

The Austrian approach for CSTS dissemination klima:aktiv market stimulation programme, training and quality assurance

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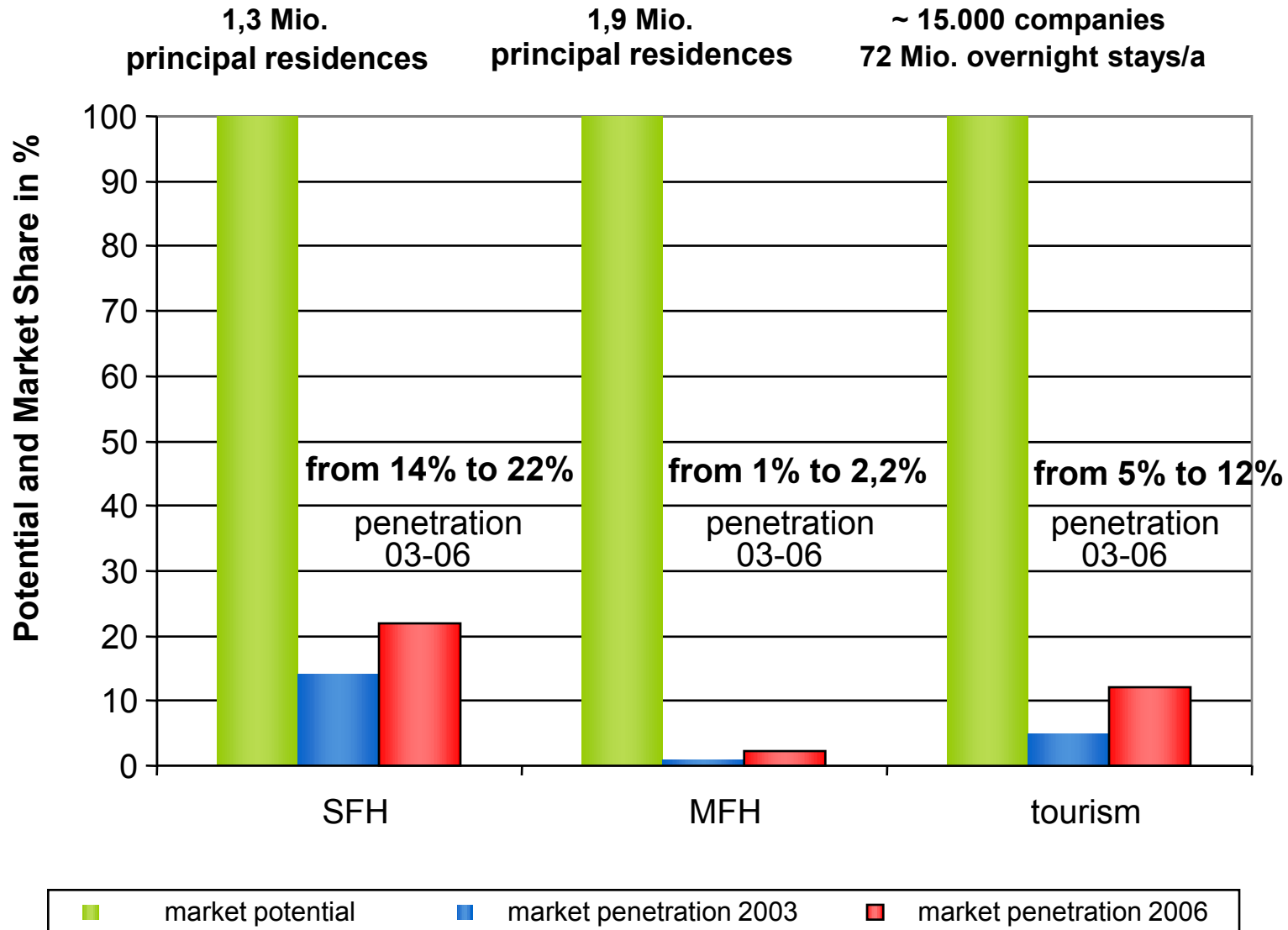


Opening up new possibilities for applications (MFH, tourism, etc.) is the central factor of success for the rapid market growth at an already high density of solar thermal systems!



Source: ESTIF

The effect in numbers – market penetration



...what is the impact of solarwärme?

