



Digital  
Transformation  
CoLab



Experiencing  
the Future

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dtx-colab.pt

- DTx is a **non-profit private association**;
- Carries out its activity doing applied research in different areas linked to **digital transformation**;
- Constituted by **18 associated members**:

*Three universities, One international laboratory, One innovation centre, Thirteen companies*



- Activities are carried out at its **three locations**: Minho (Guimarães and Braga), Matosinhos and Évora

# Goals of Digital Transformation CoLab



NEW HOLISTIC APPROACHES  
IN THE CONCEPTION AND  
DEVELOPMENT OF CYBER-  
PHYSIC SYSTEMS (CPS)



NEW METHODS OF  
ASSESSING THE CREATION  
OF VALUE



TO ASSESS THE ECONOMIC,  
SOCIAL AND LEGAL IMPACTS

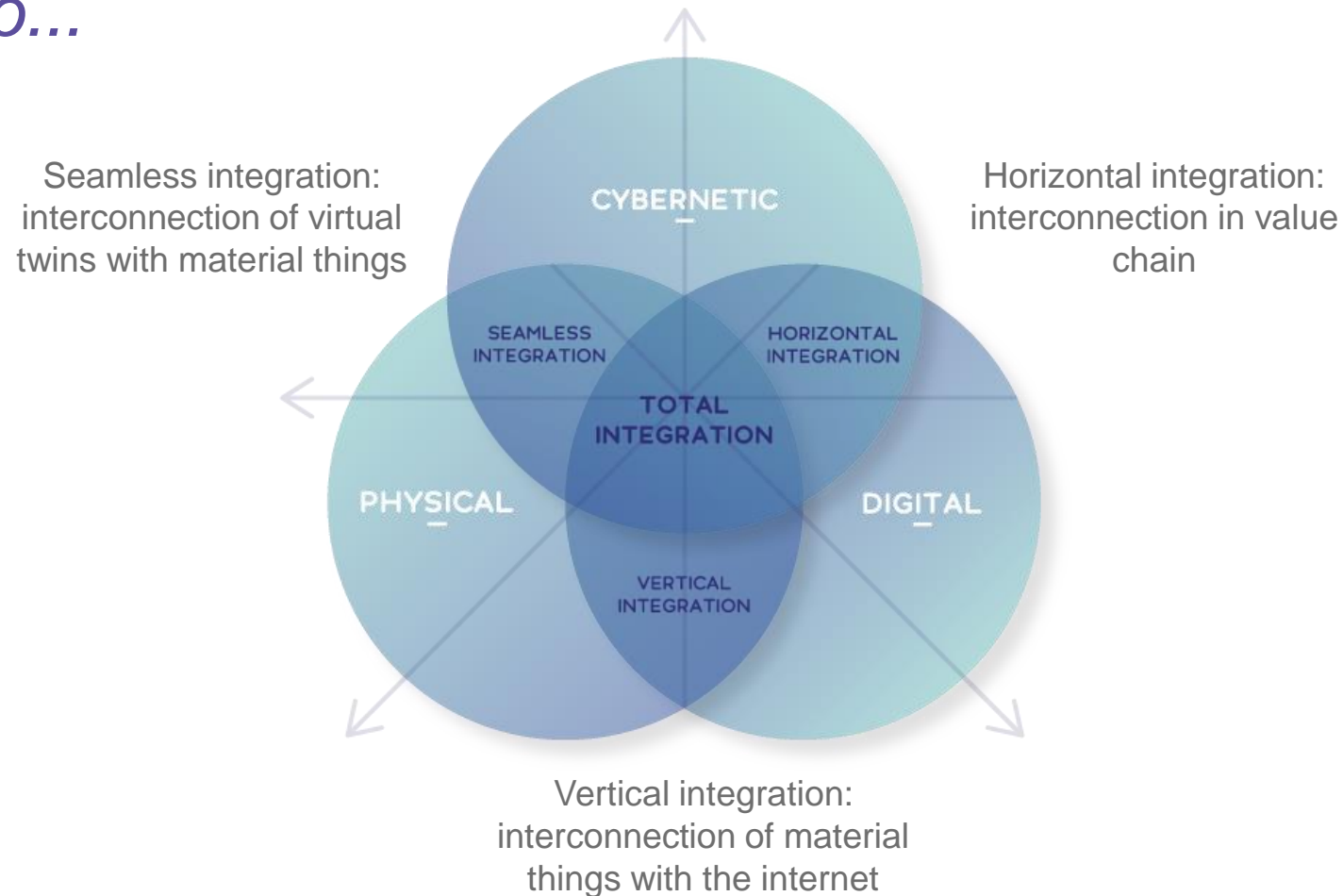


DIGITAL ECOLOGY  
EFFICIENCY



TO PROMOTE COOPERATION  
BETWEEN THE ACADEMY  
AND THE INDUSTRY

## *What we do...*



# FOAM@IBERIA 2019

Conjugate Heat Transfer Training Session

The solarLoad Radiation Model

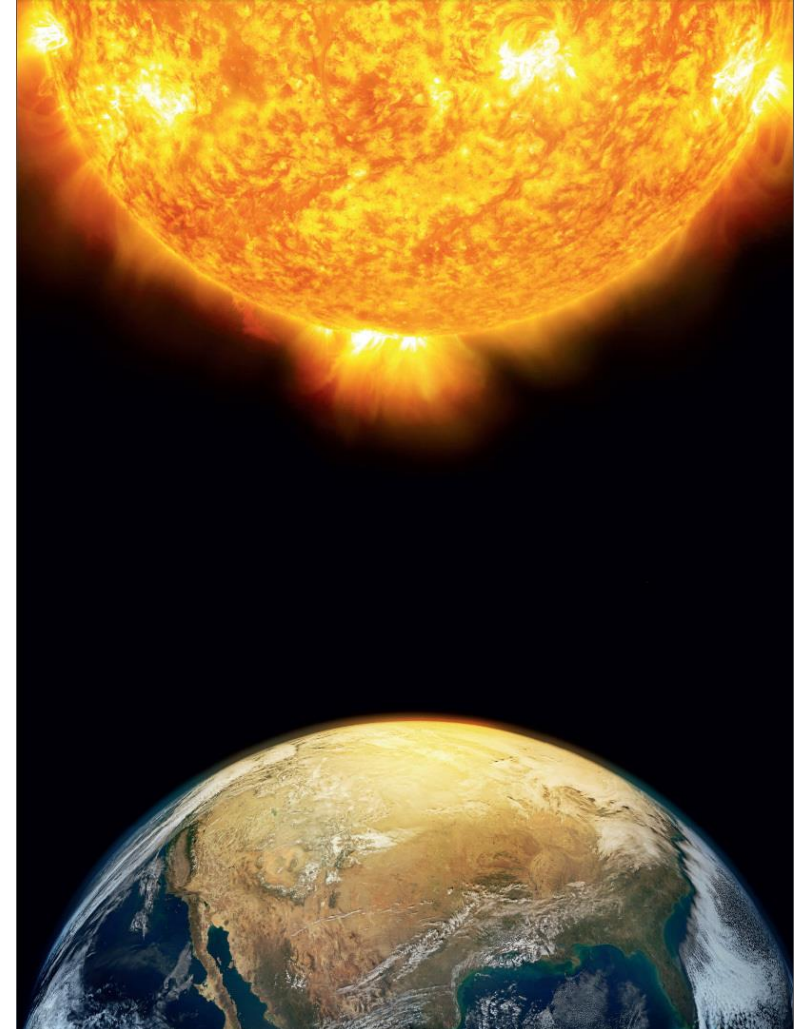
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# Outline

- A brief overview about Solar Radiation
- Create a Conjugate Heat Transfer case with the *solarLoad* model

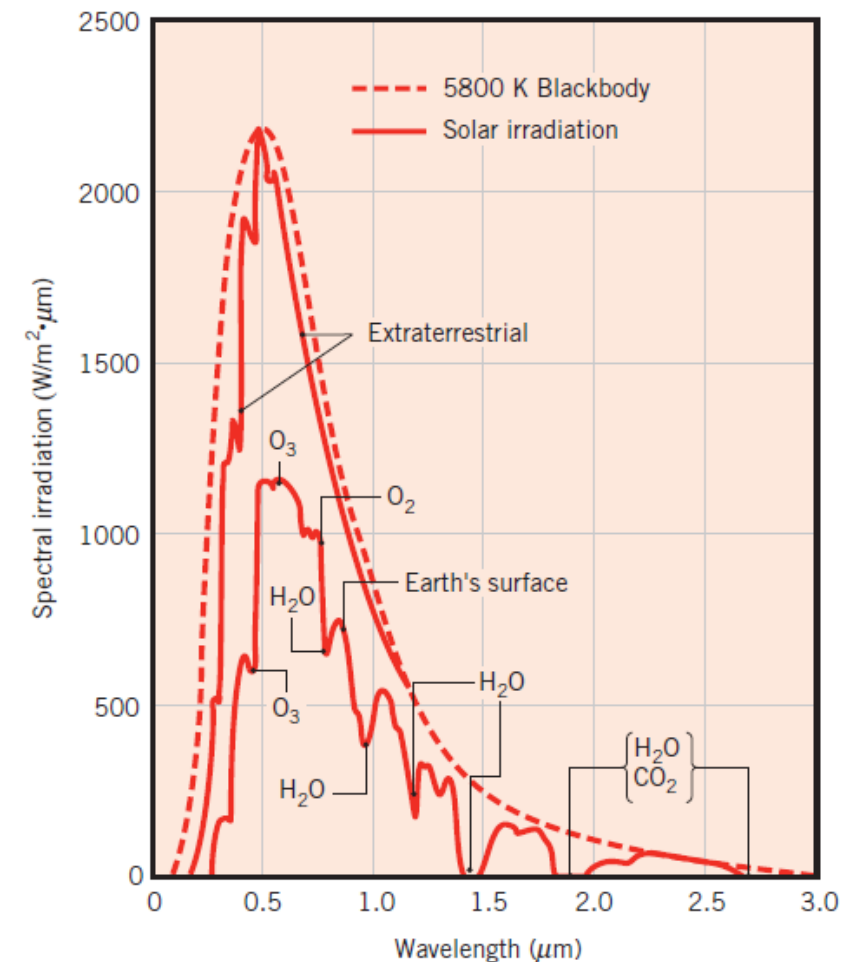
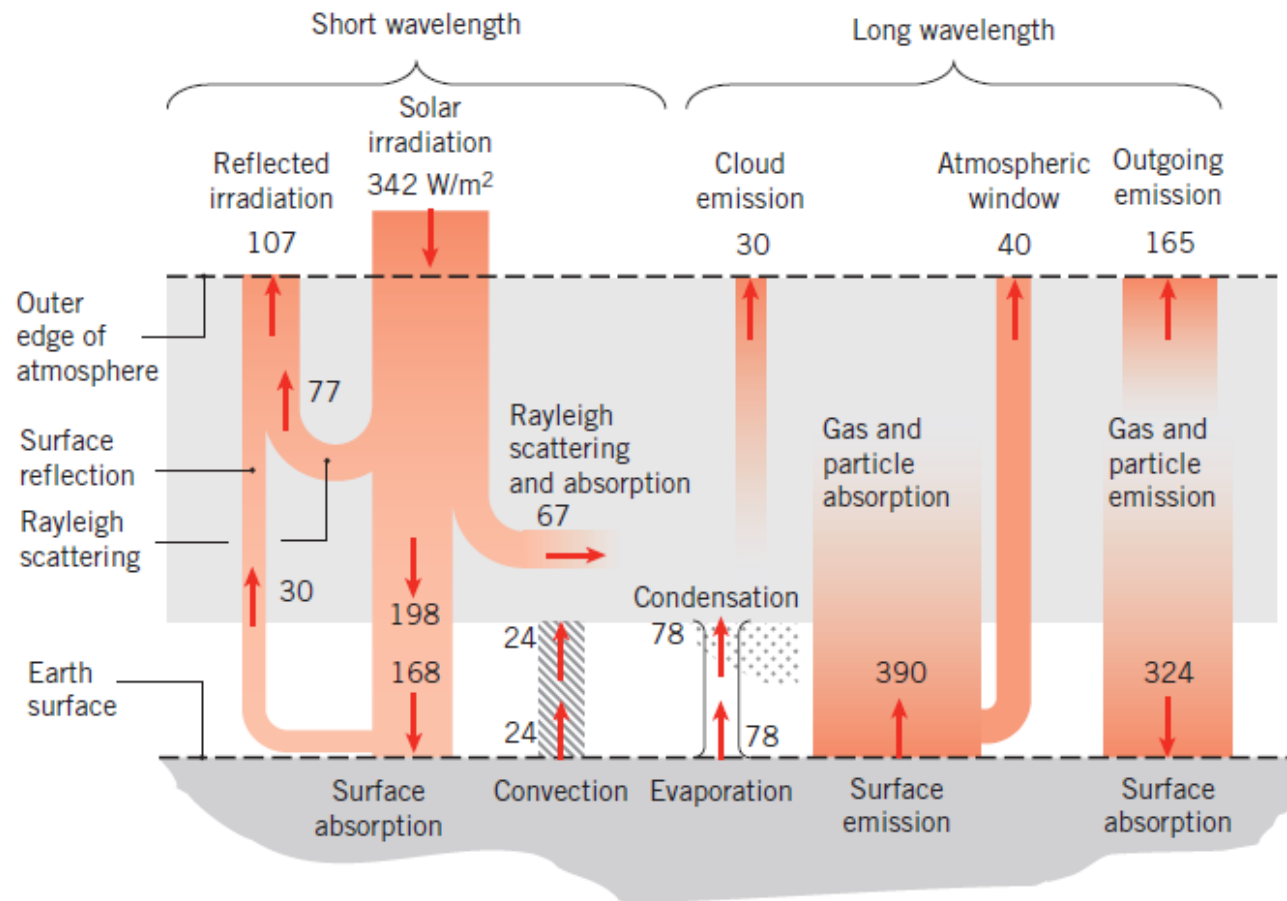
# Solar Radiation - *Overview*

