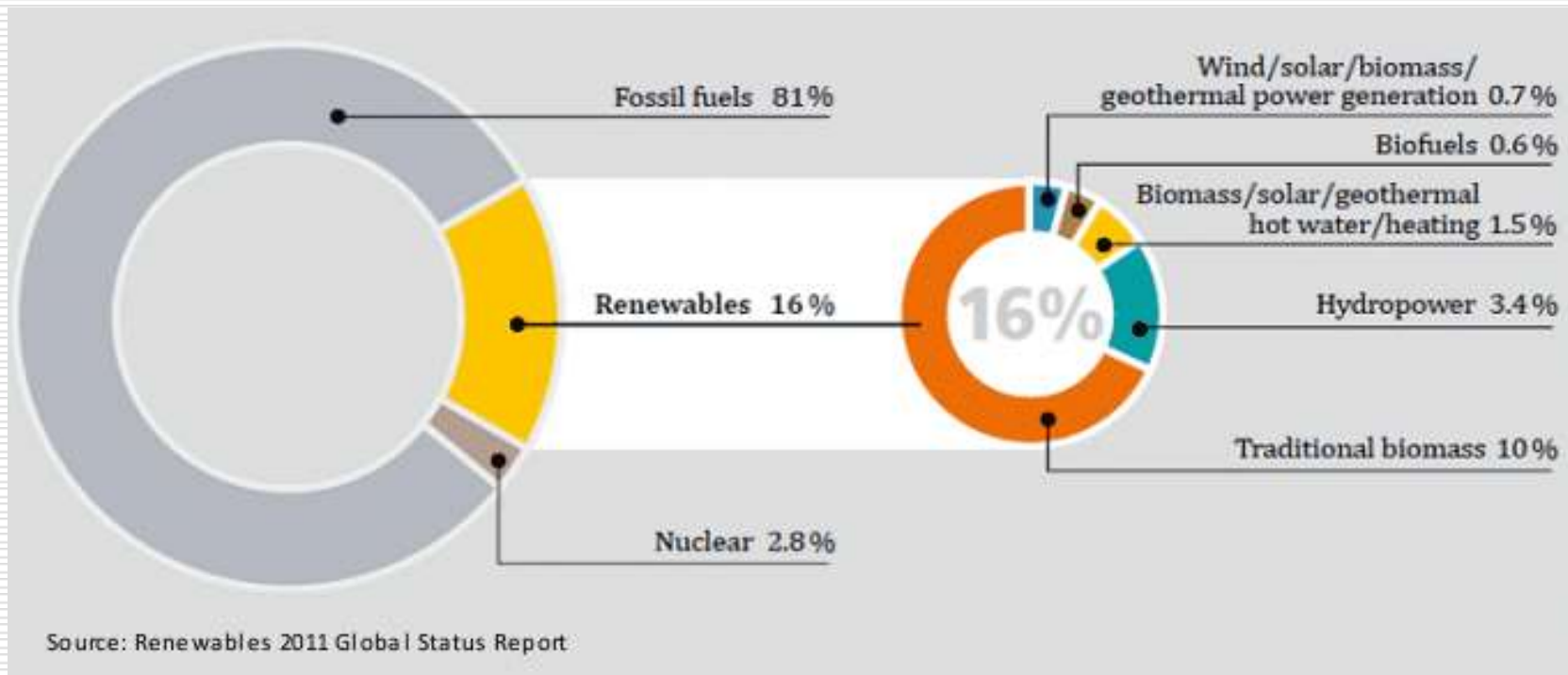
Potential Global Energy Resources in Comparison to Annual Energy Consumption, 2011



Fossil fuels are expressed with regard to their total reserves, renewable energies to their yearly potential

Source: Greenpeace and European Photovoltaic Industry's Report Solar Generation 6

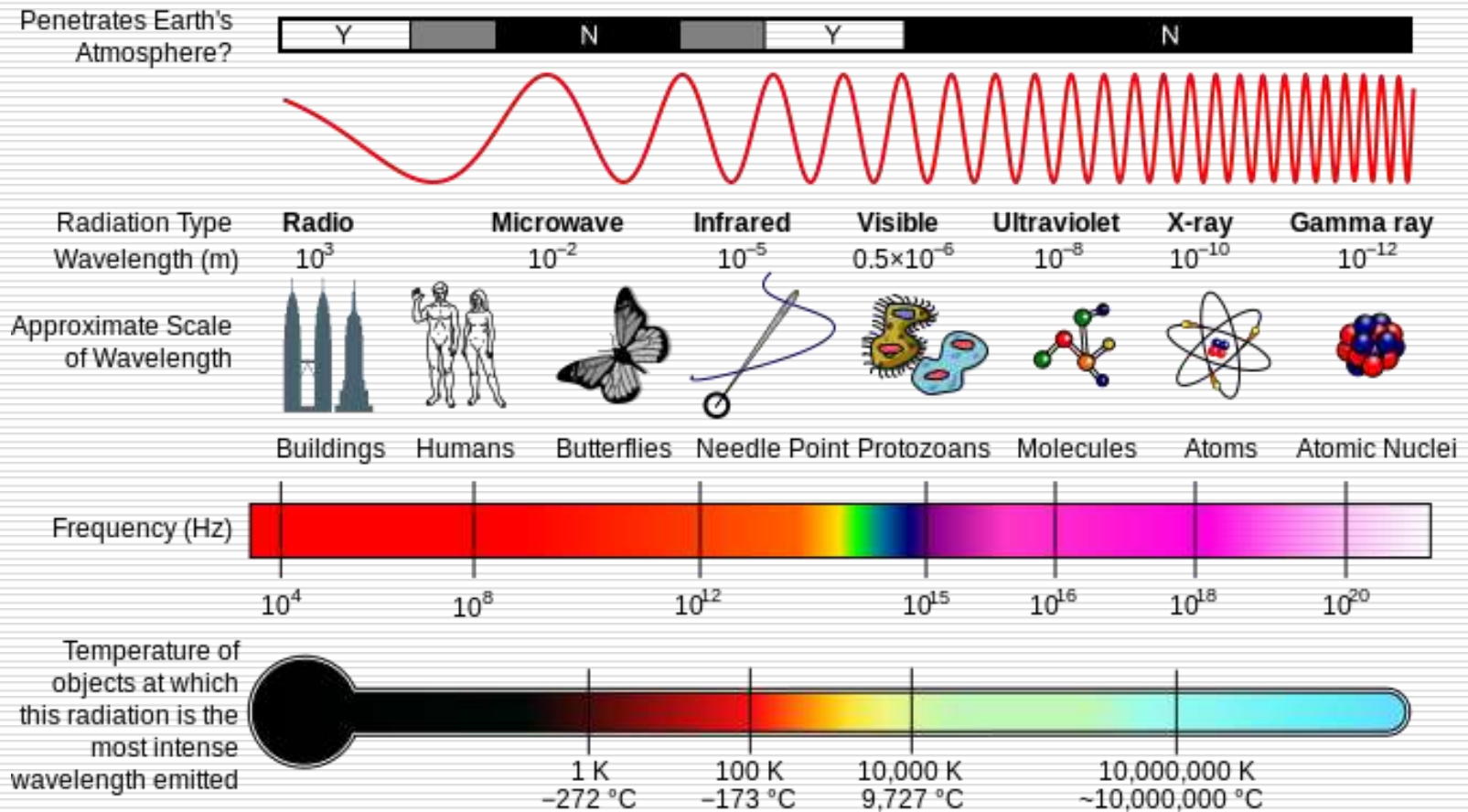
Renewable Energy Share of Global Energy Consumption, 2009



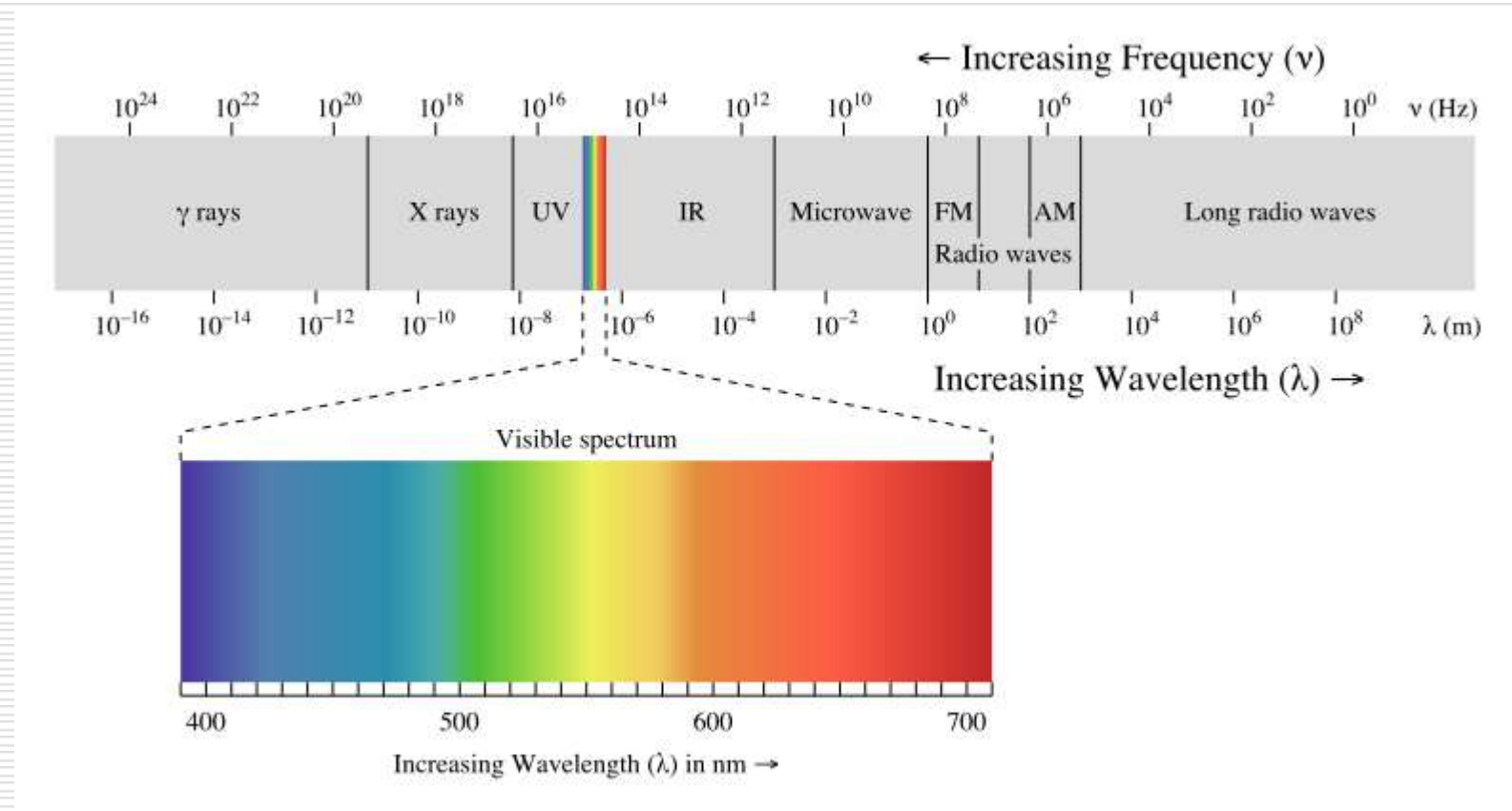
SUN

The Sun is the star at the center of the Solar System. It is almost perfectly spherical and consists of hot plasma interwoven with magnetic fields. It has a diameter of about 1,392,684 km, about 109 times that of Earth, and its mass (about 2×10^{30} kilograms, 330,000 times that of Earth) accounts for about 99.86% of the total mass of the Solar System. Chemically, about three quarters of the Sun's mass consists of hydrogen, while the rest is mostly helium.

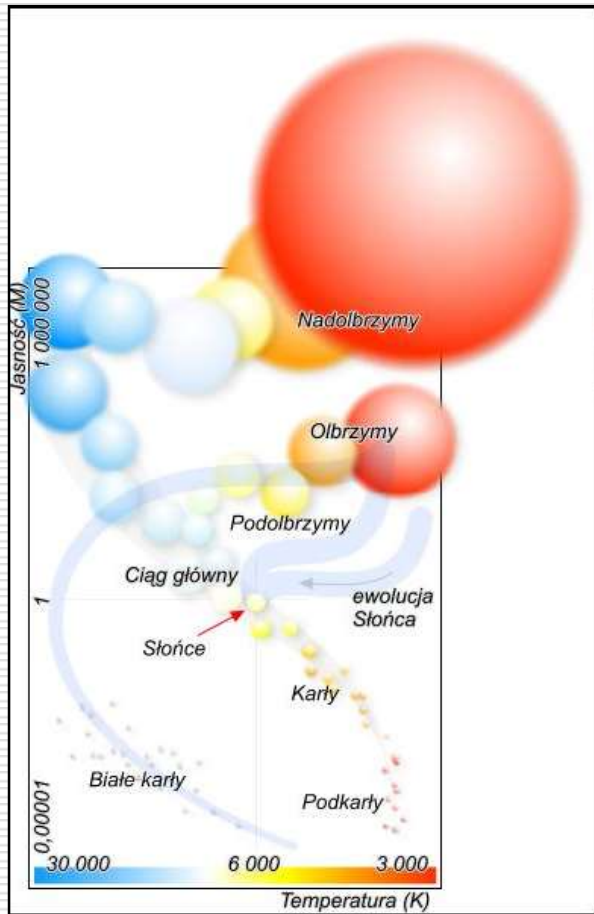
The electromagnetic spectrum, showing various properties across the range of frequencies and wavelengths