**Doubling the installation in MFH
Picture: central office of a property
developer**



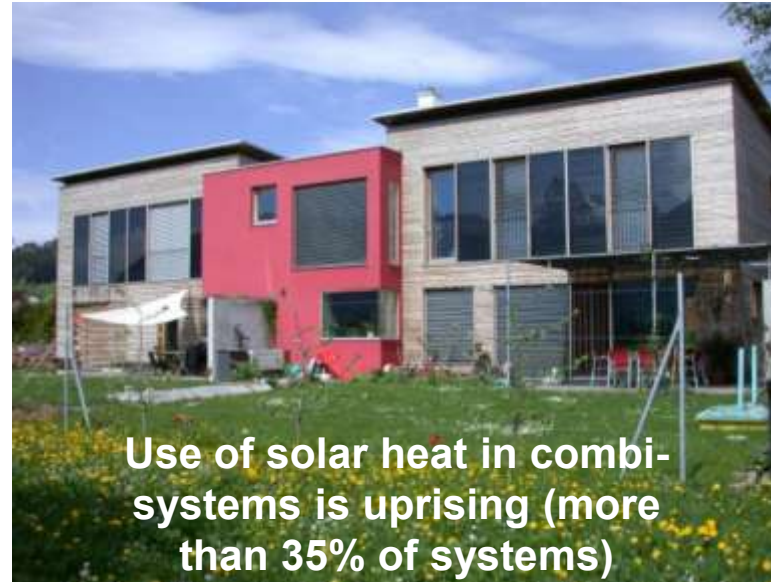
**training centre of a
major league soccer team**



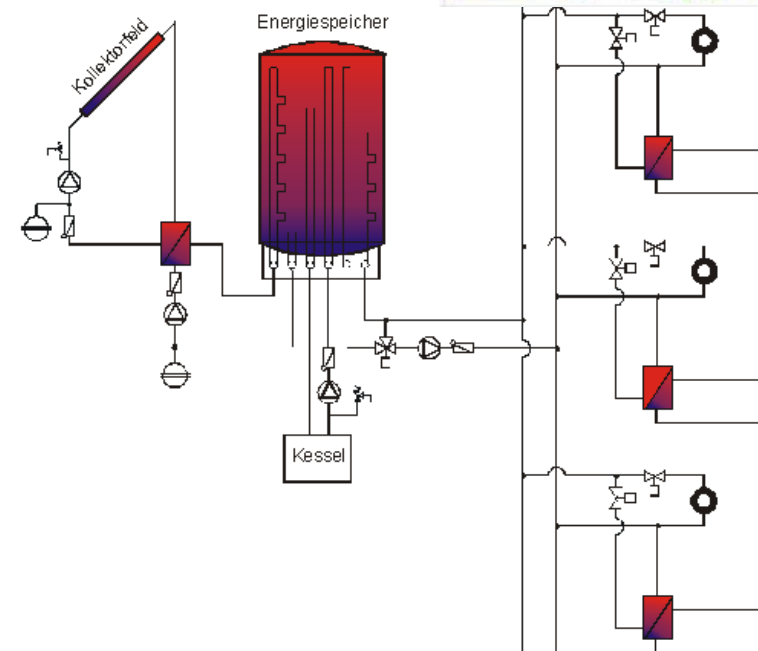
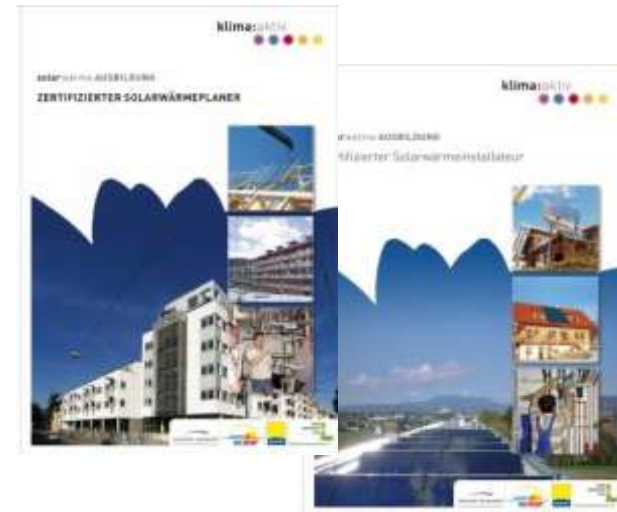
**Tourism sector:
triplication of new installations**



**Use of solar heat in combi-
systems is uprising (more
than 35% of systems)**



- **Specialized training certified solar thermal installer/planner** (CSTS as contentual core theme!) solar thermal consultant, business consuler, facility manager
- **Planning audits** accompaniment of project teams in construction projects of MFH and tourism facilities
- **Workshops for HVAC technicians** half-day workshops focusing on hydraulic concepts and the dimensioning of collective solar thermal systems
- **Intensification of R&D** series of workshop with Austrian solar industry, contribution to ESTTP and founding of ASTTP



Curricula

- concepts for solar systems of all sizes and applications
- dimensioning of systems and components
- building integration
- installation and commissioning
- economics, subsidies, marketing

Duration

- 64 units, written and oral examination
- official individual-certification under certain criteria possible