- Solar radiation is essential for life existence on earth;
- It carries an unlimited resource of energy.



# Solar Load - Overview

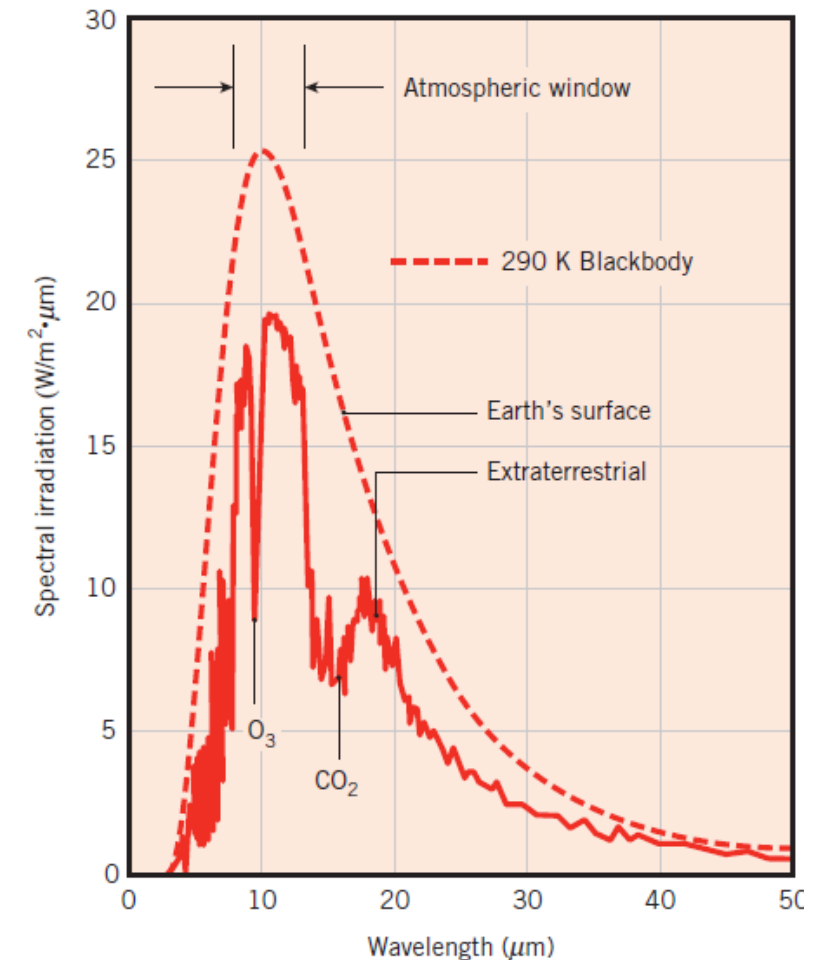
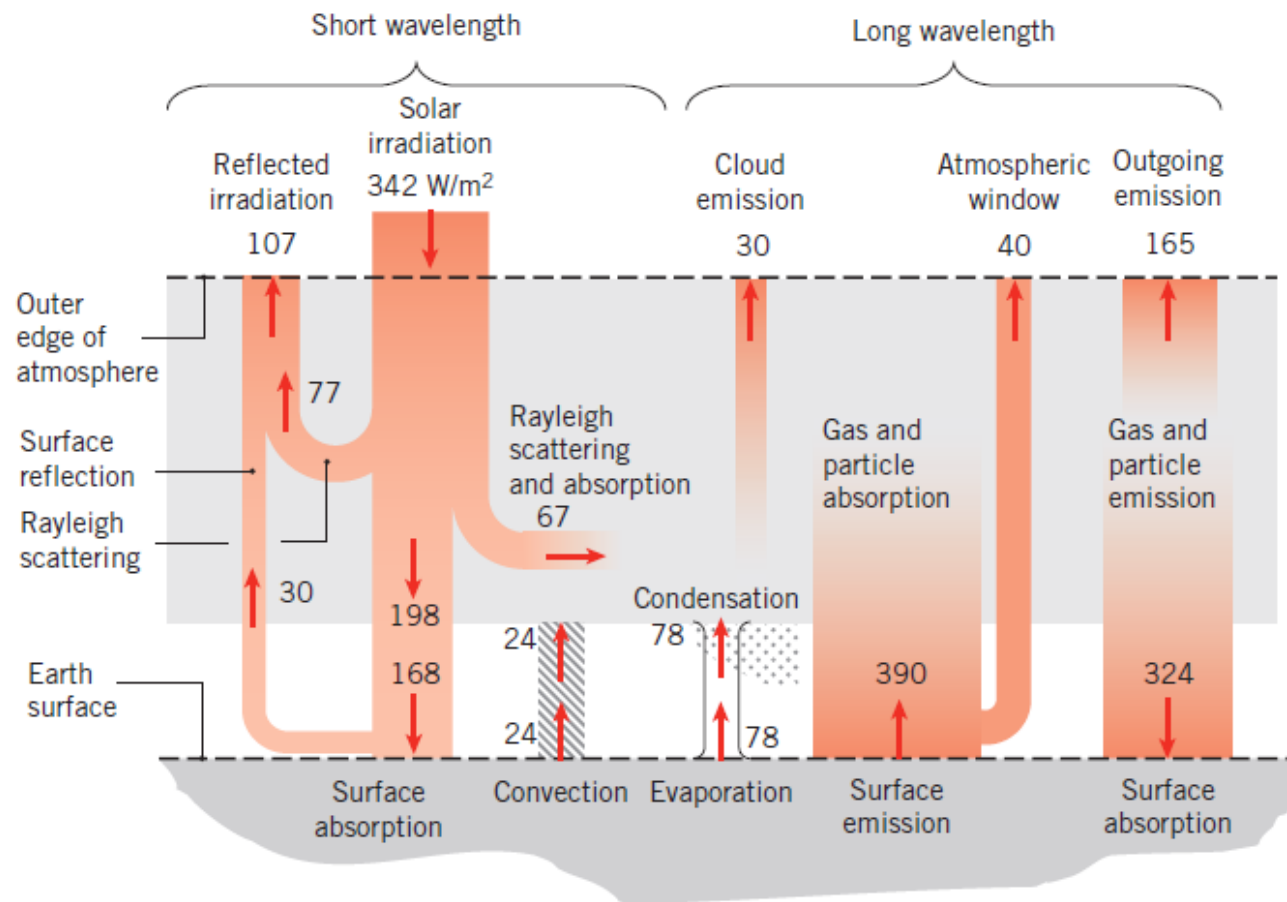
## Downward-Propagating Solar Irradiation (*Short Wavelength*)