The electromagnetic spectrum

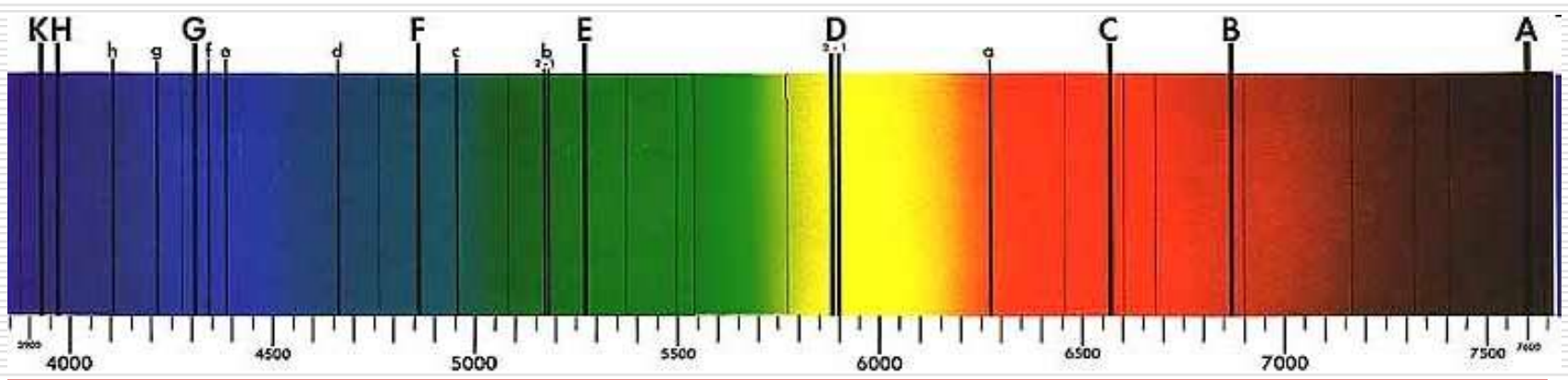
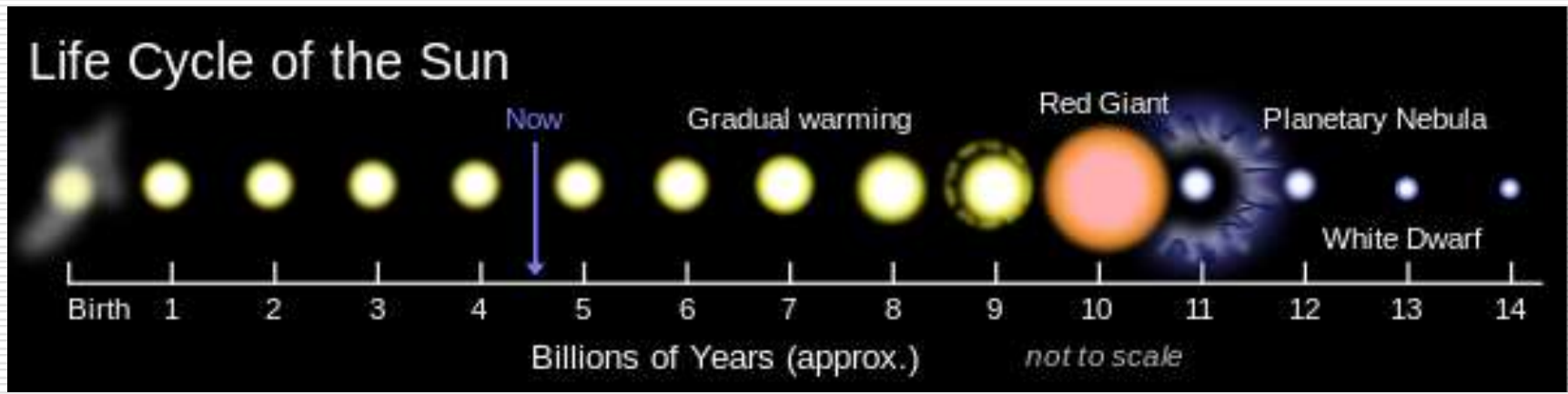


The electromagnetic spectrum of Sun

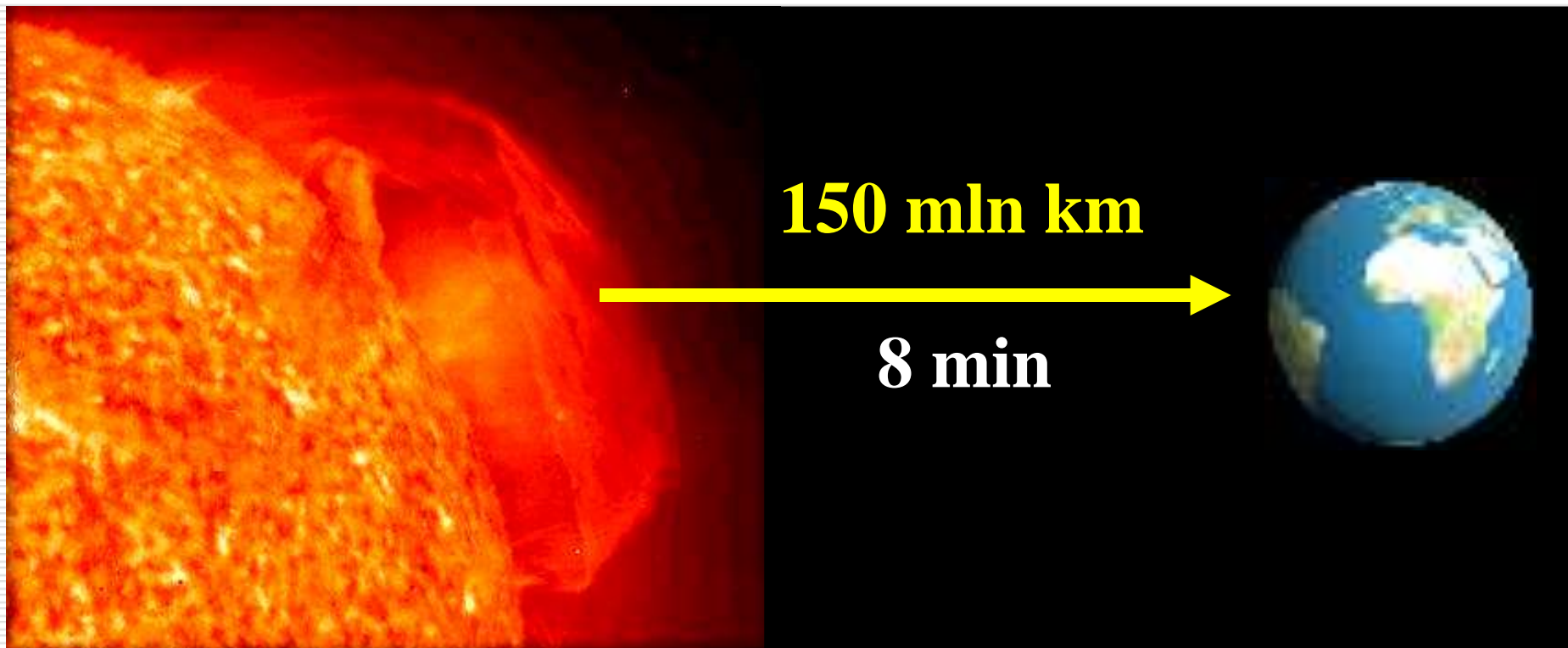


- ultraviolet 0,15 - 0,4 μm (7% of power),
- Visible 0,4 - 0,75 μm (45% of power),
- Infrared 0,75 - 4 μm (47% of power).

Life Cycle of Sun



Sun power $3,86 \cdot 10^{26}$ W



Solar constant 1362 W/m^2

Solar constant

The solar constant, a measure of flux density, is the amount of incoming solar electromagnetic radiation per unit area that would be incident on a plane perpendicular to the rays, at a distance of one astronomical unit (AU)

The solar constant includes all types of solar radiation, not just the visible light. It is measured by satellite to be roughly 1.361 kilowatts per square meter (kW/m^2) at solar minimum and approximately 0.1% greater (roughly **1.362 kW/m^2**) at solar maximum.[4] The actual direct solar irradiance at the top of the atmosphere fluctuates by about 6.9% during a year (from 1.412 kW/m^2 in early January to 1.321 kW/m^2 in early July) due to the Earth's varying distance from the Sun, and typically by much less than 0.1% from day to day.

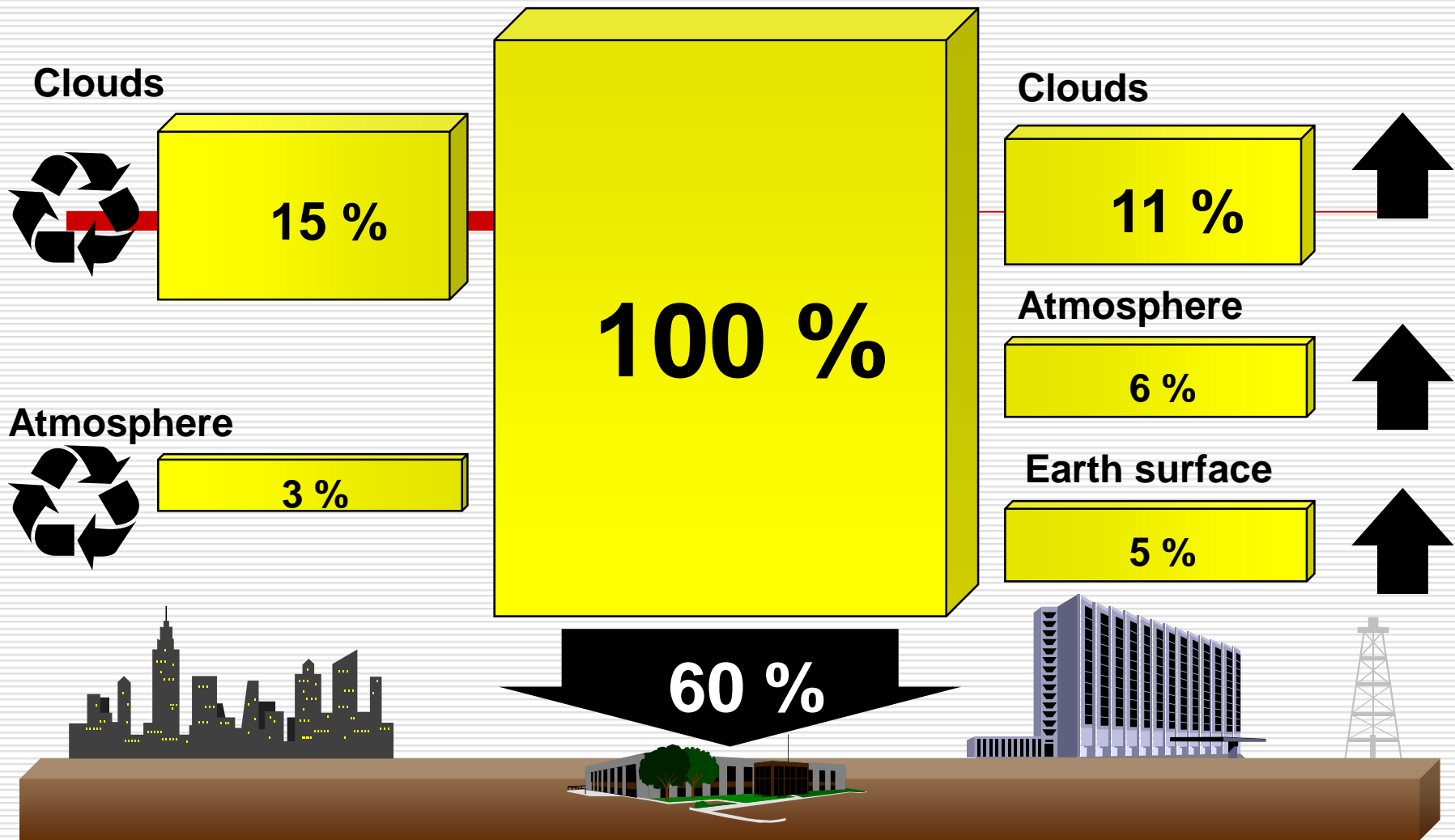
Sun Power for the whole Earth

Sun about 3.86×10^{26} watts

Thus, for the whole Earth (which has a cross section of $127,400,000 \text{ km}^2$), the power is $1.740 \times 10^{17} \text{ W}$, plus or minus 3.5%.

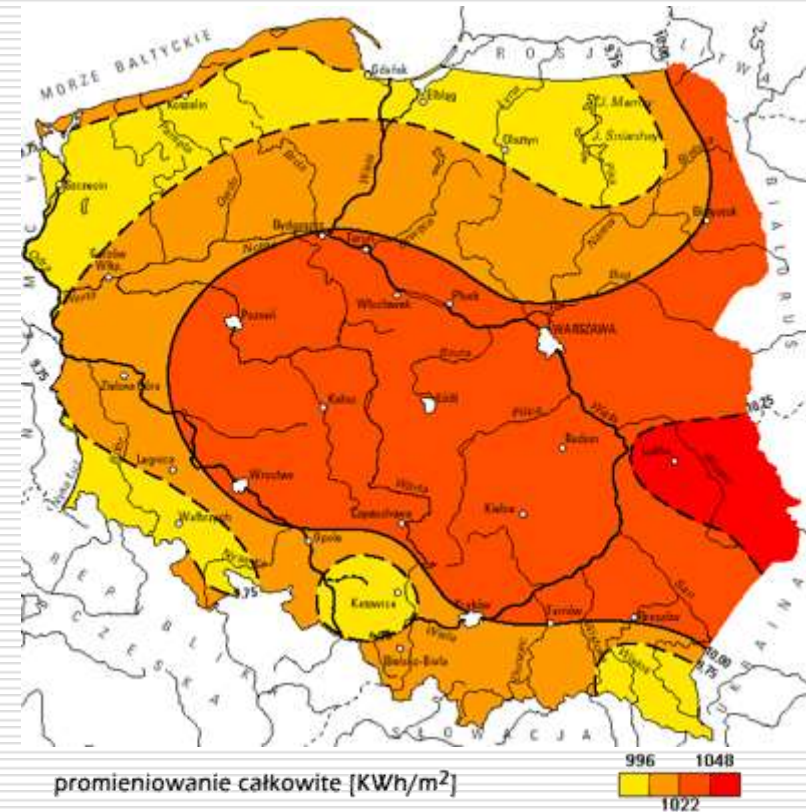
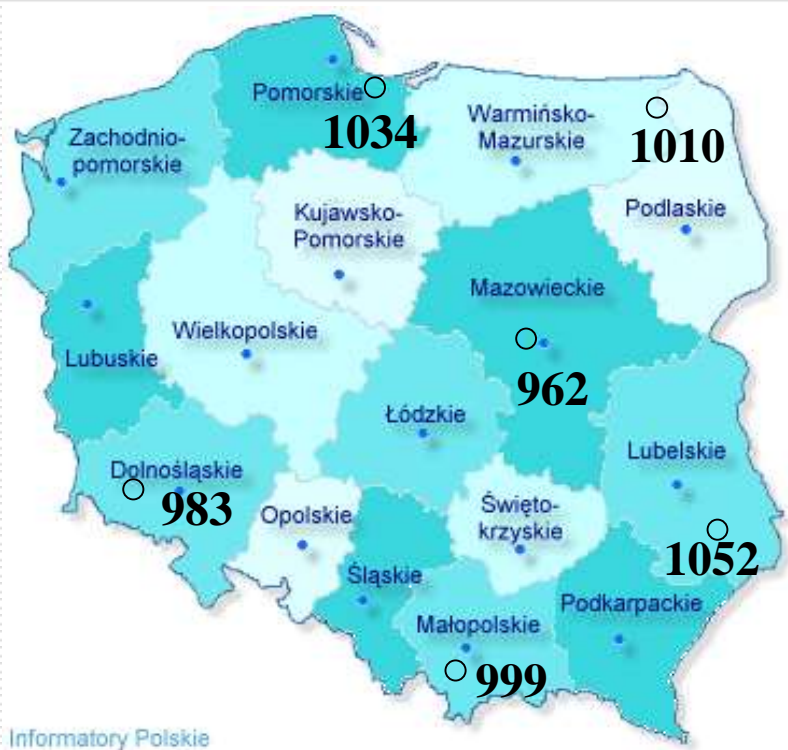
Global Irradiation for Poland