Costs

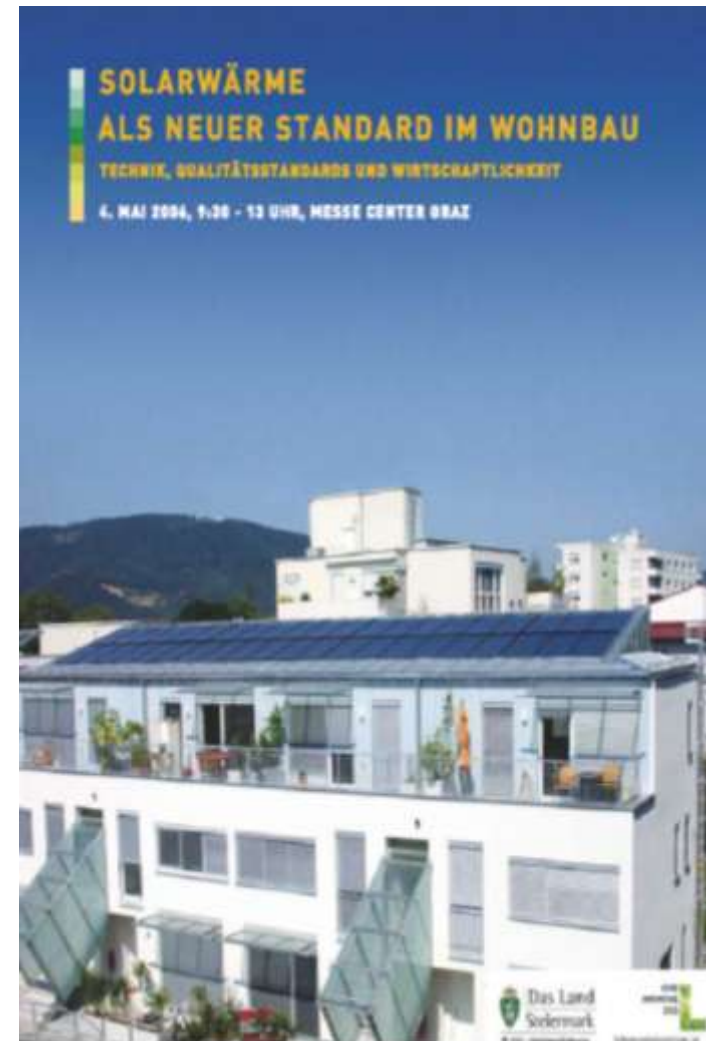
- € 1,200, plus € 150 examination fee

Results

- so far 350 alumni out of 18 courses
- 125 personal certificates granted
- 7 further courses in 2008 fixed



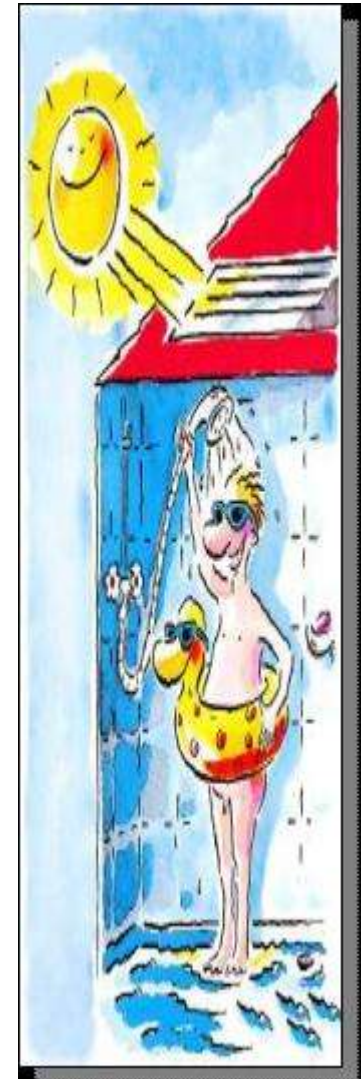
- **Stable, beneficial subsidy policy is a main success factor for the Austrian ST-market!**
- specific high quality information for public authorities (subsidies) & politicians to build on continuity and trust
- advise and support for development of adapted subsidy schemes for SFH, MFH, tourism facilities and sport infrastructure
- influencing the implementation of the EPBD with regards to the integration of solar thermal applications
- promoting federal solar obligations
- **success story: in the federal province of Styria the installation of a solar thermal system is precondition for the granting of housing subsidies**