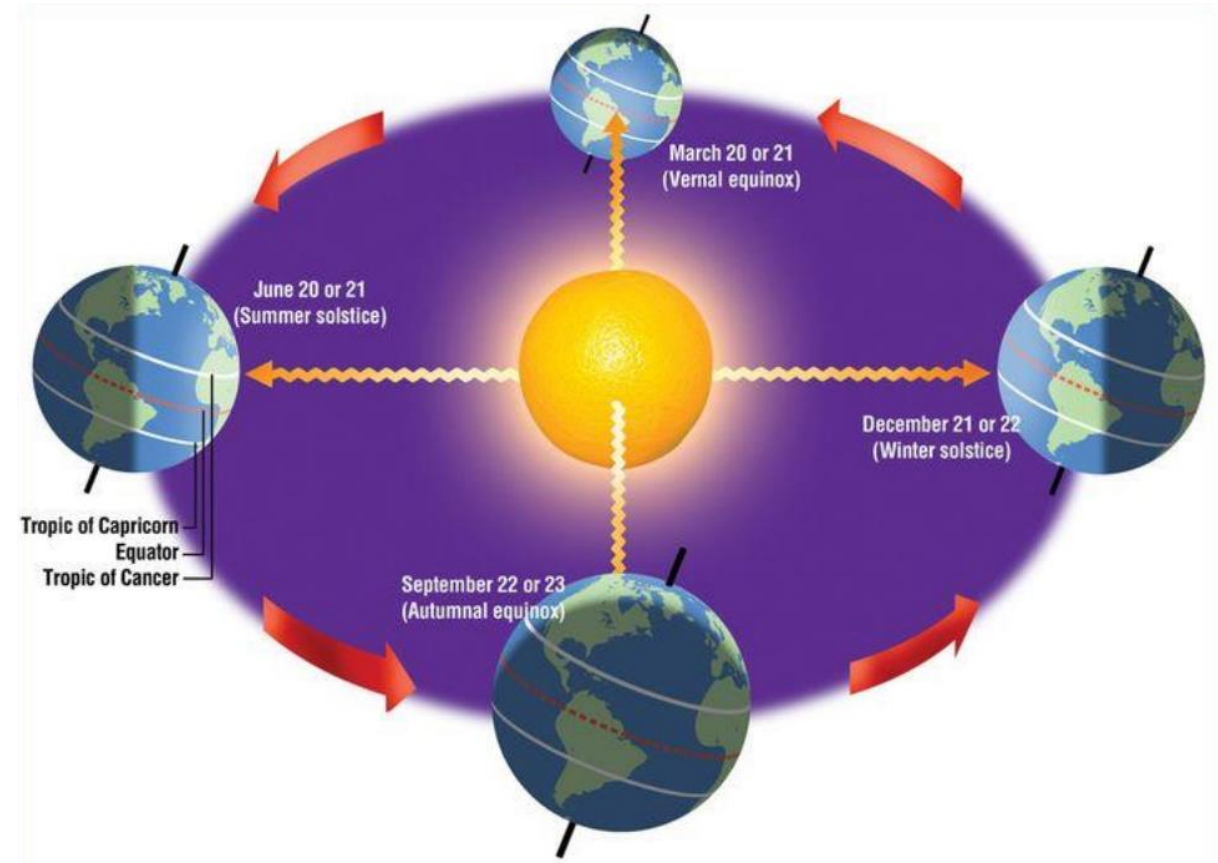
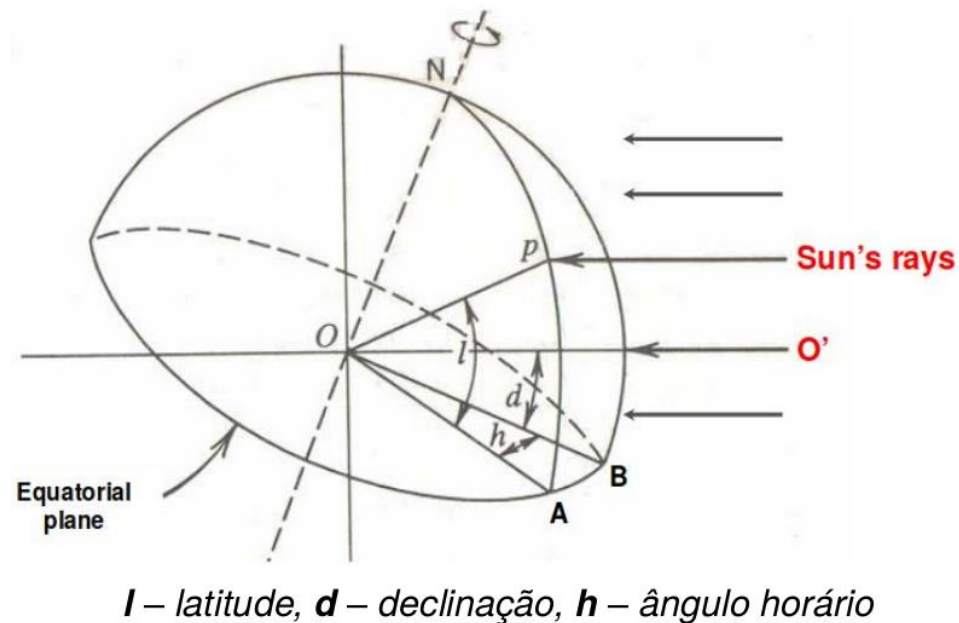
# Solar Load - Overview