930-1160 kWh/m²* Year



Yearly Sum of Global Irradiation

Poland - kWh/m²

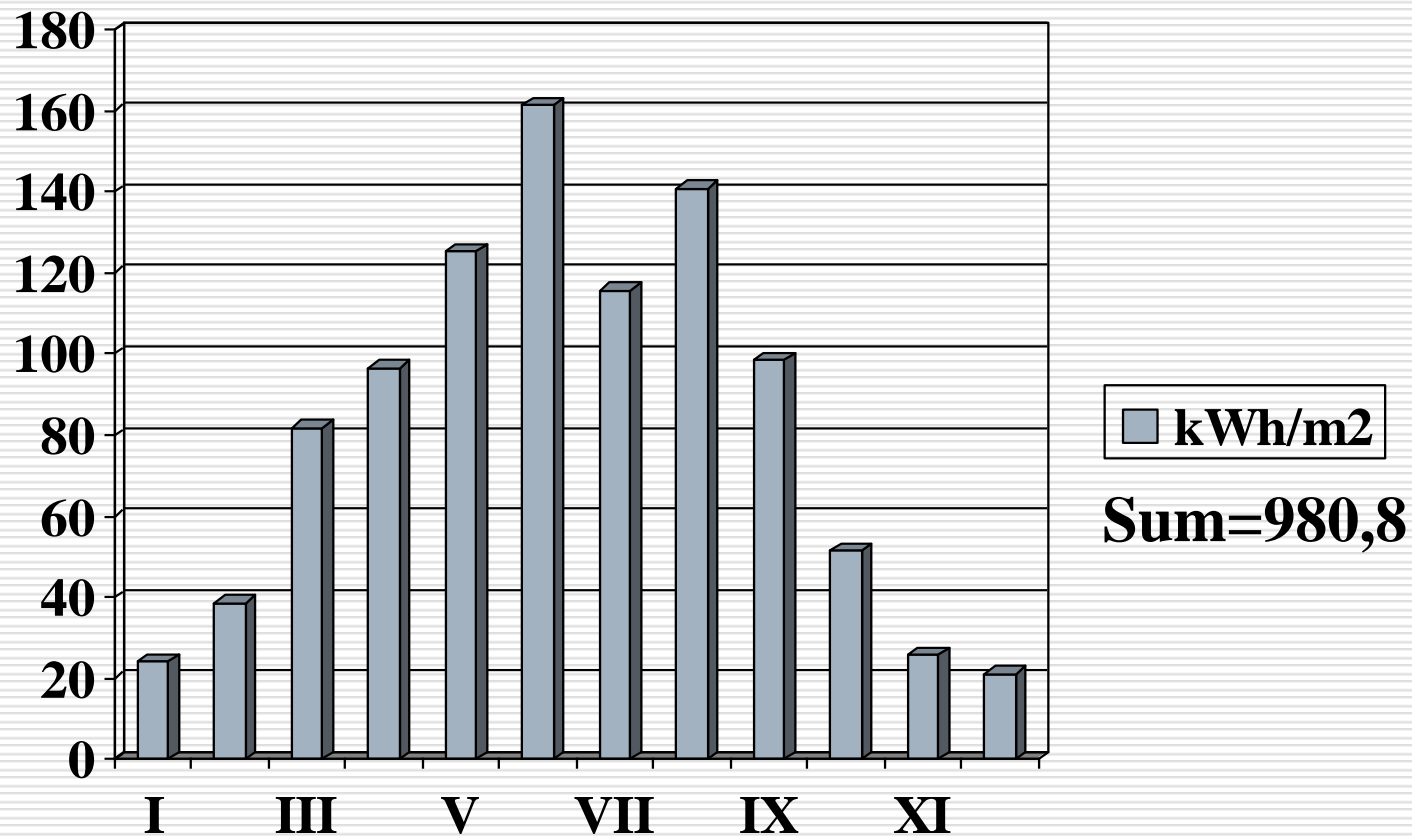


Yearly Sum of Global Irradiation - World

City	Yearly Sum of Global Irradiation kWh/m ²
Sahara	2250
Marsylia	1860
Paryż	1500
Freiburg	1270
Zurich	1160
Berlin	1000
Hamburg	930
Londyn	927

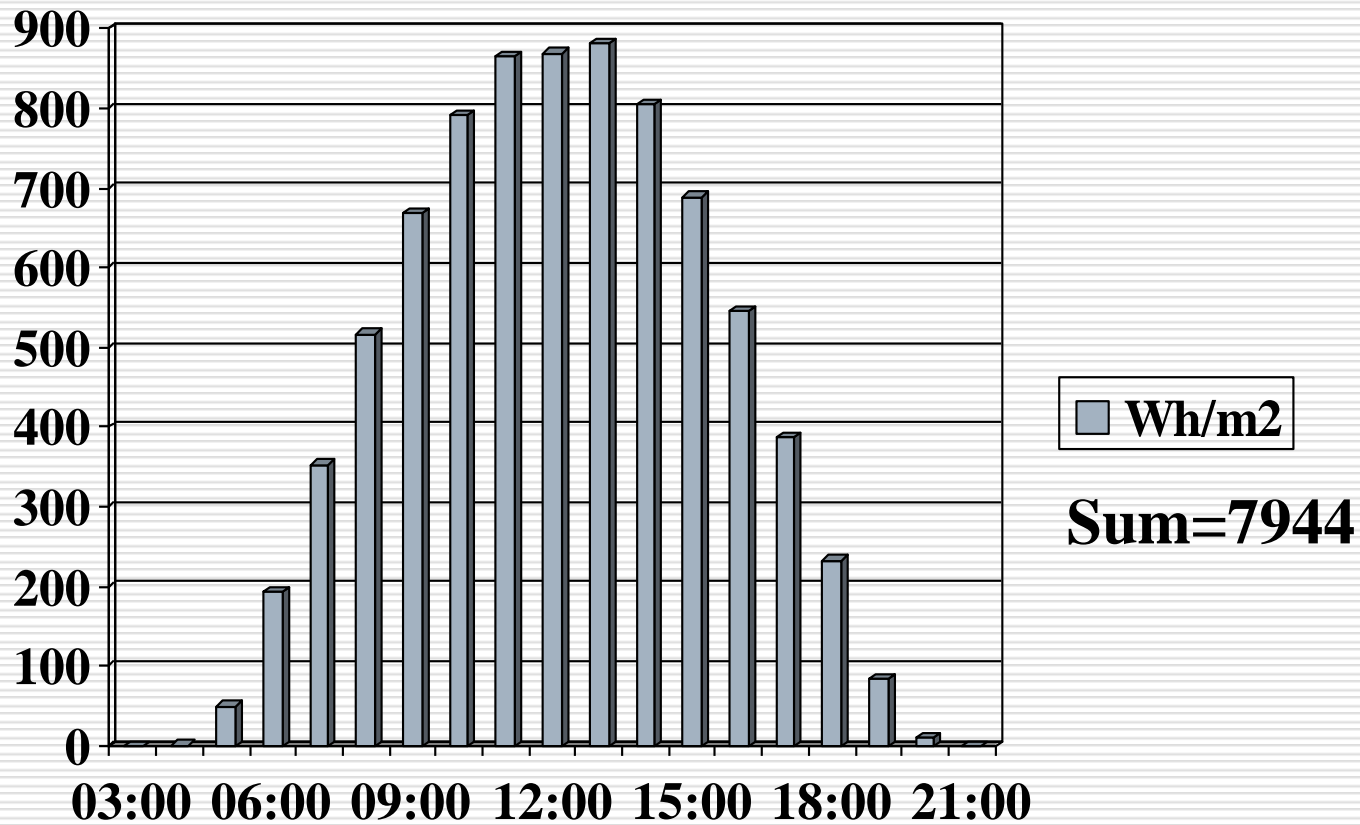
Yearly Sum of Global Irradiation

KOZY 1997



Daily Sum of Global Irradiation

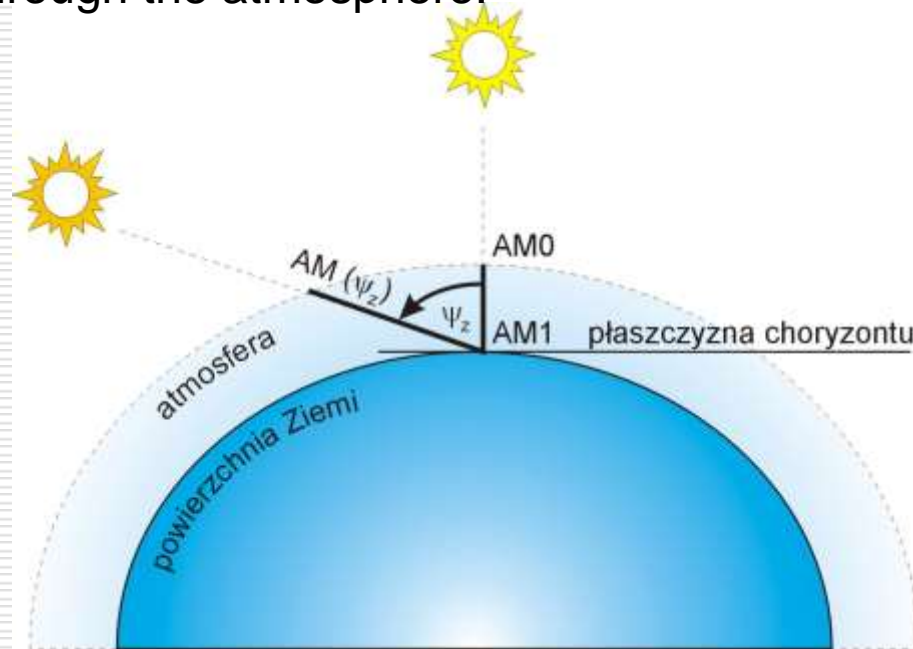
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Global Irradiation

Air Mass AM_m

The air mass coefficient defines the direct optical path length through the Earth's atmosphere, expressed as a ratio relative to the path length vertically upwards, i.e. at the zenith. The air mass coefficient can be used to help characterize the solar spectrum after solar radiation has traveled through the atmosphere.



The air mass coefficient

For a path length L through the atmosphere, for solar radiation incident at angle z relative to the normal to the Earth's surface, the air mass coefficient is:

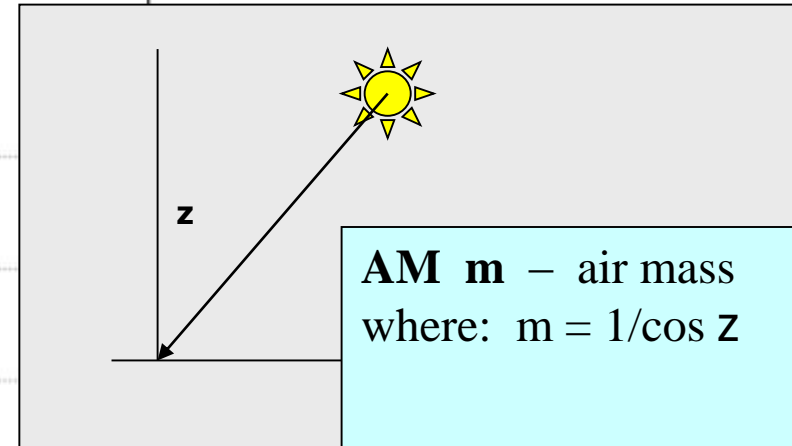
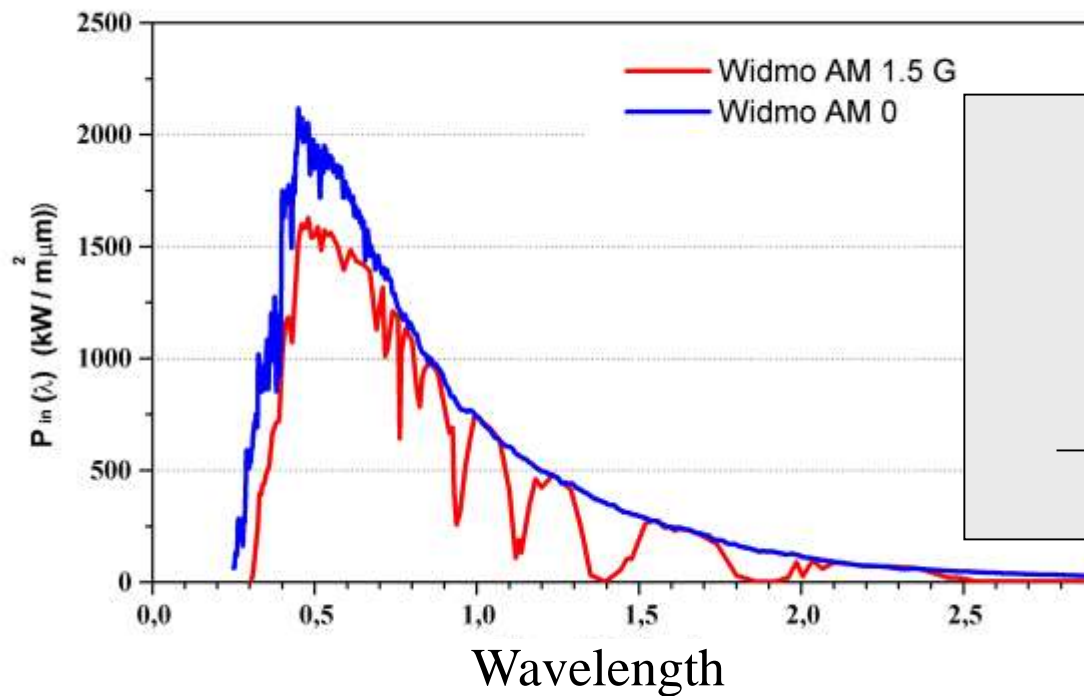
$$AM = \frac{L}{L_0} \approx \frac{1}{\cos z}$$

where L_0 is the zenith path length (i.e. normal to the Earth's surface) at sea level and z is the zenith angle in degrees.