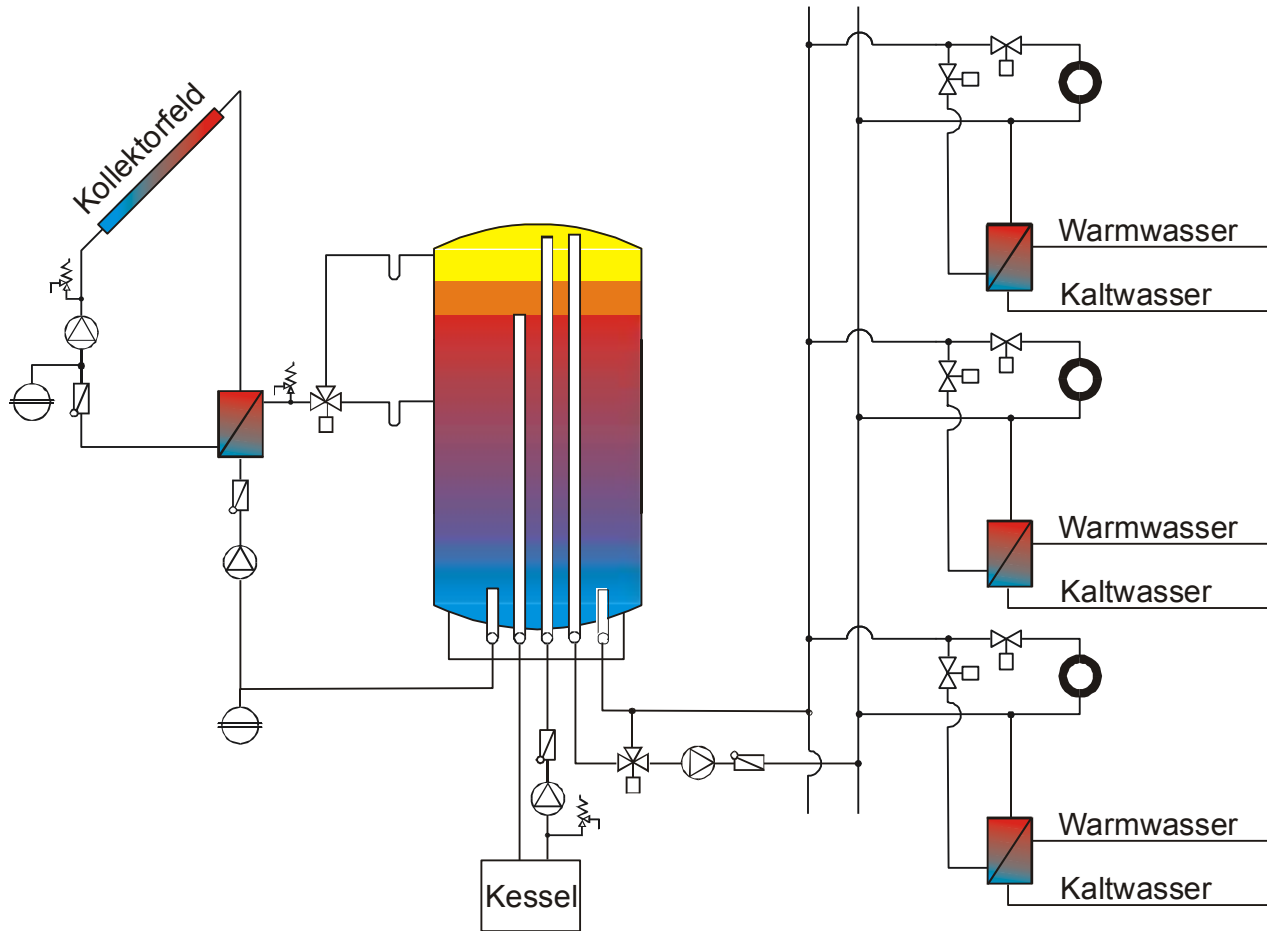
Establishment of new standards for CSTS



- ❖ Solar thermal systems are being a standard application in new build multi family houses (establishment in subsidy schemes respectively as part of obligations)
- ❖ Approved hydraulic layout: „low flow“ solar combi-systems in connection with single solar heat storages wherever possible, 2-pipe-networks for heat distribution in connection with pre-fabricated appartement heat transfer units have established as good standard in new buildings
- ❖ Cost-benefit-optimised dimensioning with solar fractions between 15 und 20 % of the gross energy demand for Austrian climate
- ❖ The quality standard of single components and assembling has to be high
- ❖ Granting of solar results (most frequently as benchmark 350 kWh/m².a) is increasingly applied on the market