## Upward-Propagating Environmental Radiation (*Long Wavelength*)



# Solar Load - Overview

*The magnitude of the solar radiation incident on the outer edge of the earth's atmosphere depends on the time (day and year) and latitude*

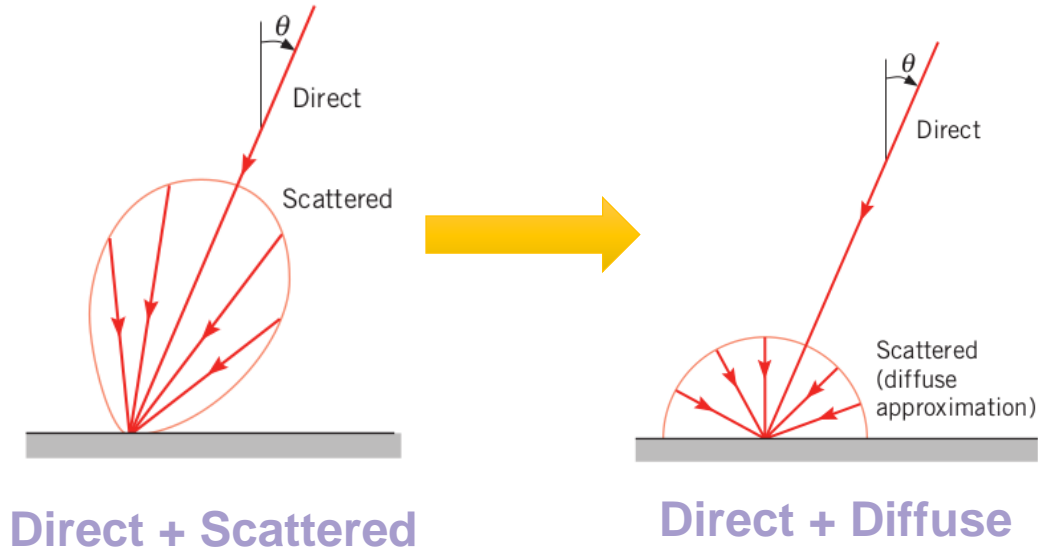


*Extraterrestrial Solar Irradiation,  $G_{S,o}$ :*

$$G_{S,o} = S_c f \cos(\theta)$$

$$G_{S,o} \approx 342 \text{ W/m}^2$$

# Solar Irradiation on Earth's Surface Approximation



**ASHRAE's Handbook Fair Weather Condition approach:**

$$G_{tot,\theta} = G_{direct} \cdot \cos(\theta) + G_{diffuse,\theta} + G_{reflec,\theta}$$

$$G_{direct} = A \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{B}{\sin\beta}\right)$$

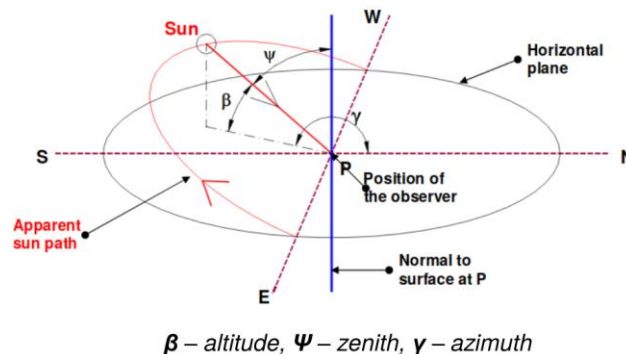
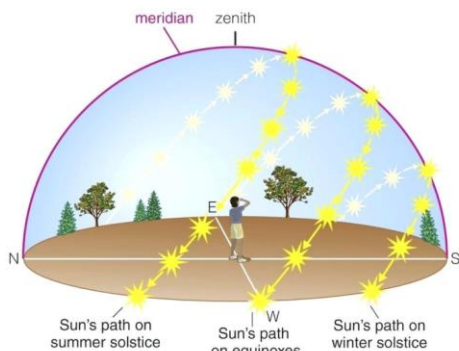
A – Apparent Solar Irradiation  
B – Atmospheric Extinction Coefficient  
[0.14 winter, 0.21 summer]

