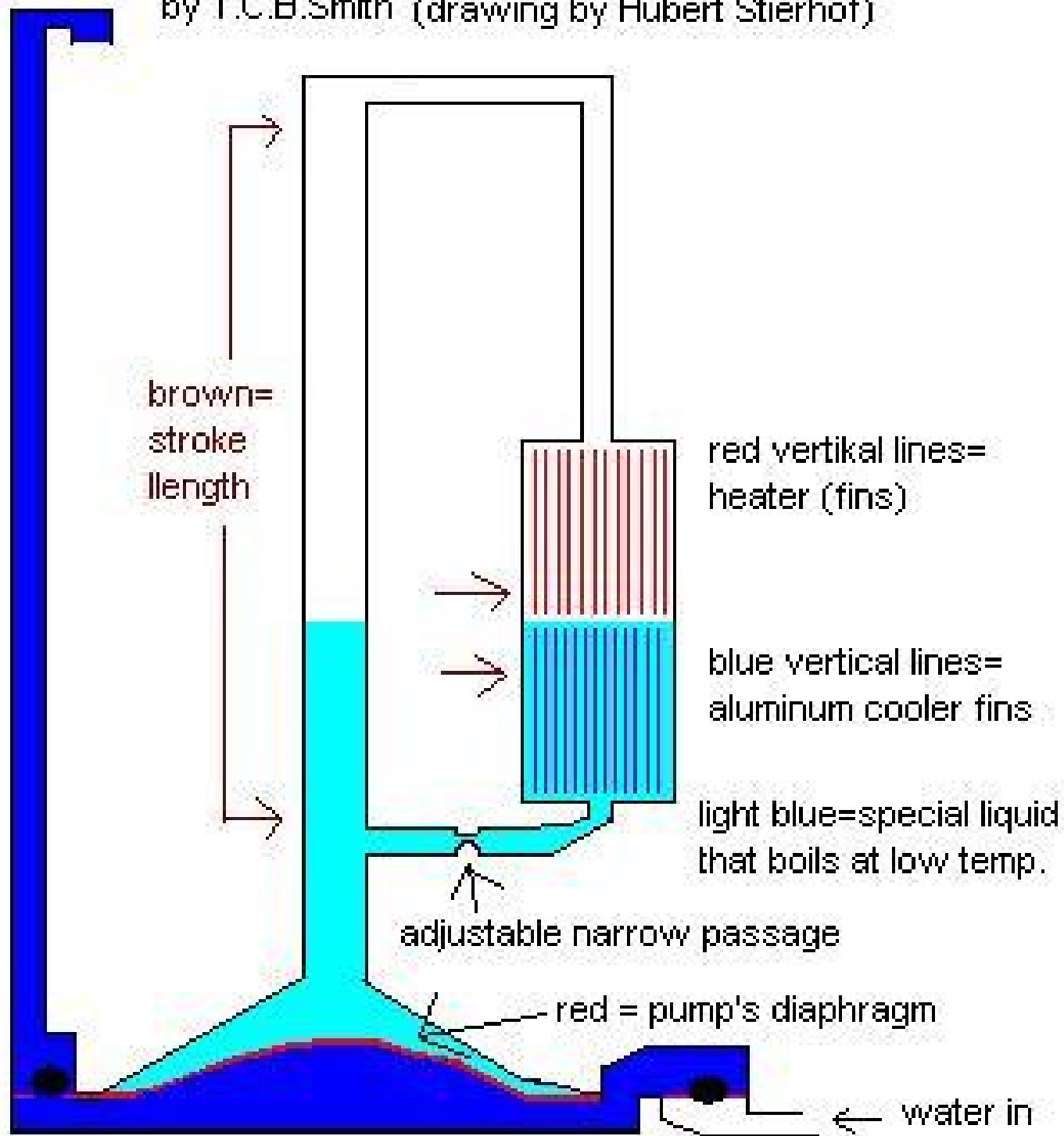
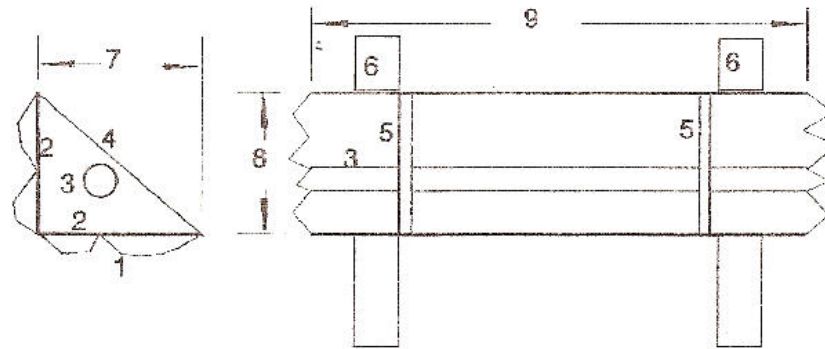