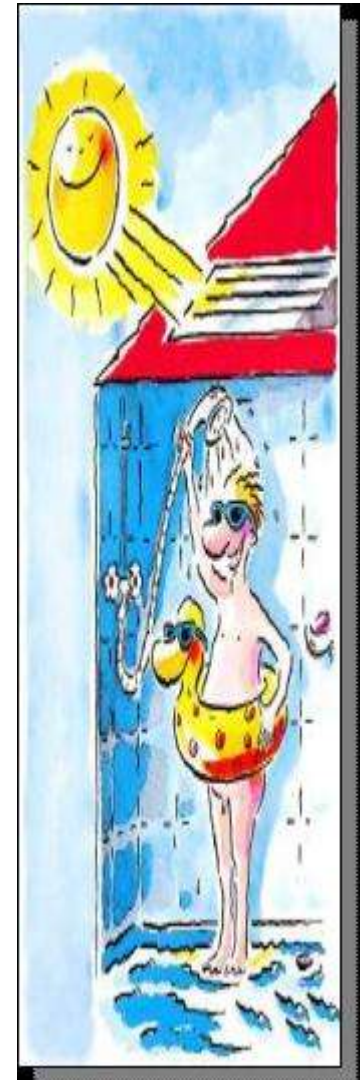


Hydraulic layout: Standardised and simple



- CSTS in low-flow-operation in connection with single solar storages
- Heat distribution via 2-pipe-network
- Domestic hot water heating decentralized by instantaneous flow heating
- Reasonable application with low and high energy densities

- Low back-flow temperatures at nearly constantly 30 °C facilitate the efficient operation of the solar thermal system part
- Heat distribution losses are reduced to a minimum; subsequently high overall system efficiencies are possible
- Design-related, automatically a solar thermal support of space heating is accomplished
- Extensive analysis in Austria approved lower heat prices compared to solar thermal systems connected to 4-pipe-distribution of heat
- Enhancement of user comfort due to no limitation of domestic hot water consumption and no night set back
- Absolutely hygienic domestic hot water preparation
- Industrially pre-fabricated apartment units allow a standardised interface between solar and DHW; reduced risk of defects, no auxiliary power needed for operation



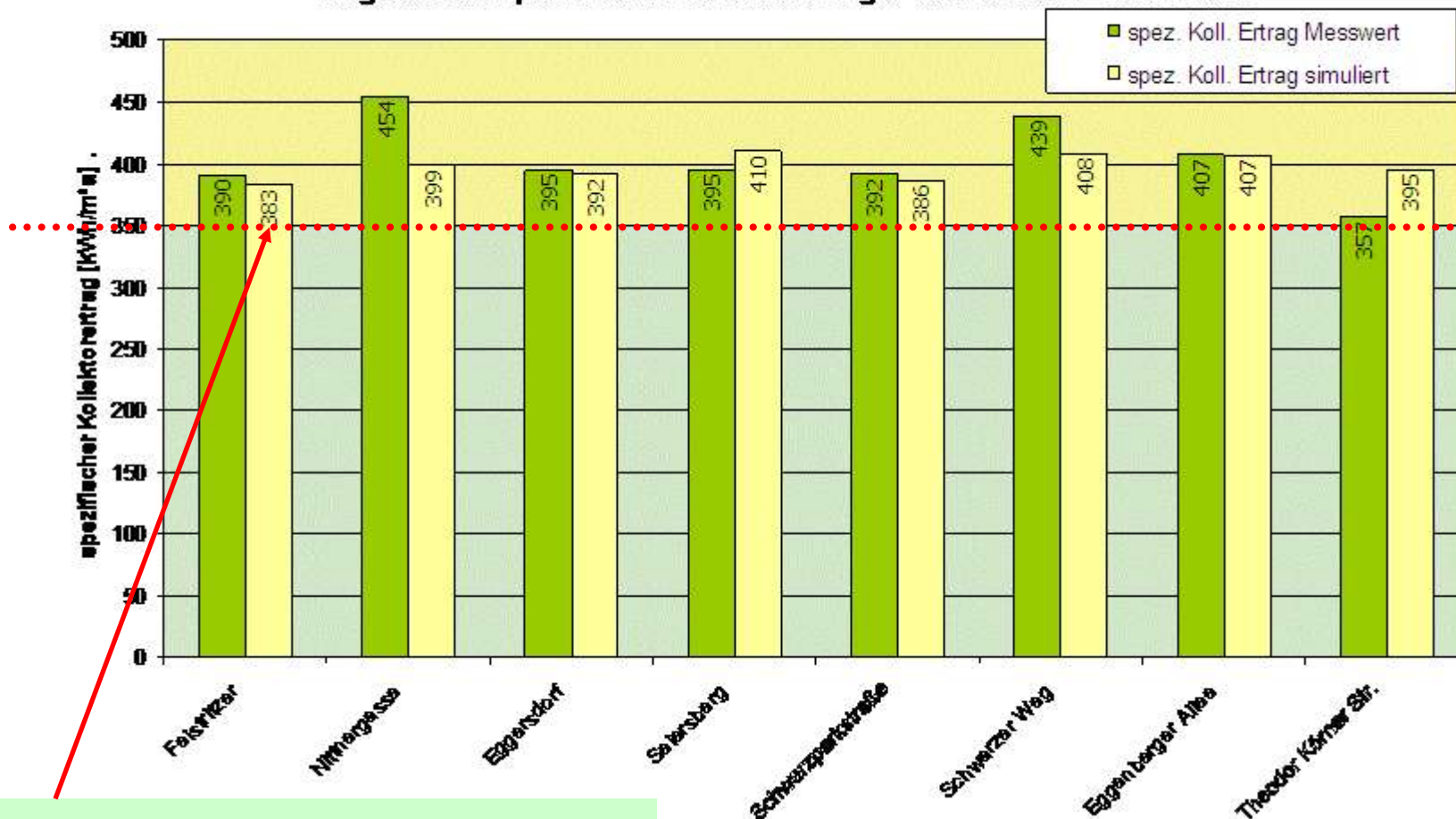
Basic data:

- ❖ 10 Multi family houses with 370 flats
- ❖ Heat distribution via 2-pipe-networks in all projects
- ❖ 1.160 m² collector surface (812 kW_{th}), 102 m³ storage volume
- ❖ Average solar fractions of 15 to 20 % of gross energy demand



Measured specific solar yields

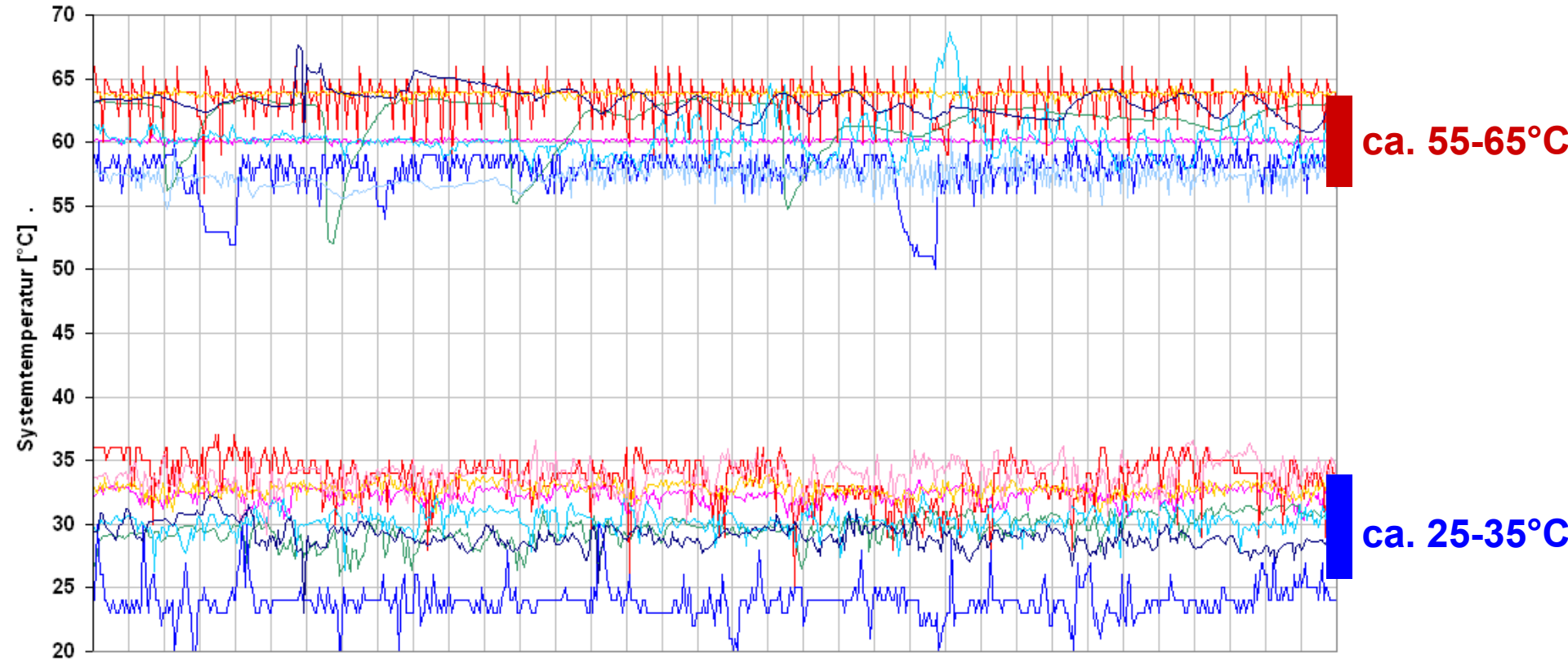
Vergleich der spezifischen Kollektorerträge - Simulation mit Messwert