$$G_{diffuse} = C \cdot G_{direct} \cdot F_{ws}$$

C – Solar diffusivity constant [0.058 winter, 0.135 summer]  
Fws – View factor

$$G_{reflect} = (G_{direct} + G_{diffuse})\rho_g F_{wg}$$

$\rho_g$  – Ground Reflectivity  
Fwg – View factor

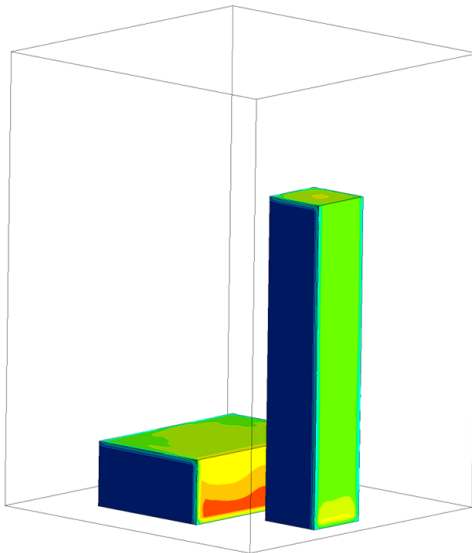


# Solar Load - *Applications*

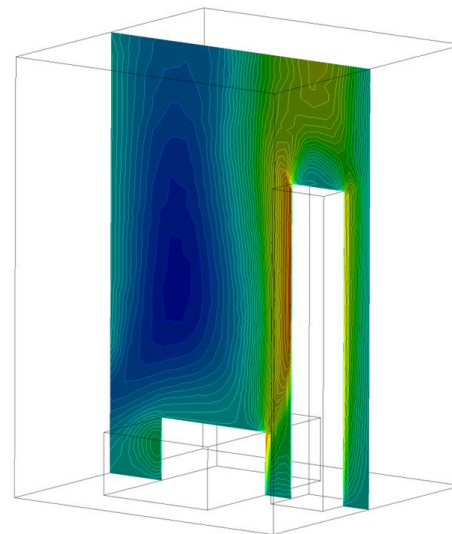
## Buildings thermal balance



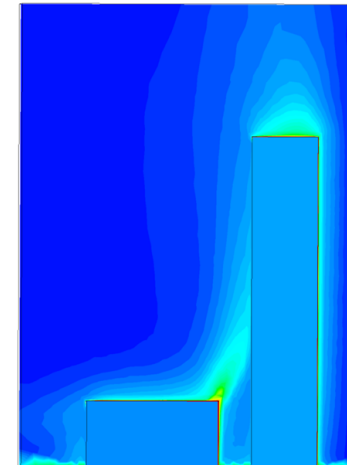
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528.27  
480.61  
432.96  
385.30  
337.65  
289.99  
242.34  
194.68  
147.03  
99.37  
[F]



Velocity u  
Contour 3  
1.16  
1.03  
0.91  
0.78  
0.66  
0.53  
0.41  
0.29  
0.16  
0.04  
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-0.21  
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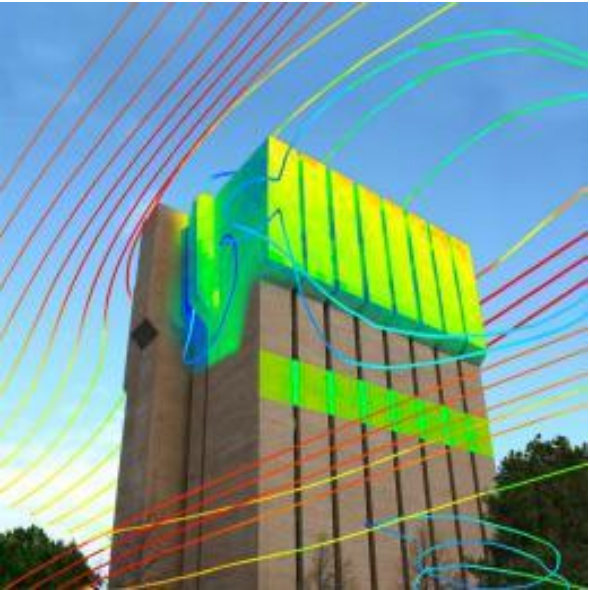
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Contour 2  
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194.85  
186.08  
177.30  
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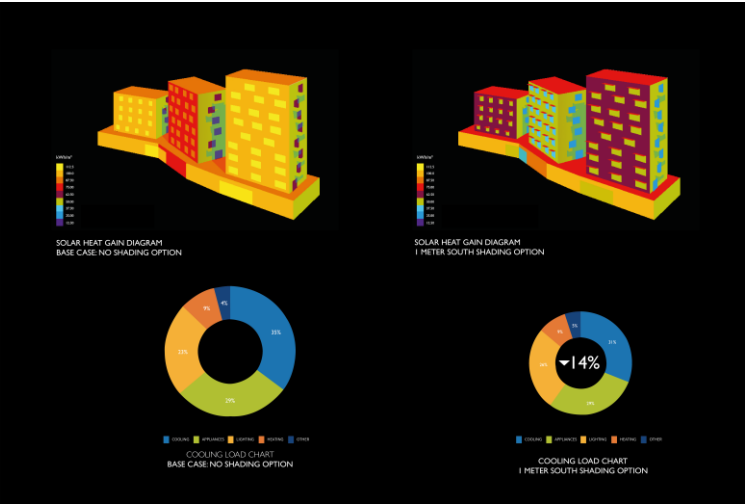
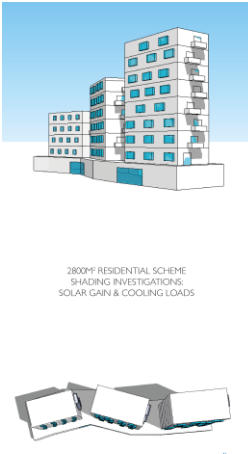
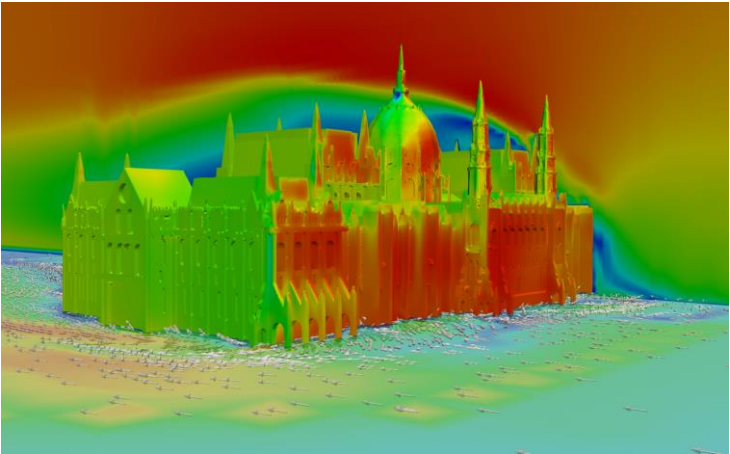
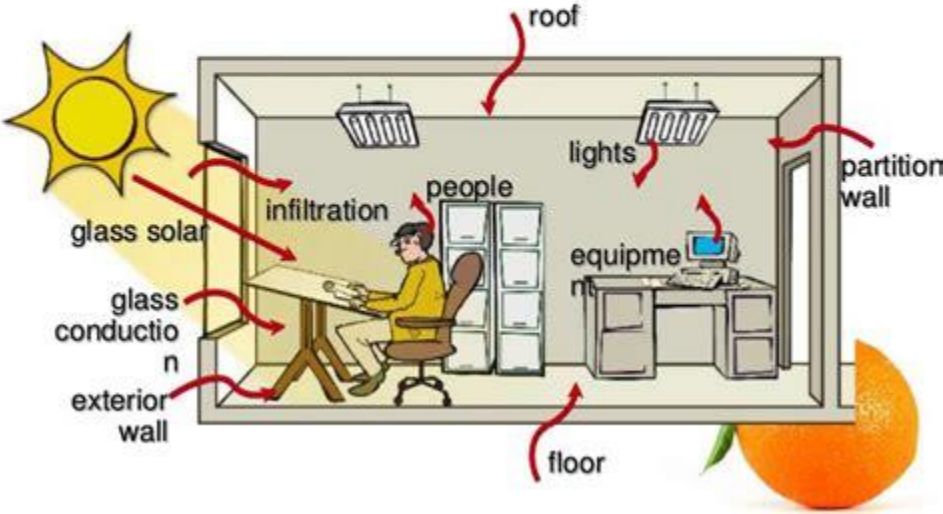