ψ_z	$m = \frac{1}{\cos \psi_z}$	m	ψ_z	$m = \frac{1}{\cos \psi_z}$	m
0	1,00	1,00	86	14,34	12,87
30	1,15	1,15	87	19,10	16,04
60	2,00	2,00	88	28,65	20,87
70	2,92	2,92	89	57,30	28,35
80	5,76	5,63	90	∞	29,94
85	11,47	10,69			

The air mass coefficient

Spectral distribution of radiation intensity



AM – amount of air mass the radiation passes through in individual case

3. Global Irradiation in Poland and Europe

Global Irradiation

Global irradiation and solar electricity potential
Optimally-inclined photovoltaic modules

Poland





 Yearly sum of global irradiation [kWh/m²]
 < 1100 1150 1200 1250 1300 >


 Yearly electricity generated by 1kW_{nom} system with performance ratio 0.75 [kWh/kW_{nom}]
 < 825 863 900 938 975 >
 Authors: M. Šolc, T. Cebecan, T. Hald, E. D. Donkaj
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Global irradiation and solar electricity potential
Horizontally mounted photovoltaic modules

Poland





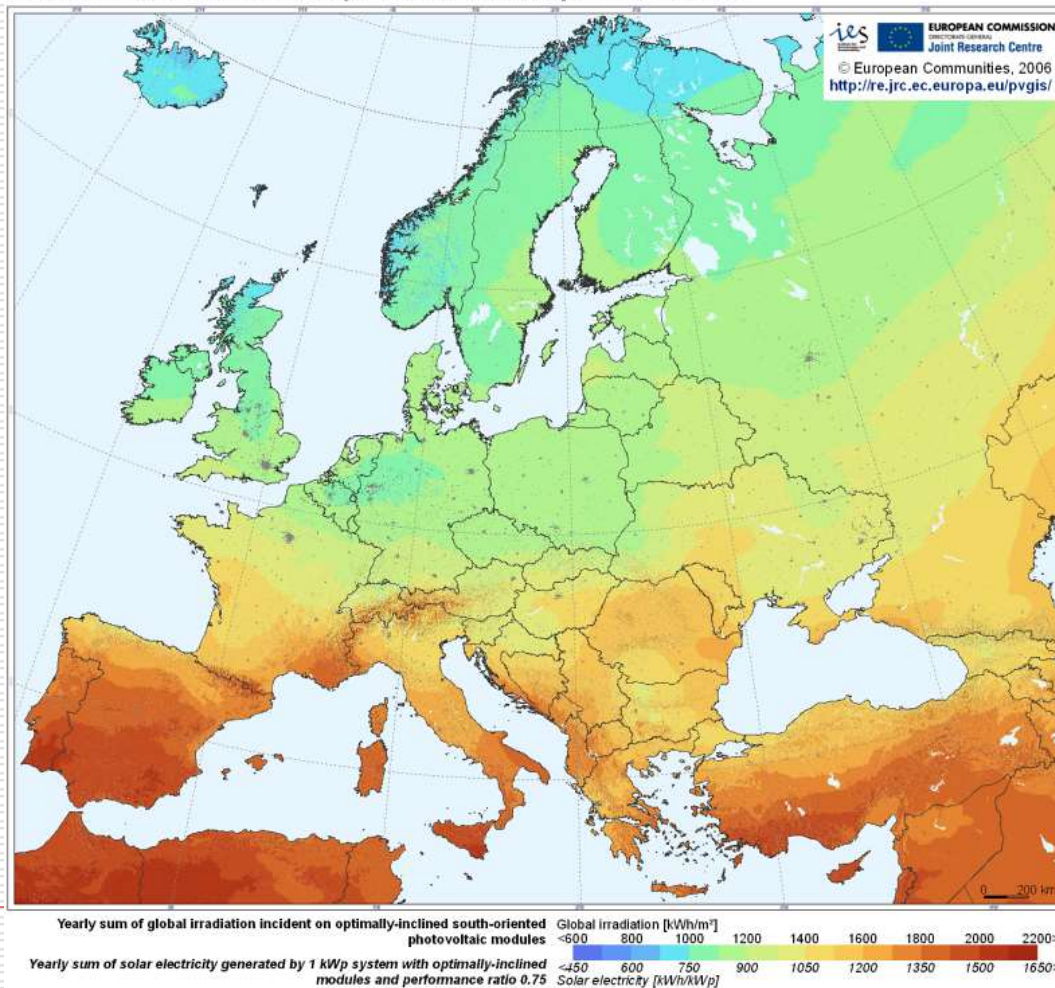
 Yearly sum of global irradiation [kWh/m²]
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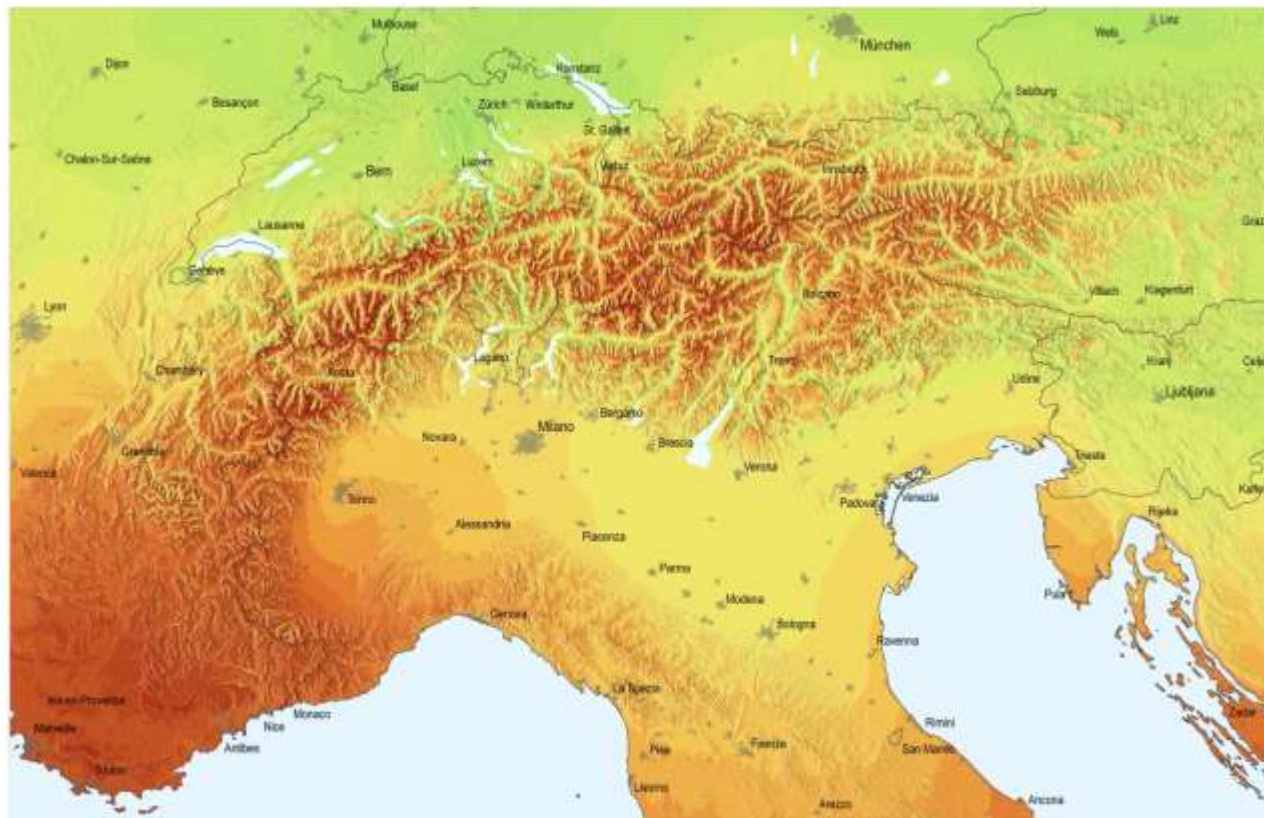
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Global Irradiation in Europe

Photovoltaic Solar Electricity Potential in European Countries



Global Irradiation in high mountains



Global irradiation and solar electricity potential
 Optimally-inclined photovoltaic modules

Yearly sum of global irradiation (kWh/m²)
 1700 1600 1500 1400 1300 1200 1100 1000 900 800 700 600 500 400 300 200 100 0
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 Yearly electricity generated by 100_{opt} system with performance ratio 0.75 (kWh/m²/year)

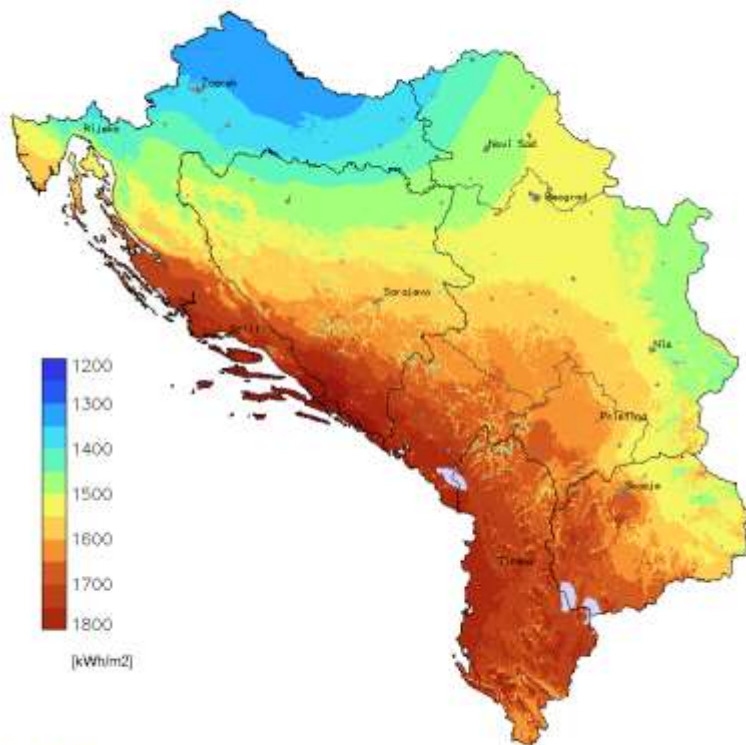
0 25 50 km

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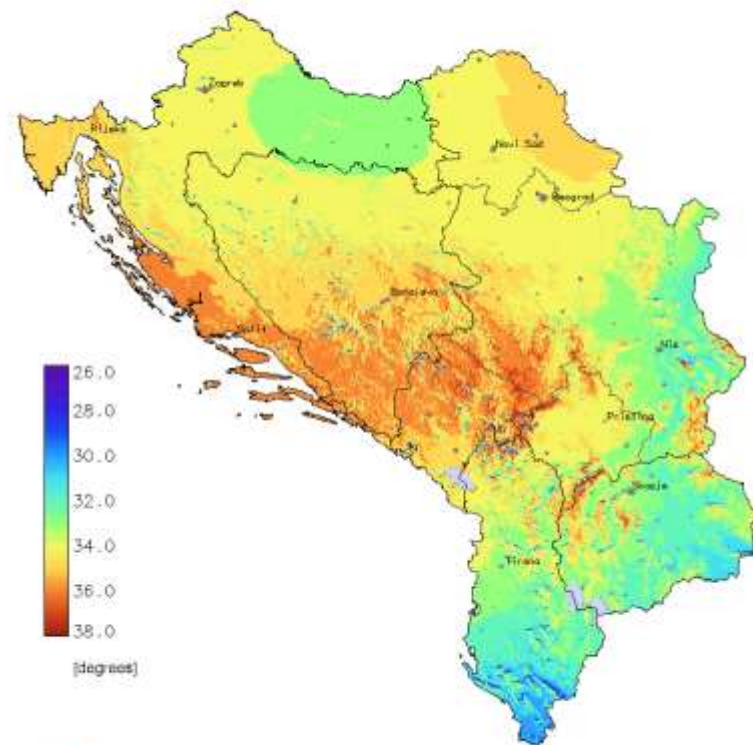


Global Irradiation – Croatia , Bosnia and Herzegovina

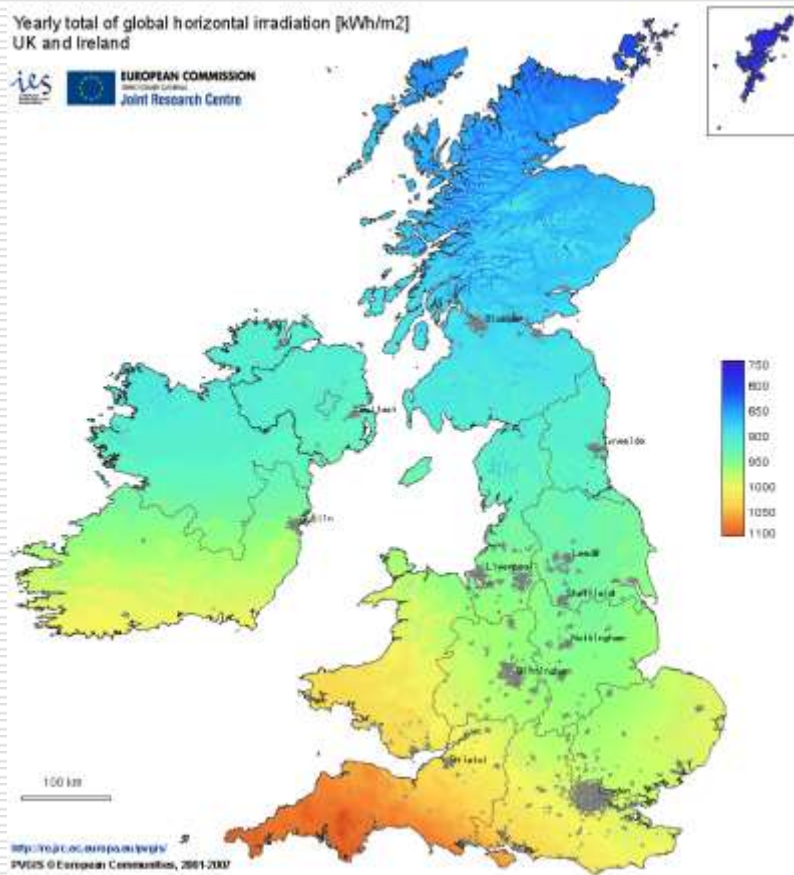
Yearly sum of global irradiation received by optimally-inclined PV modules
Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Serbia & Montenegro, Albania, and FYR Macedonia



Optimum inclination of South-facing PV modules
Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Serbia & Montenegro, Albania, and FYR Macedonia