NIFTE (Non-Inertia-Feedback-Thermofluidic-Engine  
by T.C.B.Smith (drawing by Hubert Stierhof)



# DIY SOLAR WATER HEATER

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Test Data Available on request.



## GENERAL CONSTRUCTION

1. Half sawn poles to give flat inside surface. Or planks, planed one side.
2. Flat surfaces @ 90 degrees covered with aluminium foil. \*\*
3. 1" nb. black iron pipe. Or copper pipe.
4. Glass/perspex cover
5. Pipe and reflective surface supports.
6. Main supports (eg, fence posts)
7. Width, approx 16 cm
8. Height approx. 16 cm
9. Length, can be several hundred meters, depending on site.

## NOTES

\*\* These surfaces must be exactly at right angles. With the back surface vertical. And the front surface level as far as possible.

Any domestic aluminium foil is suitable. Using any cheap adhesive to glue it to the planks. Adhesive backed foil is available but is more expensive.

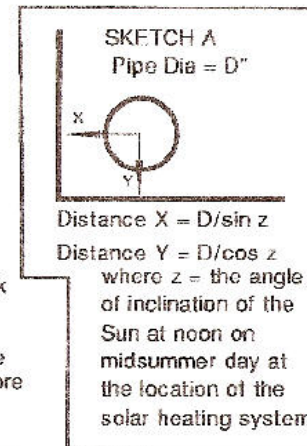
The position of the pipe in relation to the reflective surfaces is governed by the latitude of the installation, and the sunlight reflective paths. See sketch A.

The whole unit must face directly South, and be in full sunlight at all times. i.e no shading from trees etc.

The system can be used in two ways:-

1. Continuous flow. Water is pumped through the pipes, and is heated to about 80-90°F for central heating.

2. Discontinuous flow. A thermostat at the exit end of the system is set to the maximum temperature expected (about 140°F) with a cut off at (say) 110°F. Once the top temperature is reached the thermostat switches on a pump to deliver the hot water to a storage tank for baths, washing etc. At the lower temperature the pump is switched off to allow further heating of the water in the system piping.



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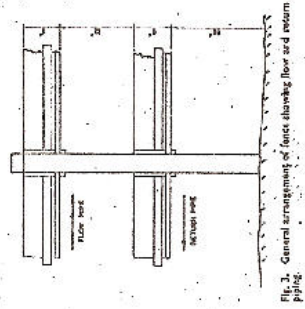


Fig. 2. General arrangement of fence showing flow and return piping.