# Solar Load - Applications

## HVAC

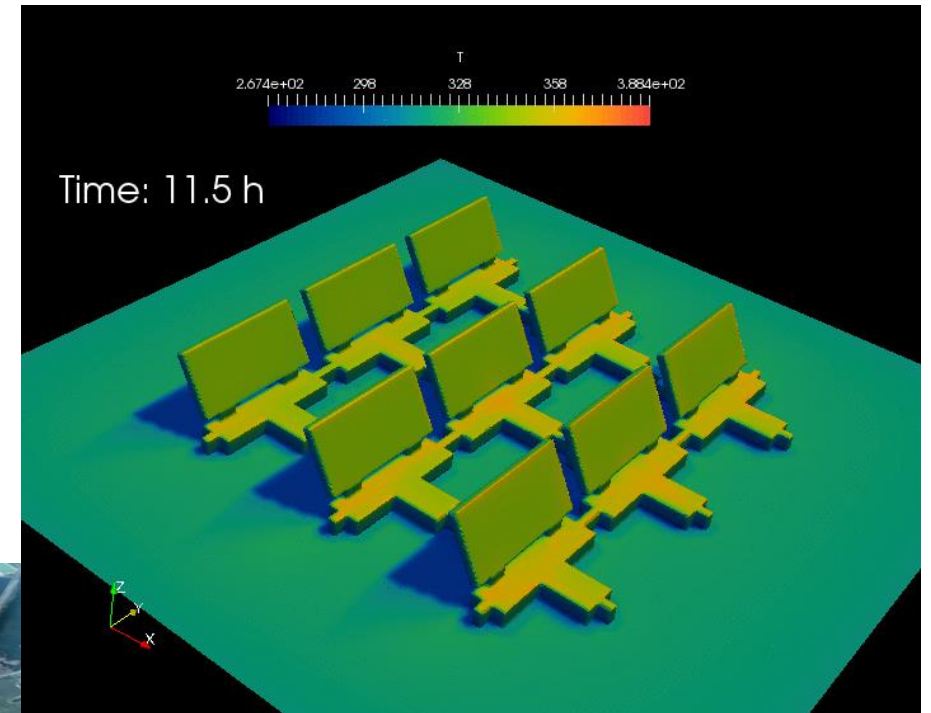


### Cooling Load Components



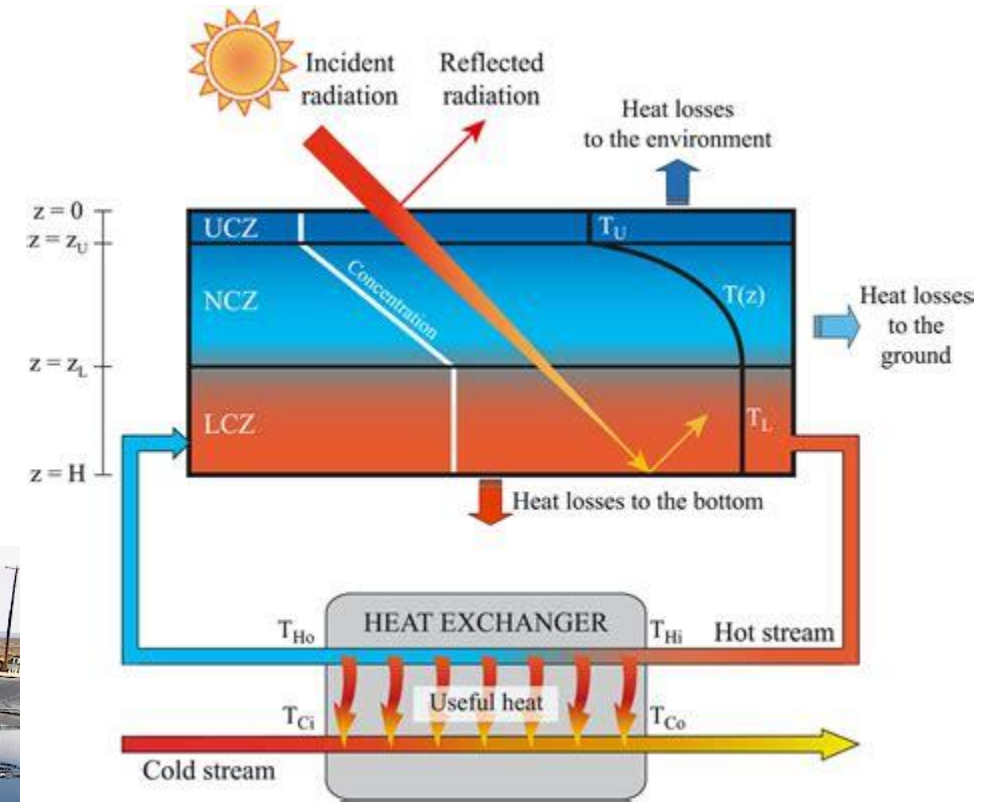
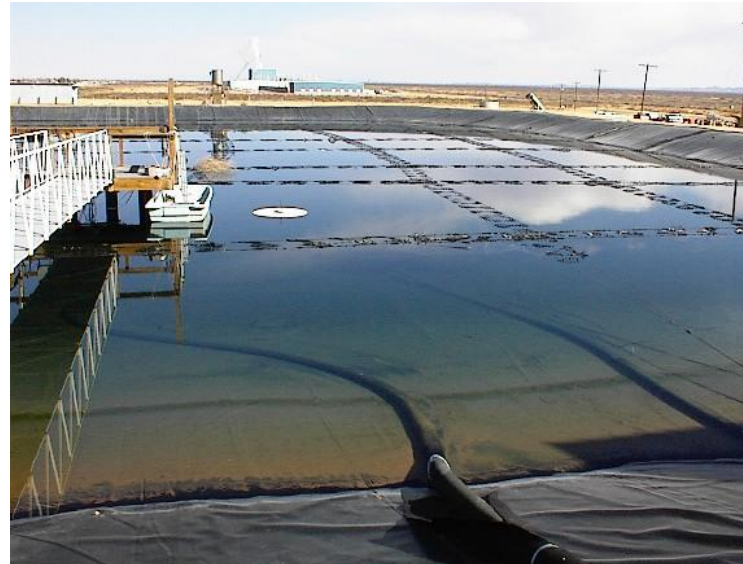
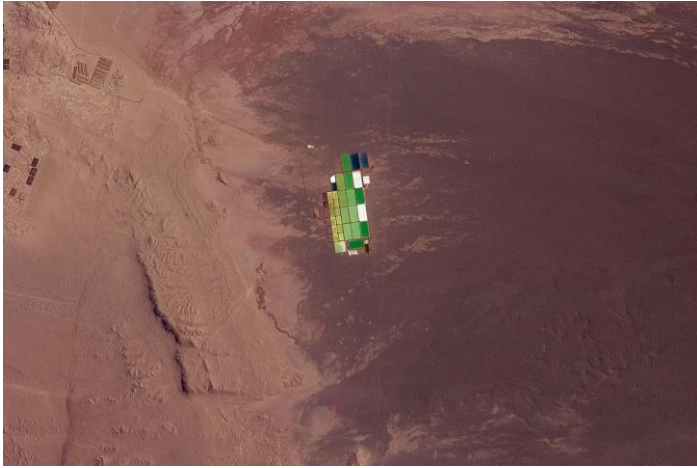
# Solar Load - *Applications*

## Solar Energy



# Solar Load - *Applications*

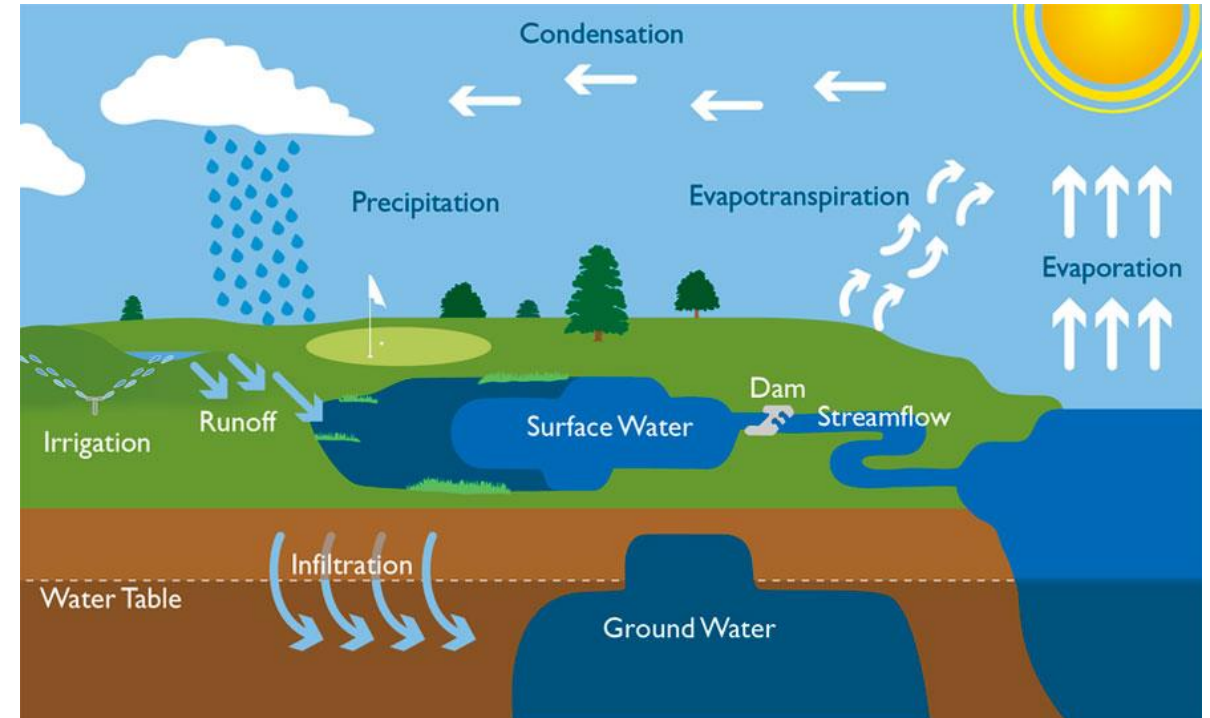
## Solar Ponds





# Solar Load - *Applications*

## Evapotranspiration





# Solar Load Model in OpenFOAM®

- First announcement in January 2016 with the launch of **OpenFOAM® v3.0+**;
- Includes **sun primary hits** (*via face shading algorithm*), **reflective fluxes** (*via view factors method*) and **diffusive sky radiative fluxes** (*via ASHRAE's Fair Weather Conditions Method*);
- Reflected fluxes uses a grey absorption/emission model which is weighed by the spectral distribution;
- Can be used in conjunction of P1, fvDOM and View Factor radiation models;
- The model includes a solar calculator which computes the solar rays direction.