Global Irradiation - UK

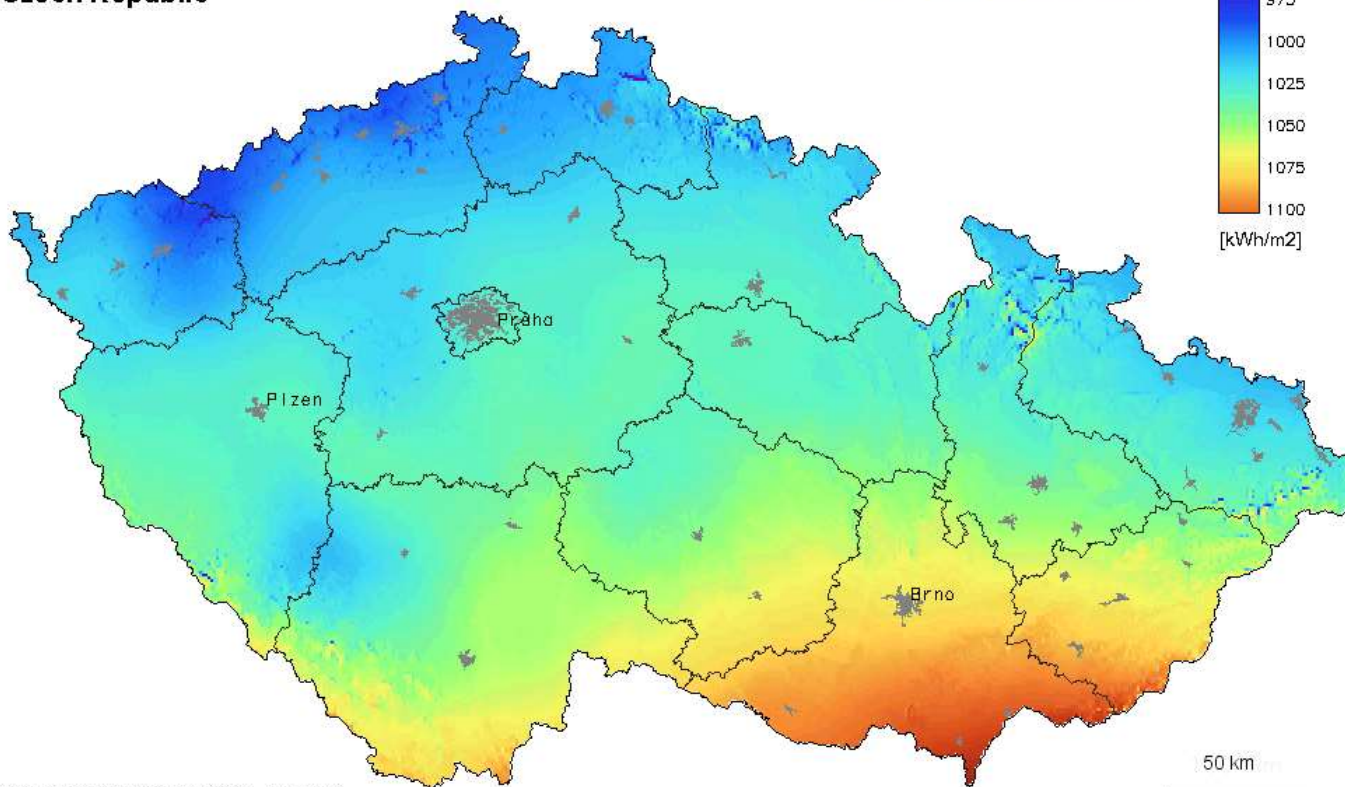
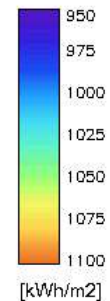


Global Irradiation – Czech Republic

Yearly sum of global irradiation on horizontal surface
Czech Republic

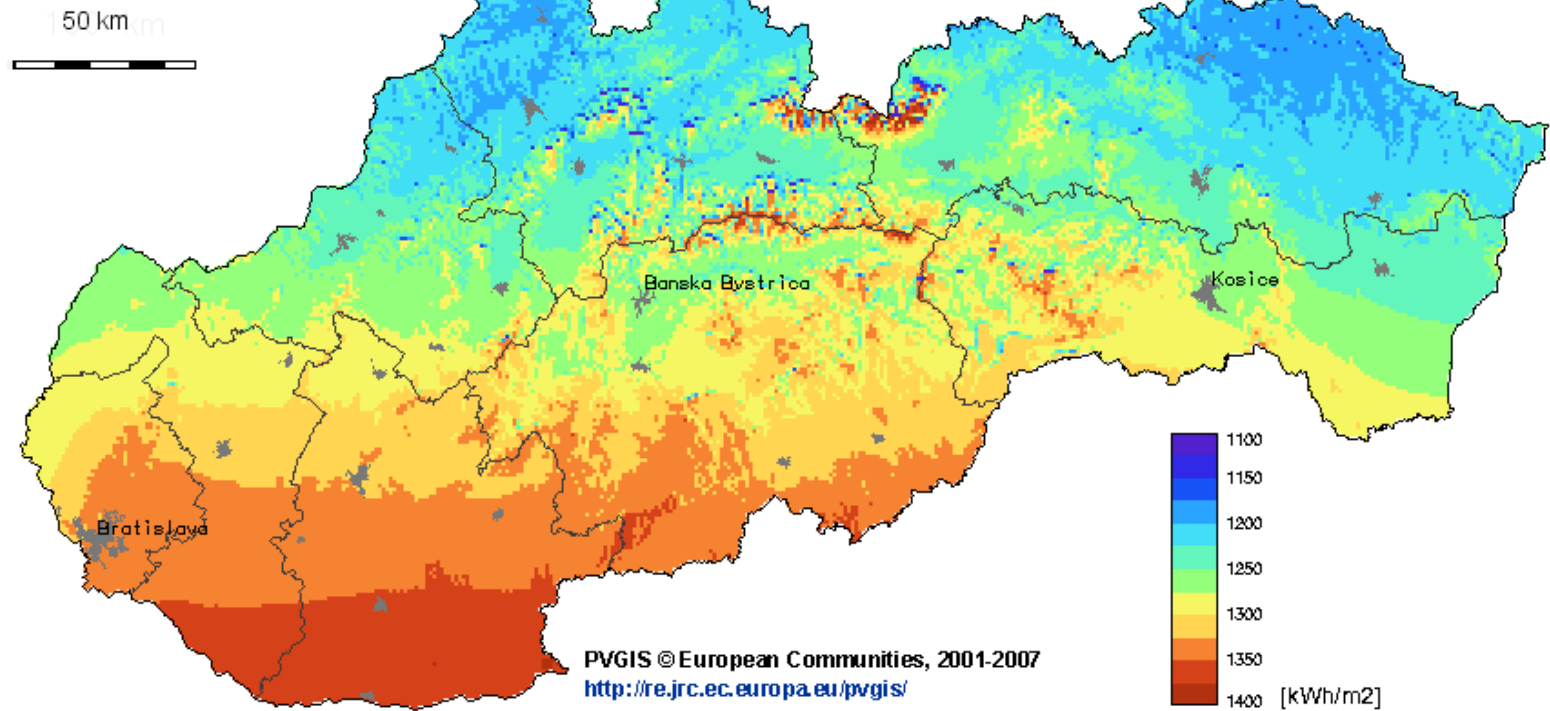
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Global Irradiation - Slovakia

Yearly sum of global irradiation received by optimally-inclined PV modules
Slovakia



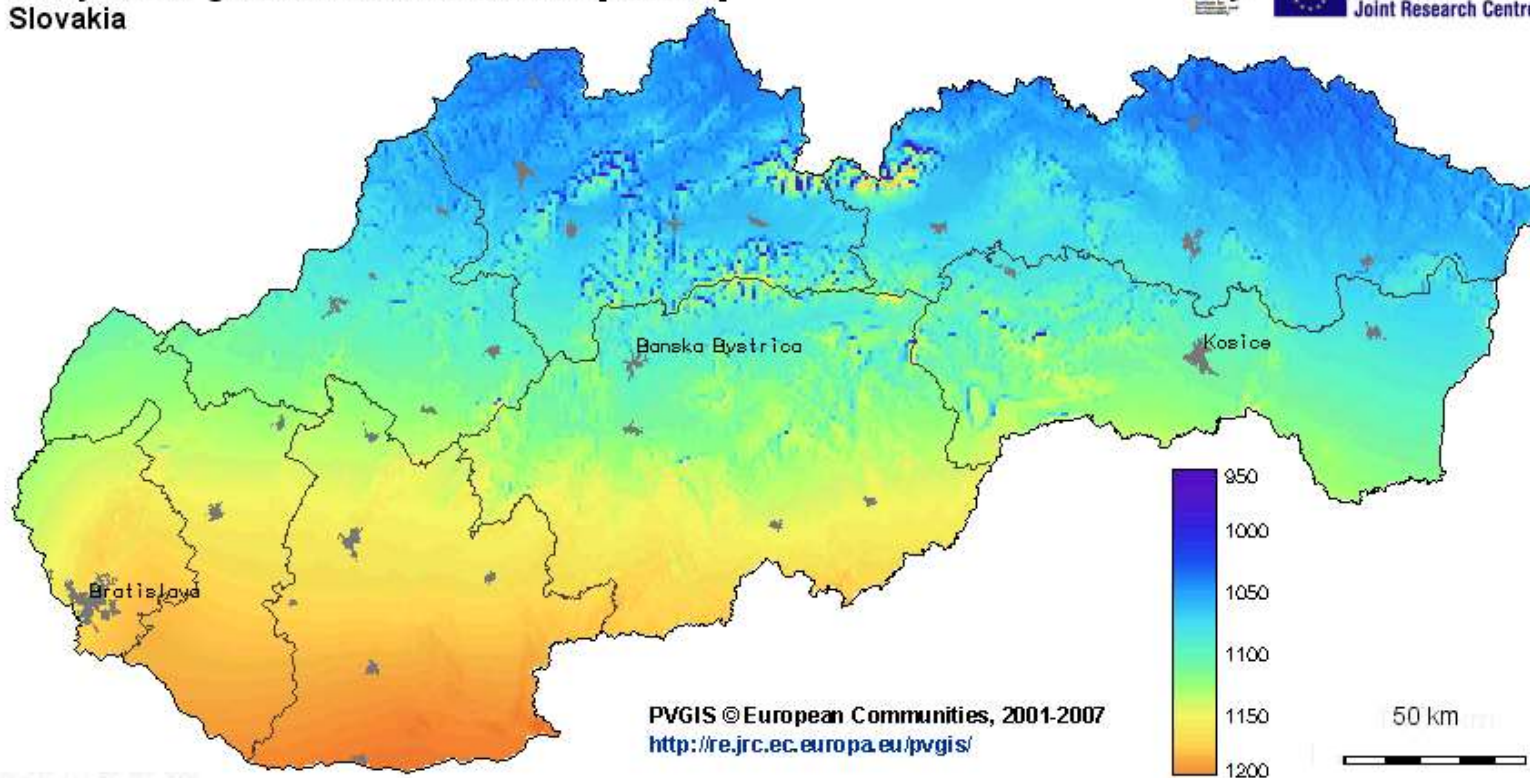
Global Irradiation - Slovakia

Yearly total of global horizontal irradiation [kWh/m²]
Slovakia

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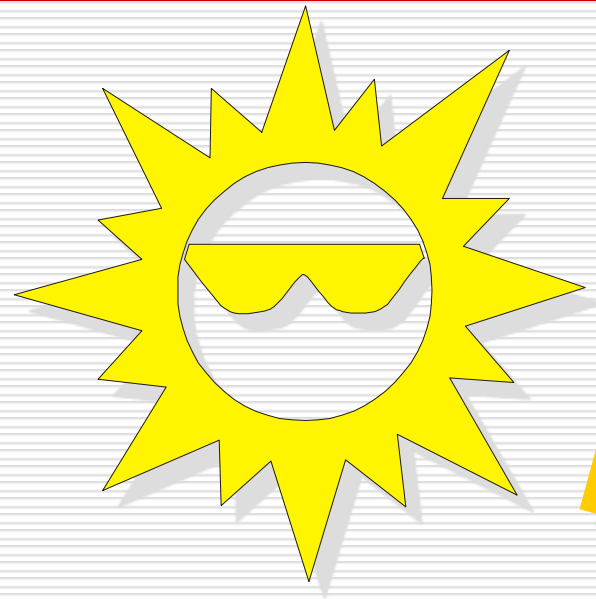
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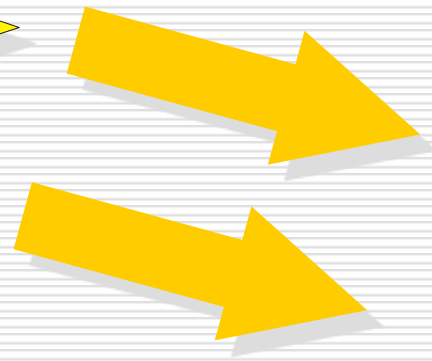
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4. Photovoltaic Effect

How we can transfer light into electrical current by direct way?