Guarantee value: 350 kWh/m²a

Measured temperatures in distribution network

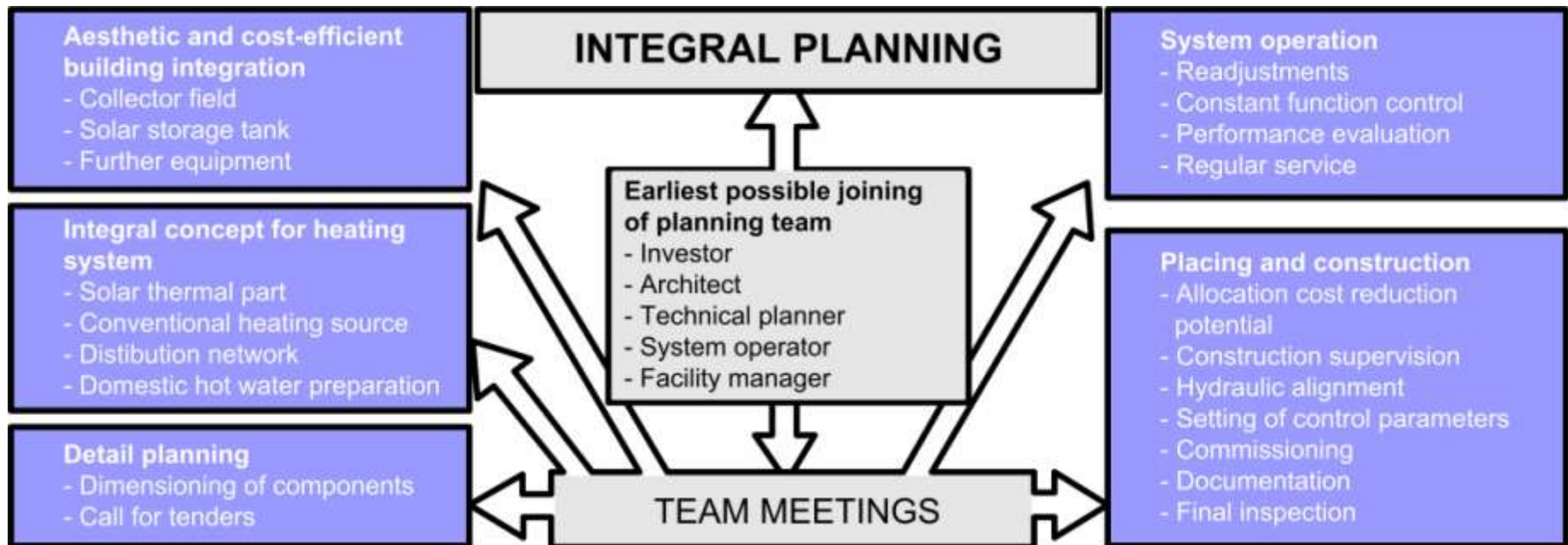
Netzvorlauf- und Netzurücklauftemperaturen von 8 Objekten



Back-flow temperatures around 30°C as basis for the efficient operation of solar thermal systems!