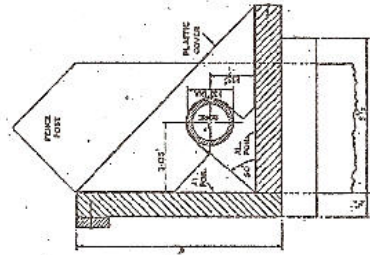
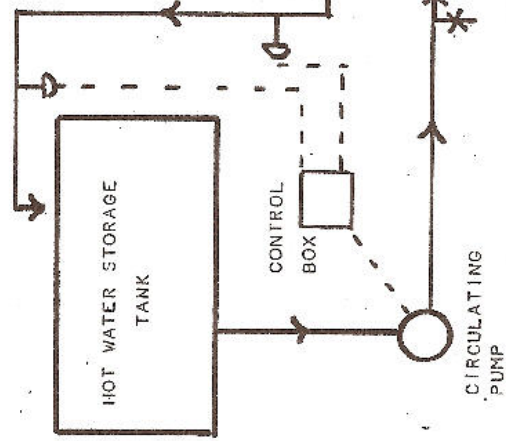


Fig. 3. Sectional view of pipe collector.



COST (DO IT YOURSELF)  
COLLECTOR ONLY ABOUT £1500 (NEW MAT'L'S)

KWHR/YEAR UP TO 21000, WATER TEMP UP TO 75C  
KWHRS/ANNUM/F = 7 TO 14

FINCOMP/£ CAPITAL = 0.2 TO 0.4

120M  
POST & RAILS FENCE WITH COLLECTOR AS THE "RAILS"  
SHOULD FACE DUE SOUTH

Client Ref: A/31005/SOL

Mrs Barbara Carter's Solar Heat Concentrator

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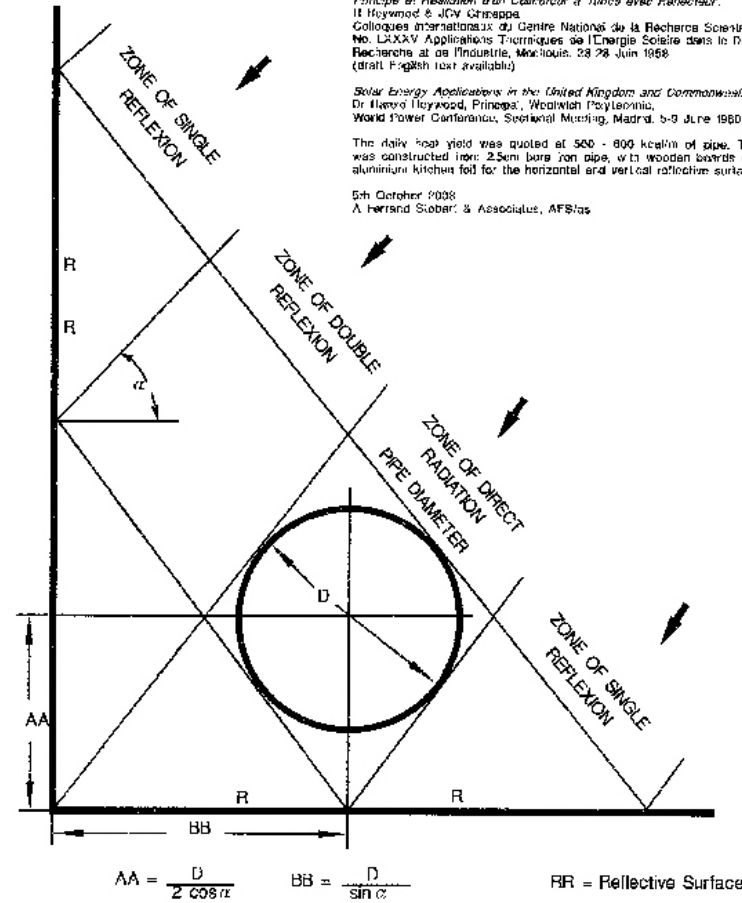
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The daily heat yield was quoted as 500 - 600 kcal/m<sup>2</sup> of pipe. The test unit was constructed using 2.5cm bore iron pipe, with wooden boards covered with aluminium kitchen foil for the horizontal and vertical reflective surfaces.