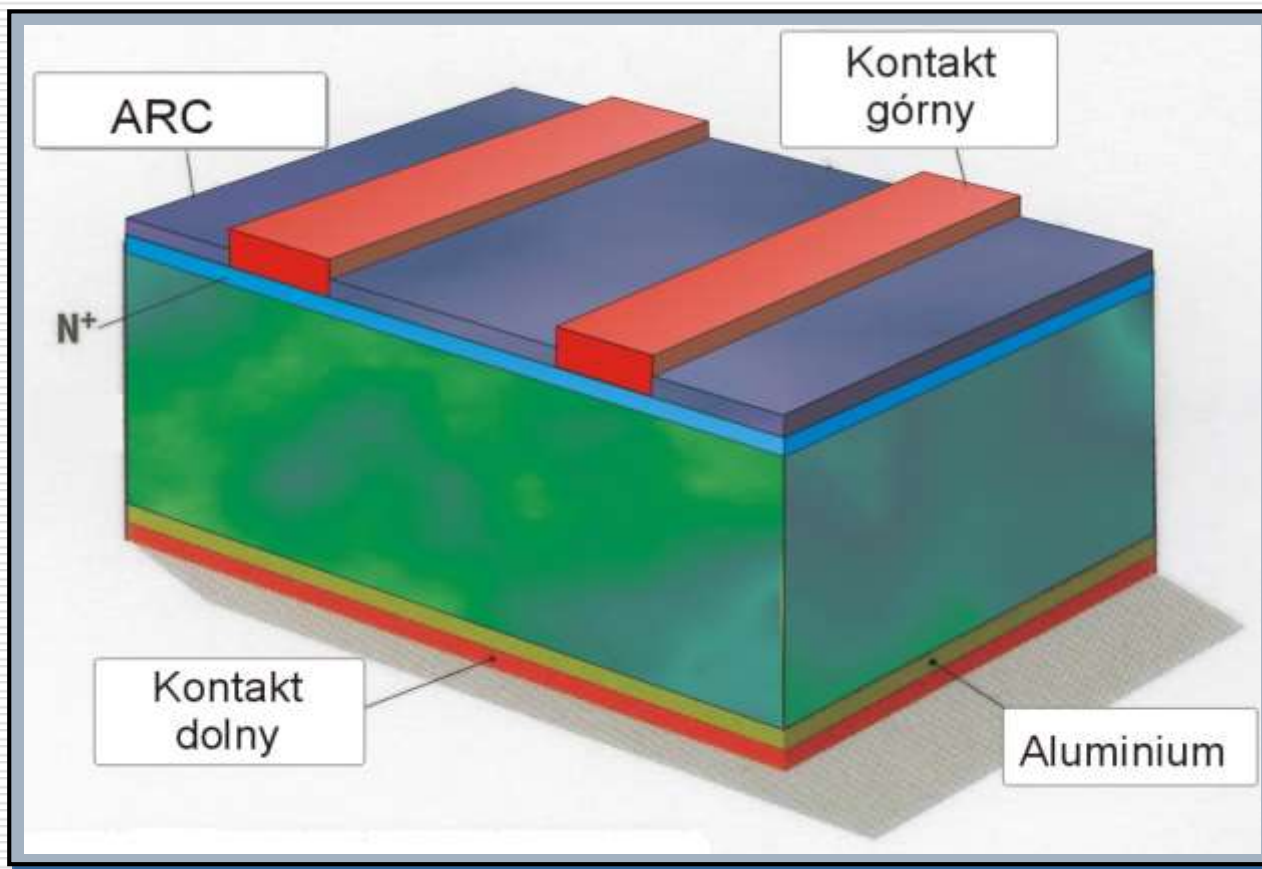
The Sun



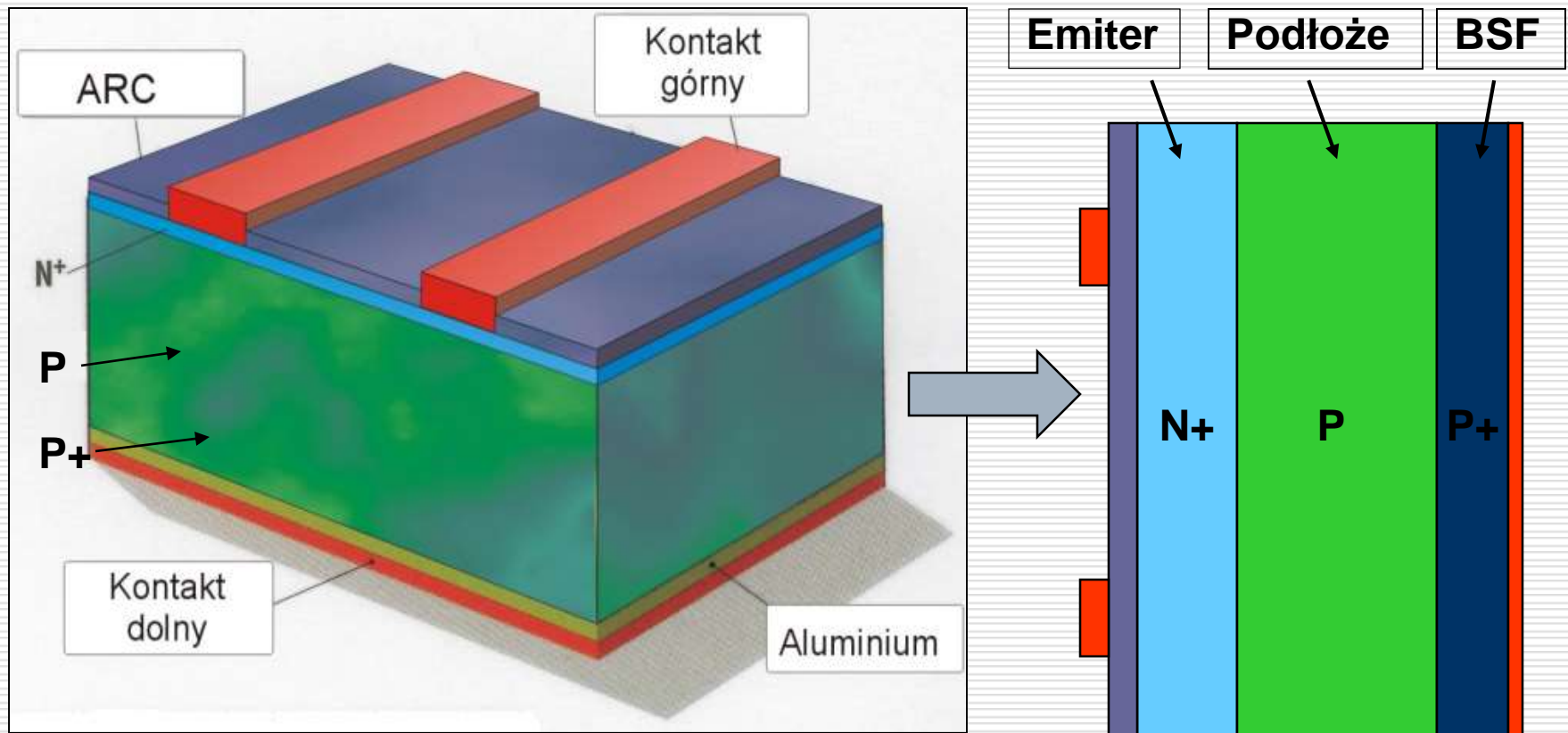
Photovoltaic cells



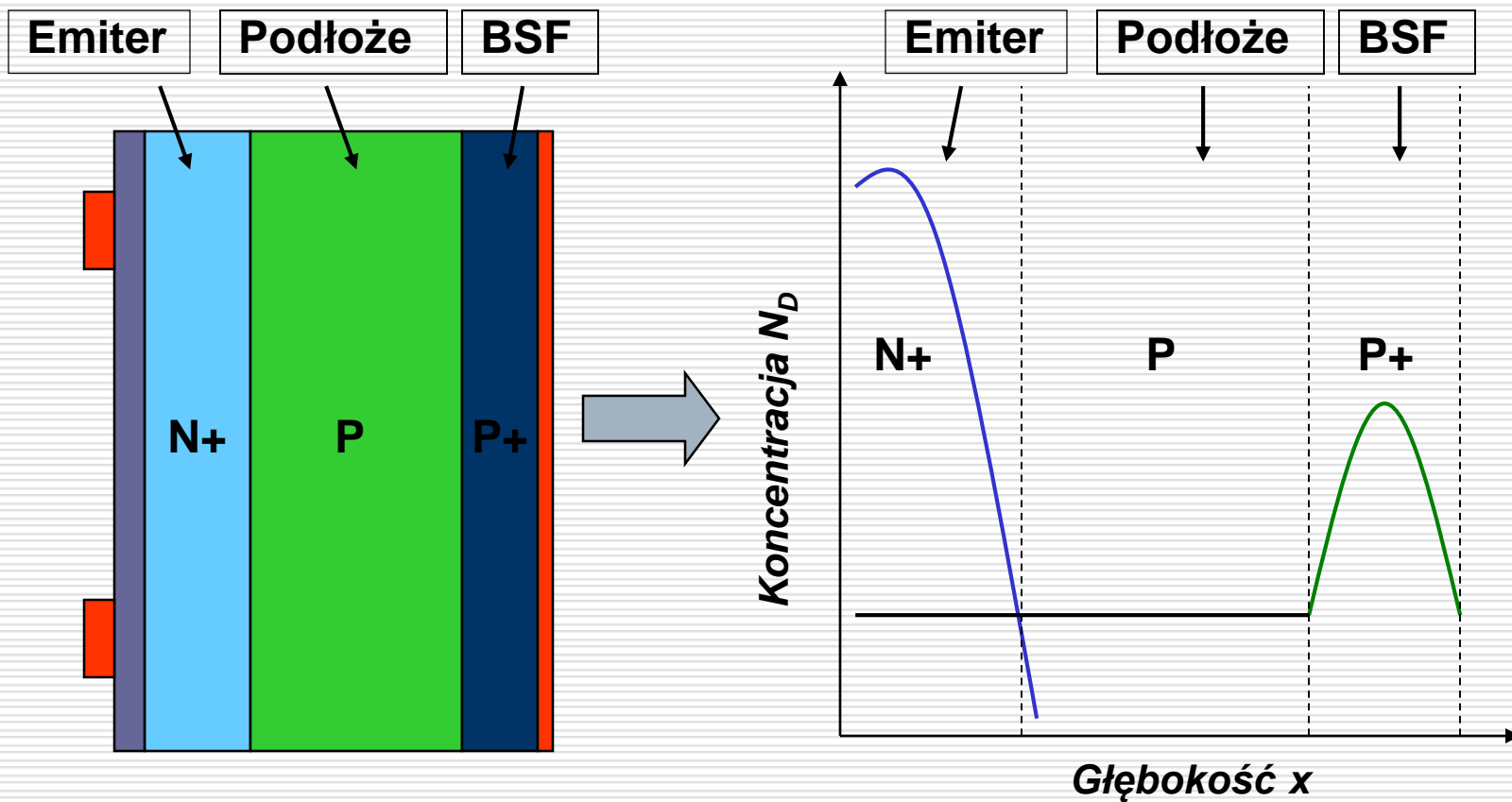
Crystalline Silicon Solar Cell



Crystalline Silicon Solar Cell



Crystalline Silicon Solar Cell



Photovoltaic Effect

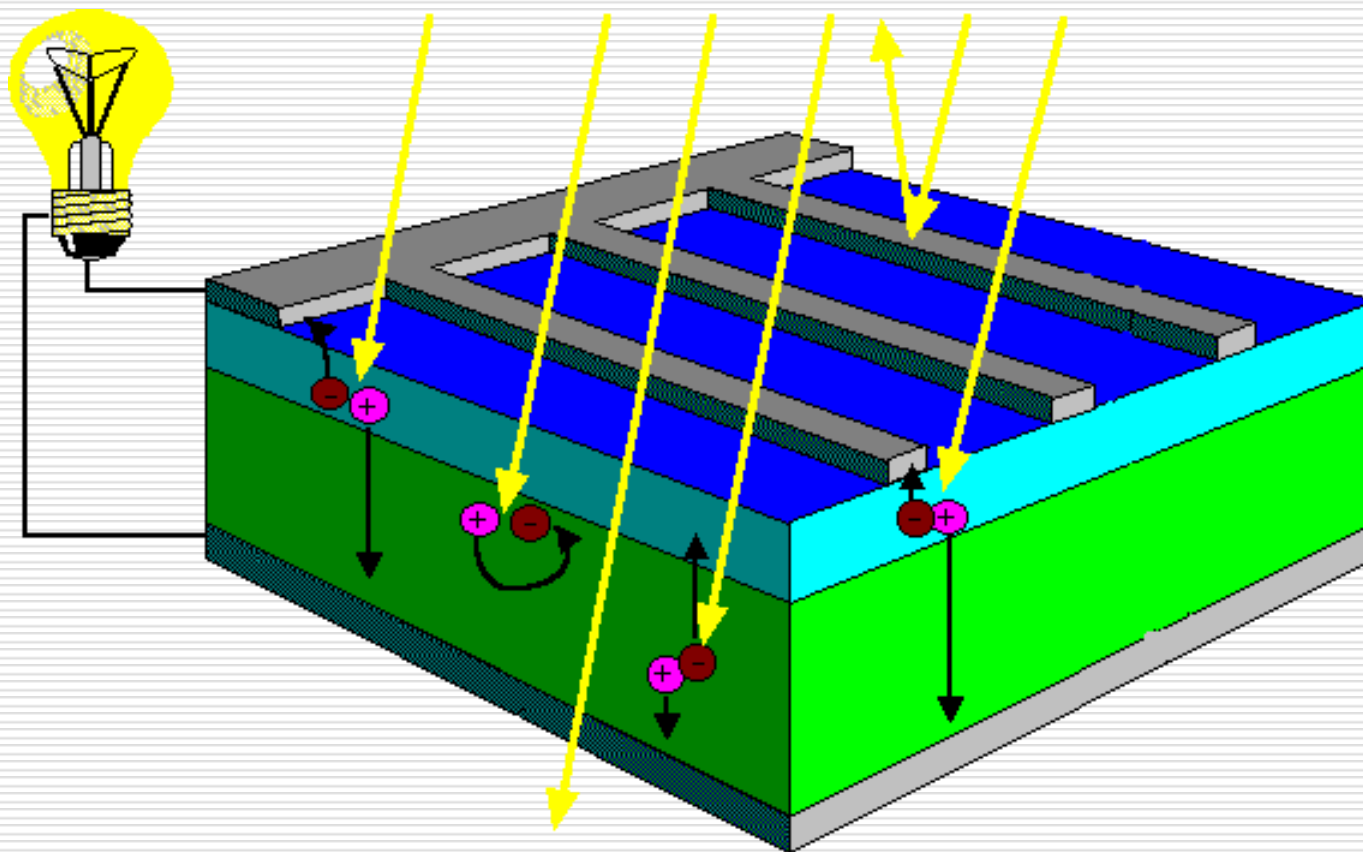
When a photon hits a piece of silicon, one of three things can happen:

- the photon can pass straight through the silicon — this (generally) happens for lower energy photons,
- the photon can reflect off the surface,
- the photon can be absorbed by the silicon, if the photon energy is higher than the silicon band gap value. This generates an electron-hole pair and sometimes heat, depending on the band structure.

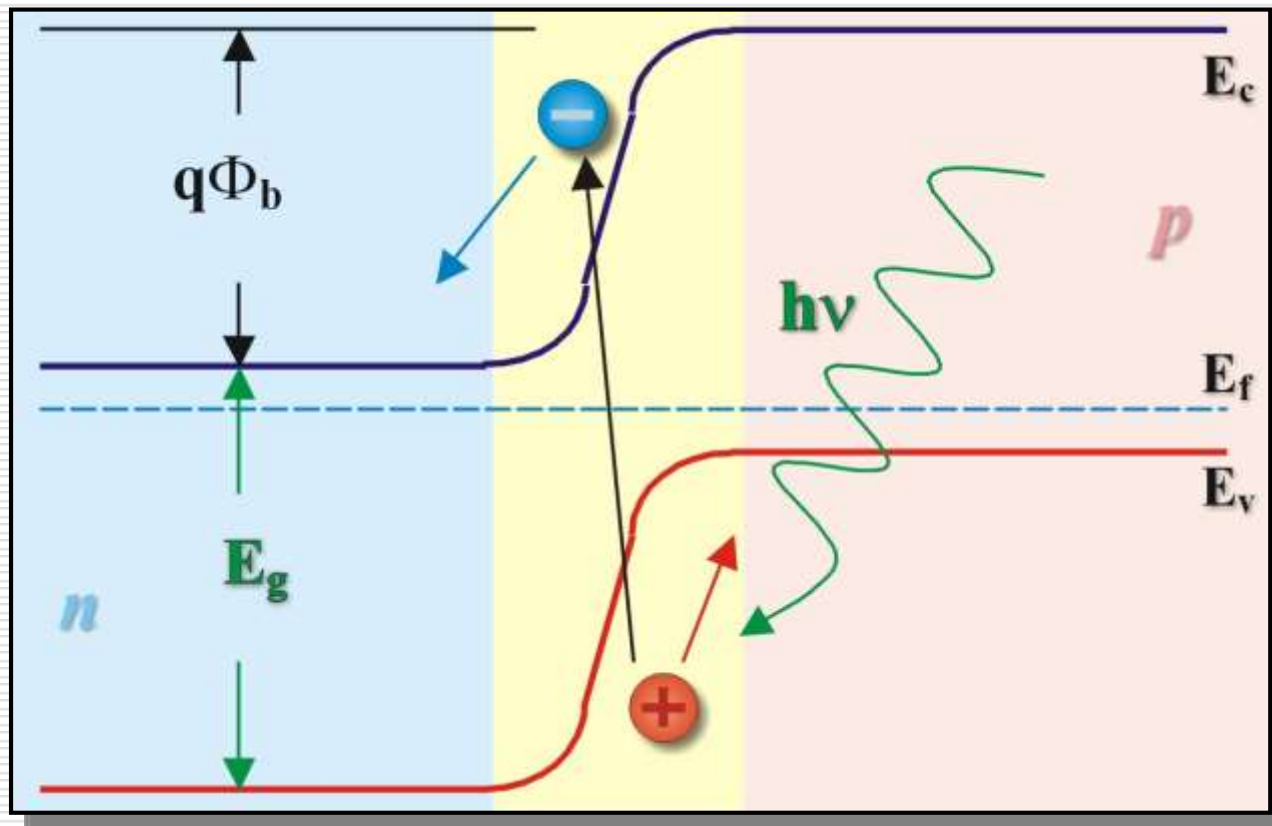
Band diagram of a silicon solar cell, under short circuit conditions.