CSTS: factors of success / new organisational standards

1. Integral approach for planning and conversion

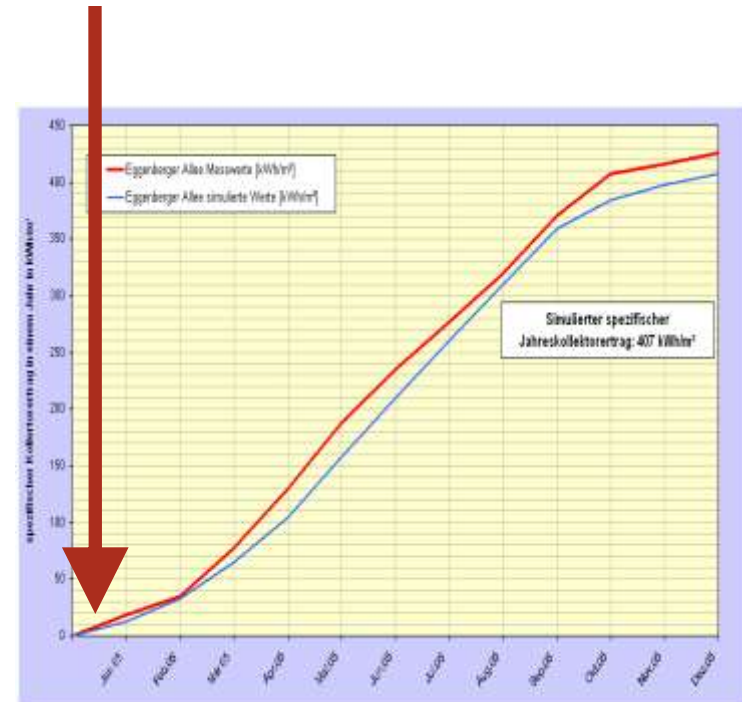
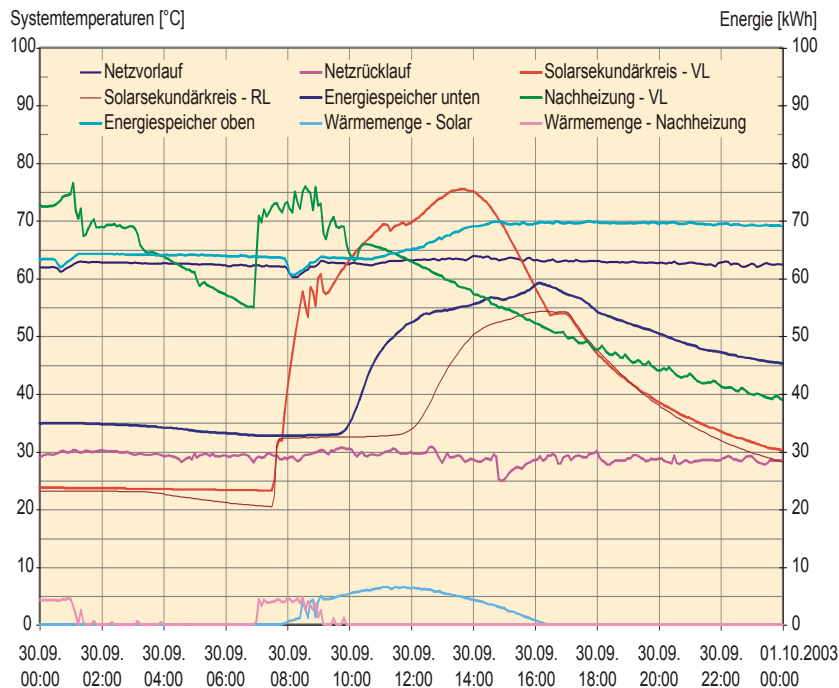


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2. Documented commissioning of the total heating system by the installing company



3. Monitoring and adaptations in the first weeks of operation „optimisation period“



4. Technical acceptance after optimisation period

- During the technical acceptance, the accomplishment of the planning targets are checked
- The optimisation period should be determined to be accomplished before the technical acceptance of the heating system



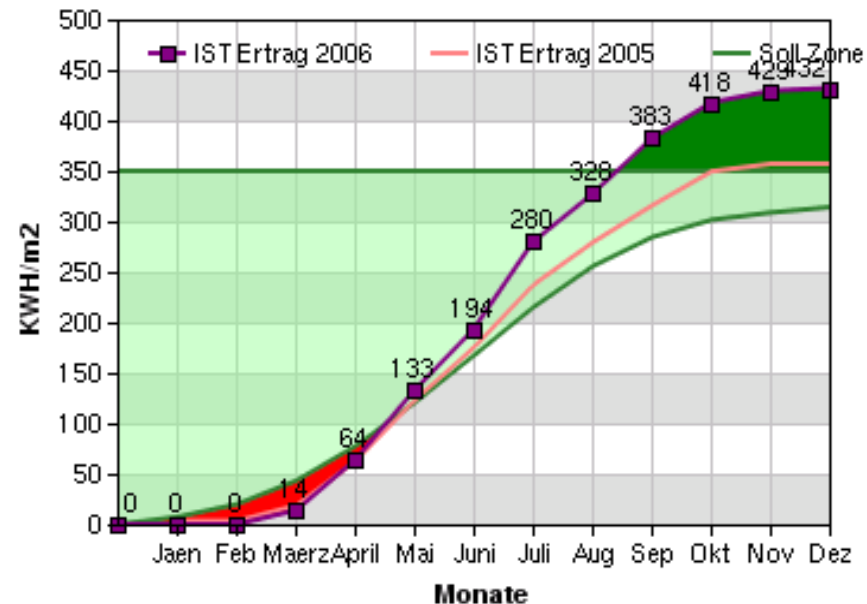
5. Coupling of the solar thermal system part to the routine system control of facility managers and integration of the solar thermal system in maintenance contracts for the heating system

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6. Contracts with determined minimum specific solar yields; clarification of responsibilities

- Most frequently with approved benchmark „function“ value of 350 kWh/m²a for multi family houses (in Austria increasingly guaranteed by experienced system operators)
- Also back-flow temperatures of the 2-pipe-network (max. 40°C) can be made part of the contract



Initiative for quality assurance has to be administered by the investor:

- Ensurement of frame conditions for **integral planning process**
- Establishment **quality requirements** in call for tenders and contracts
- Initiation of frequent **operation monitoring** of the solar supported heating system



Reaching the goals together!



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