When a photon is absorbed, its energy is given to an electron in the crystal lattice. Usually this electron is in the valence band, and is tightly bound in covalent bonds between neighboring atoms, and hence unable to move far. The energy given to it by the photon "excites" it into the conduction band, where it is free to move around within the semiconductor.

Photovoltaic Effect

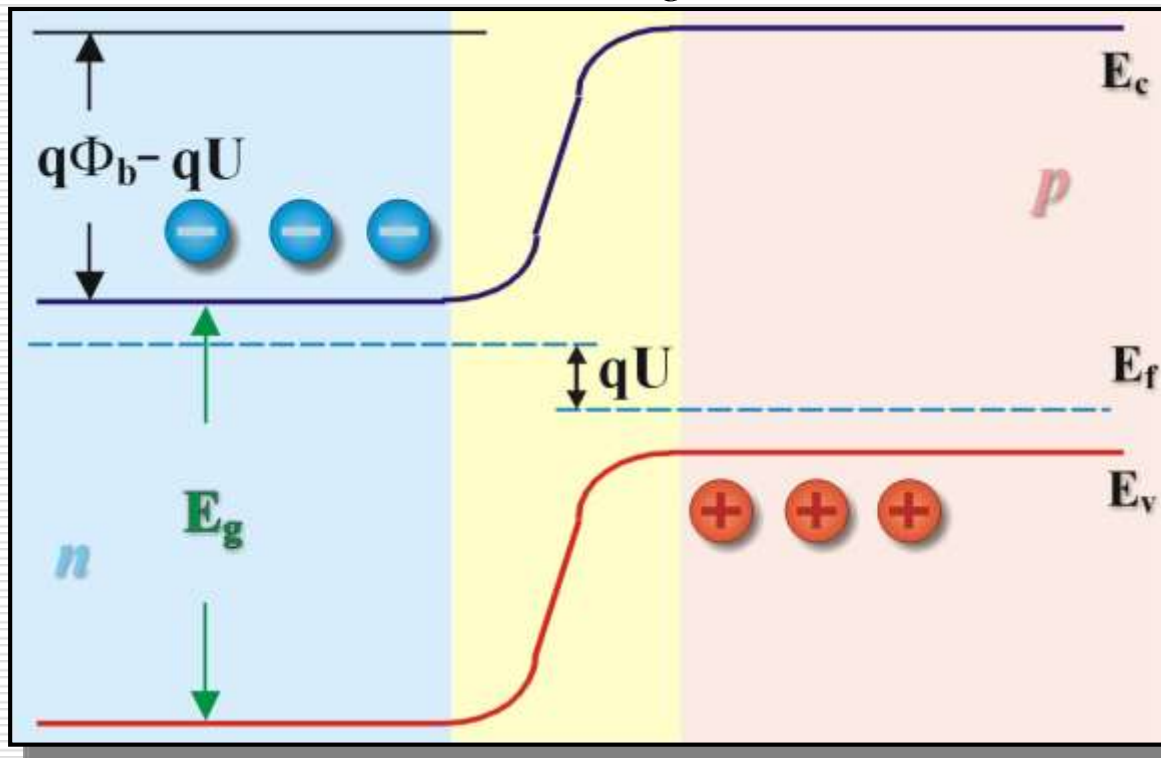


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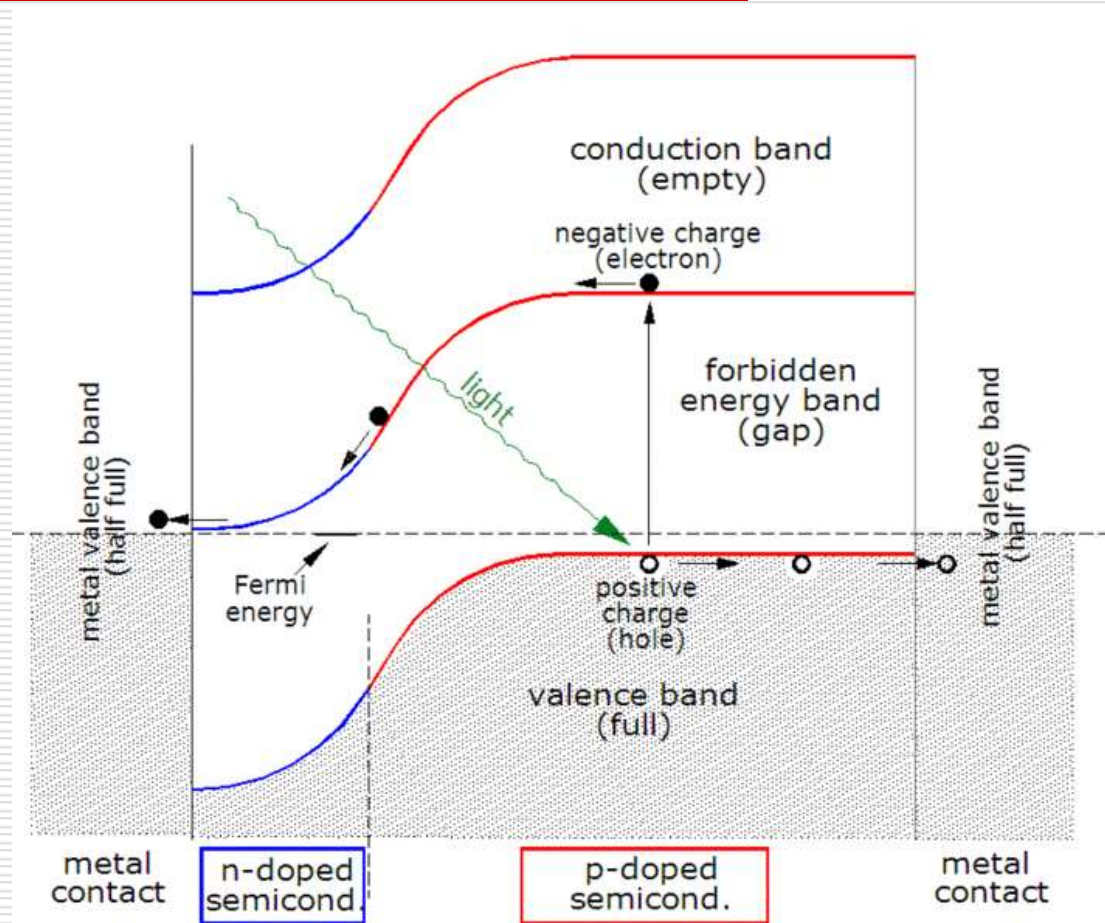


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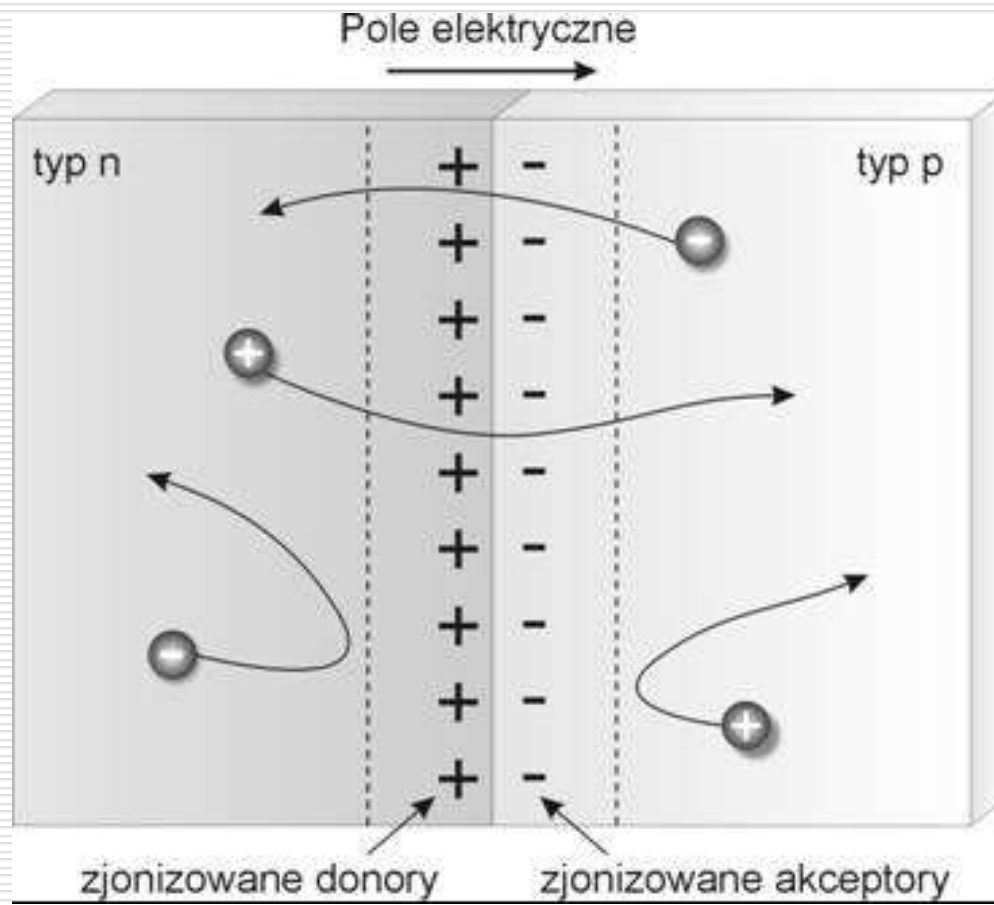
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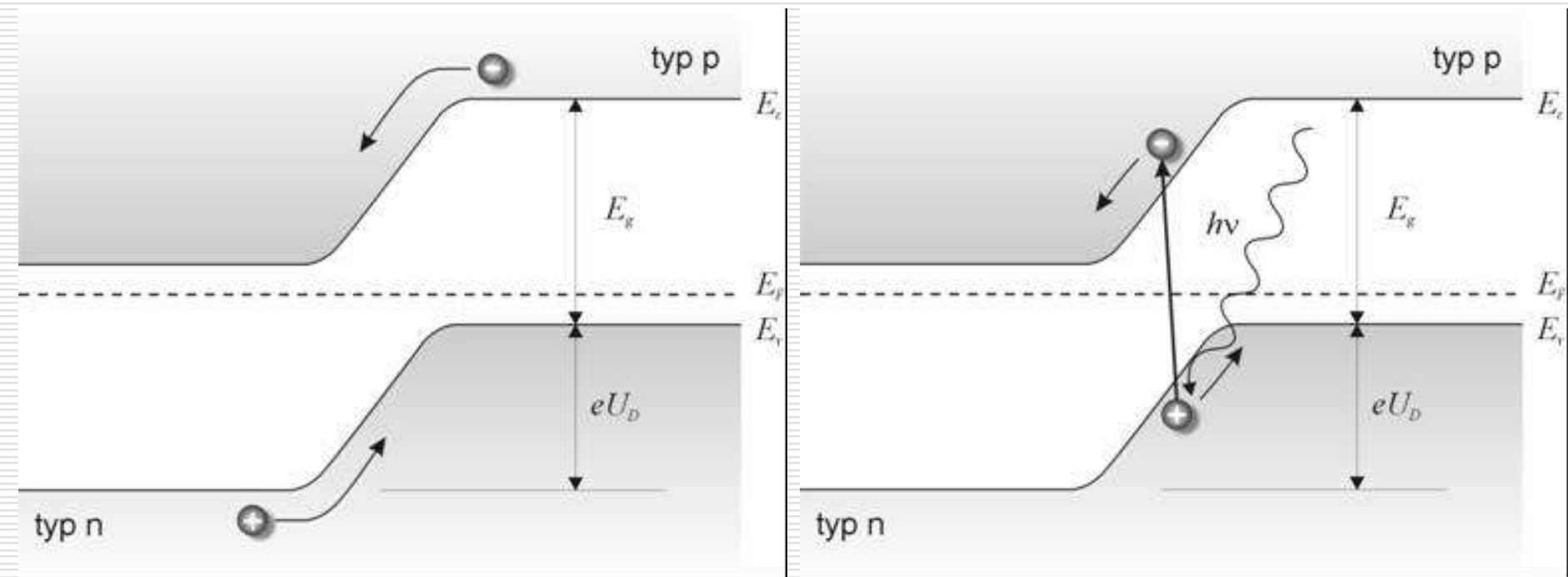
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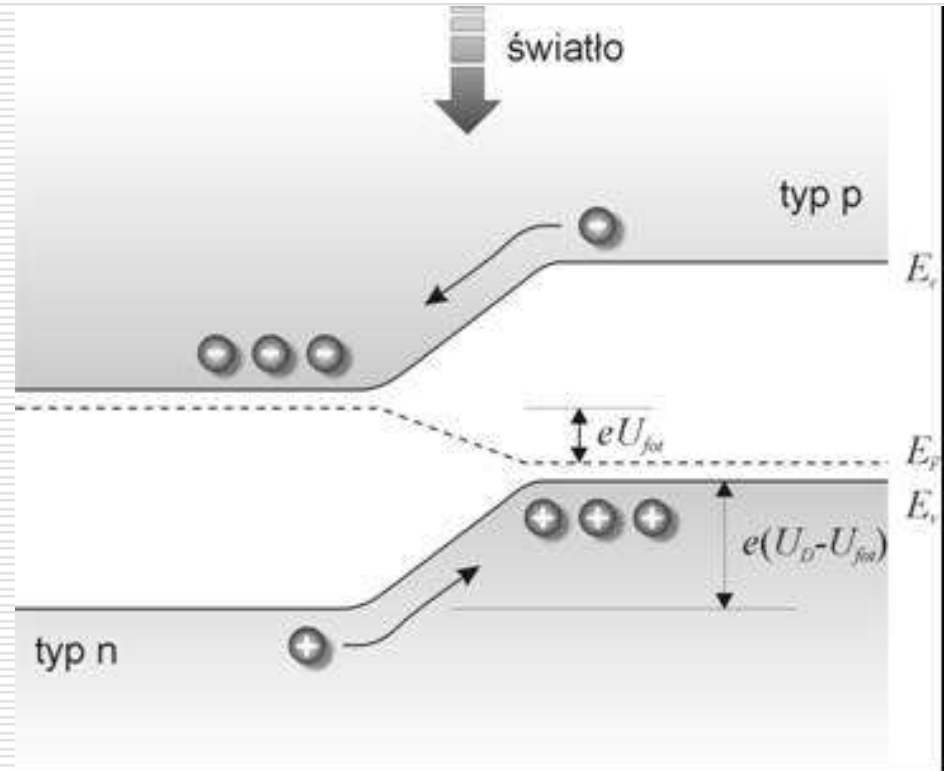
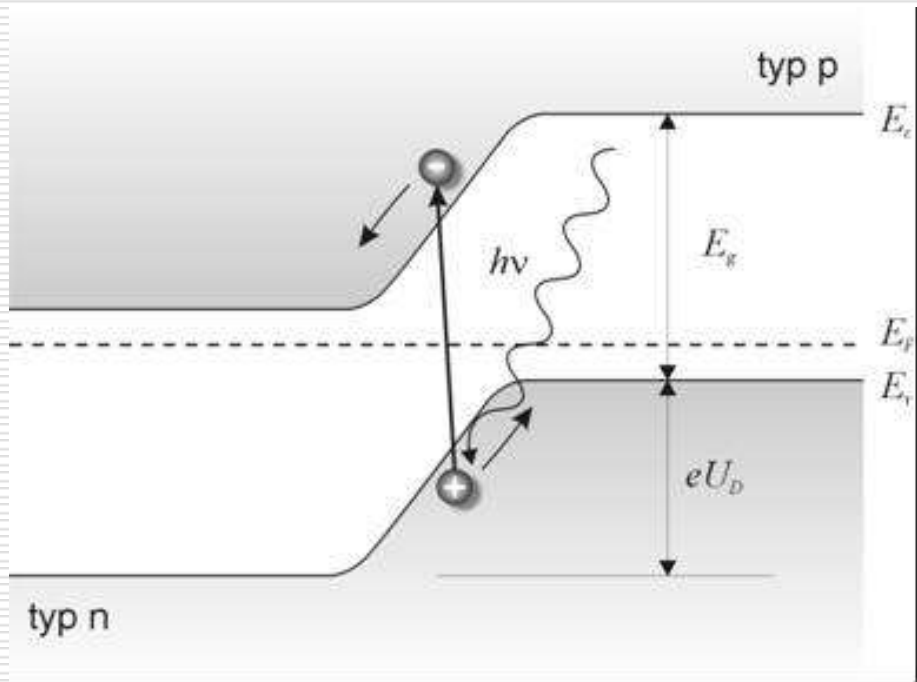
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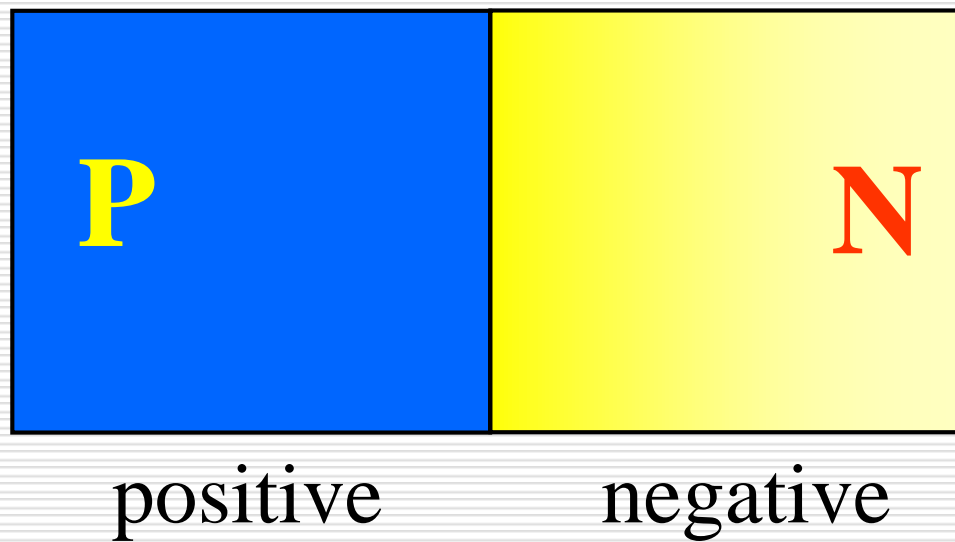
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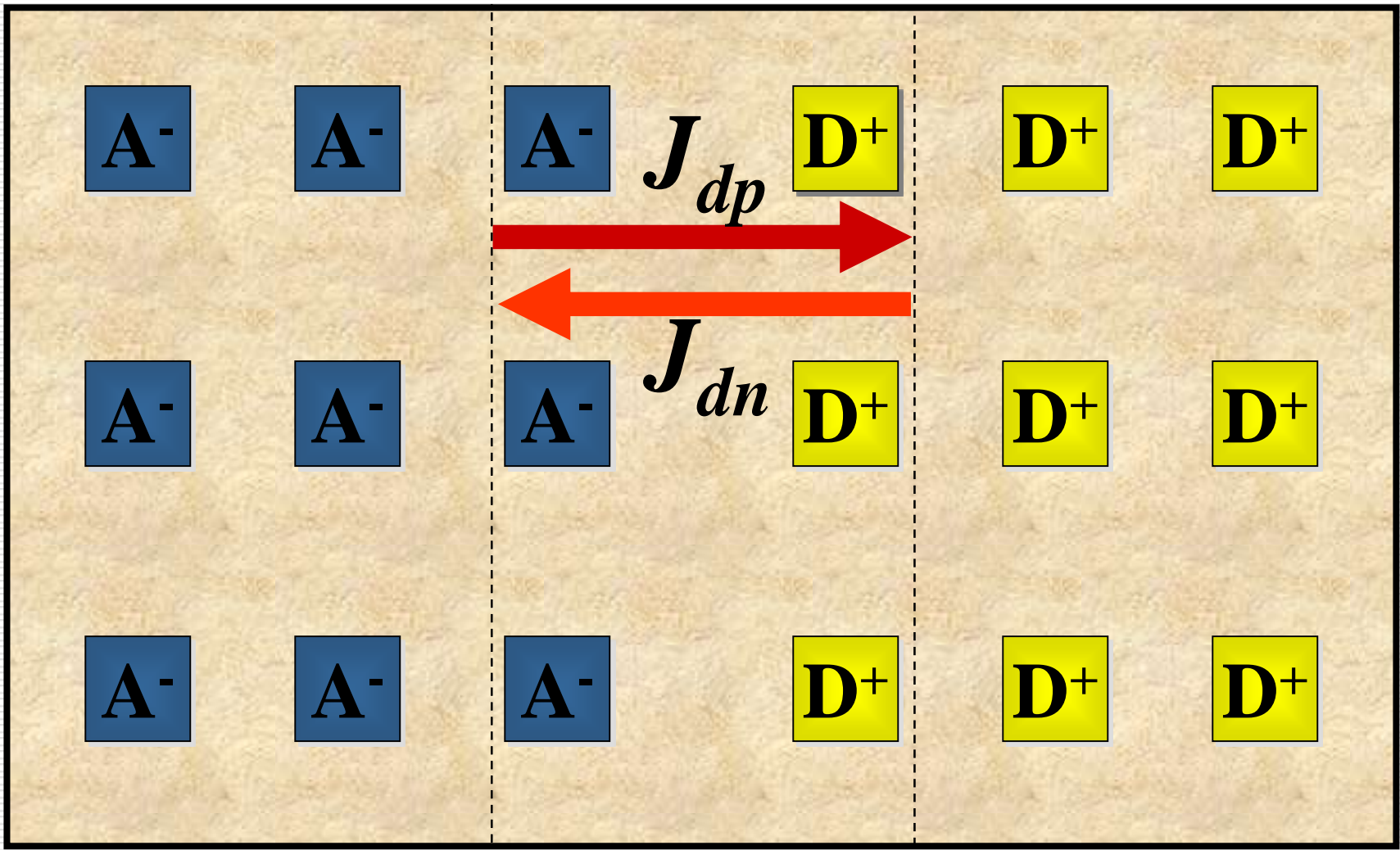


The P – N junction



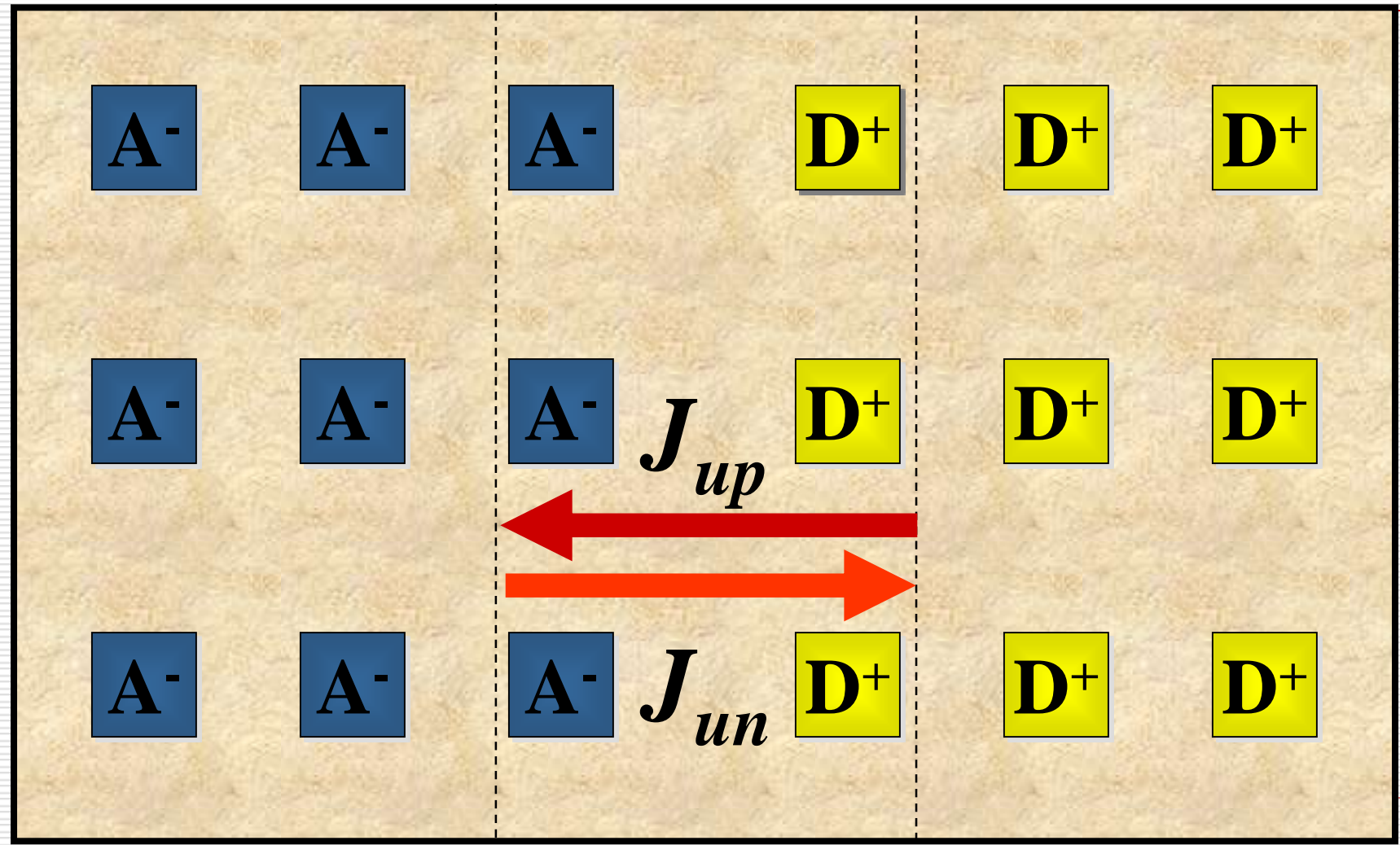
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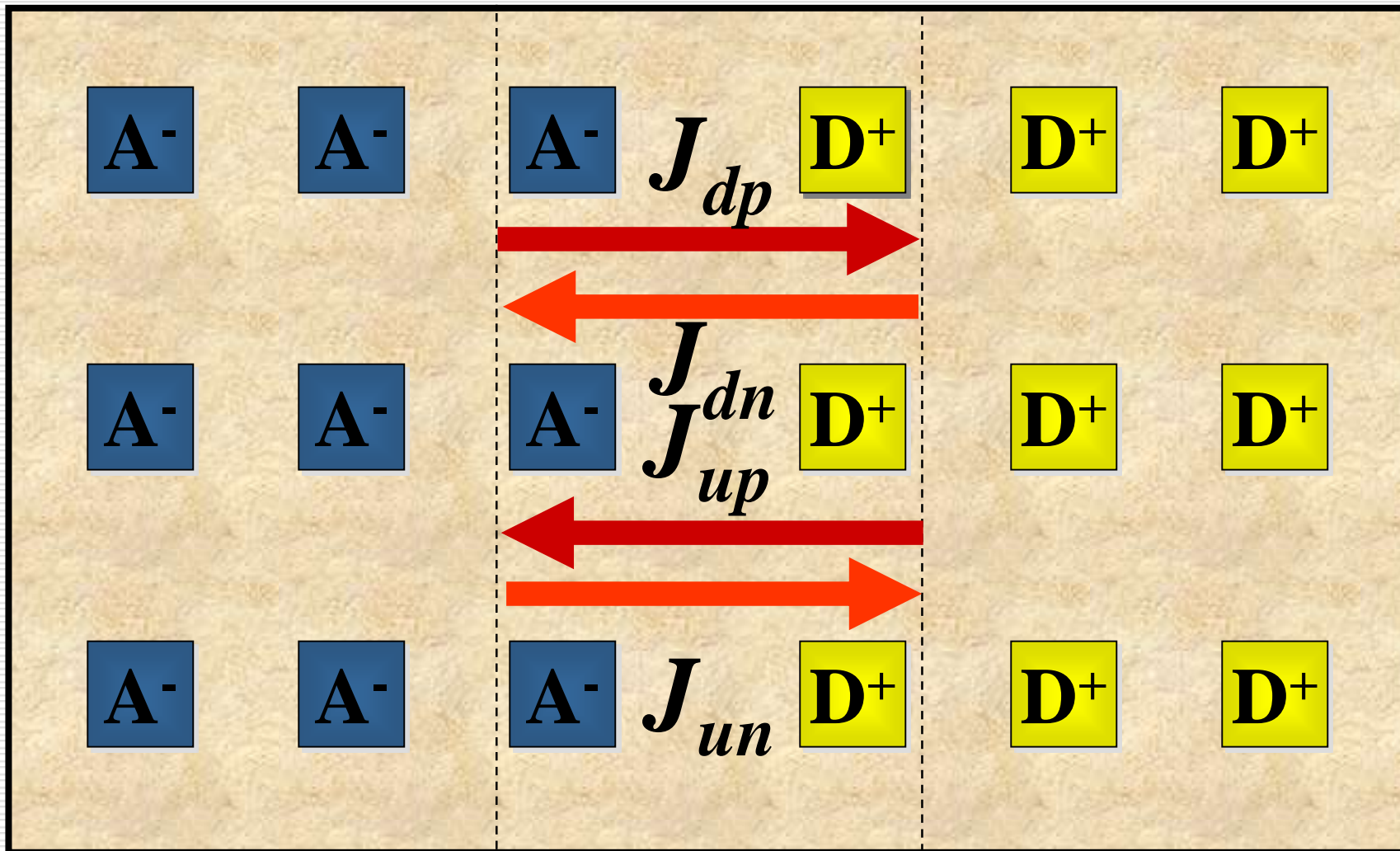
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Typ P

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$$J_{dp} = J_{up} \quad ; \quad J_{dn} = J_{un}$$