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Where  $\alpha$  = the sun's inclination at midday on midsummer day

The diagram below shows the extreme positions for the Caterheat Solar Water Heater pipe for Latitudes from 56 N. [Edinburgh] to 40 N [Madrid].

The dimensions are for a 25 mm OD pipe are:  
 AA lower pipe position 23.6 mm, upper pipe position 44.6mm  
 BB lower pipe position 29.5mm, upper pipe position 25.7mm

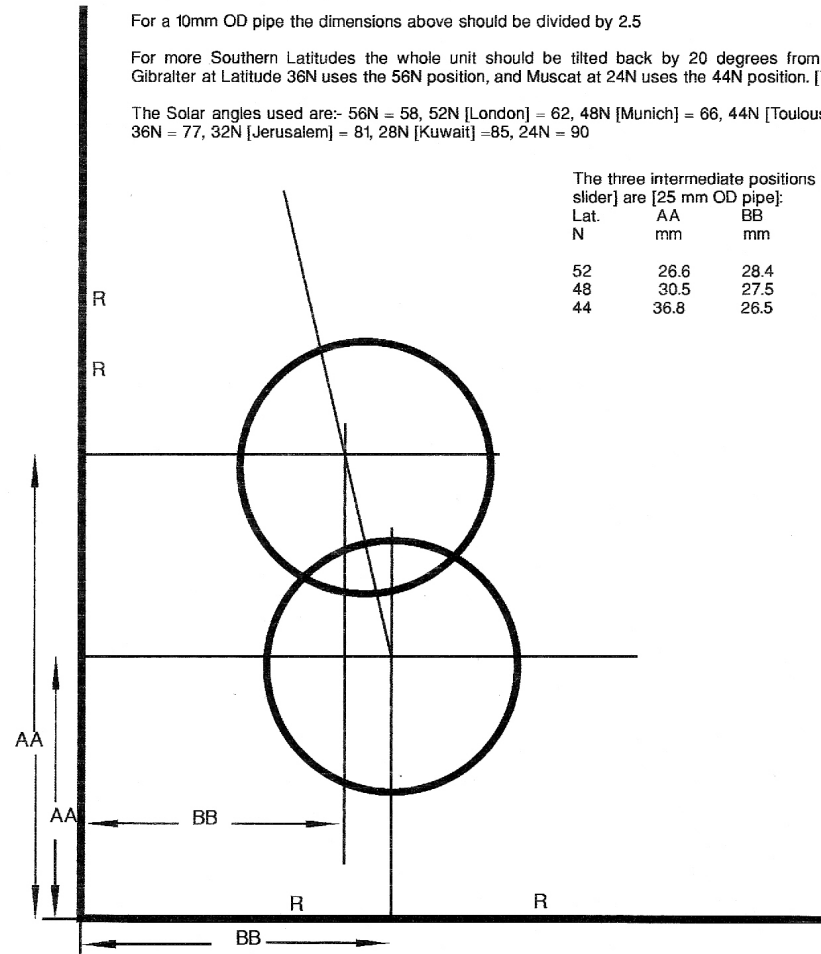
For a 10mm OD pipe the dimensions above should be divided by 2.5

For more Southern Latitudes the whole unit should be tilted back by 20 degrees from the vertical, when Gibraltar at Latitude 36N uses the 56N position, and Muscat at 24N uses the 44N position. [Tropic of Cancer]

The Solar angles used are:- 56N = 58, 52N [London] = 62, 48N [Munich] = 66, 44N [Toulouse] = 70, 40N = 74, 36N = 77, 32N [Jerusalem] = 81, 28N [Kuwait] = 85, 24N = 90

The three intermediate positions [for marking on the slider] are [25 mm OD pipe]:

Lat. N	AA mm	BB mm
52	26.6	28.4
48	30.5	27.5
44	36.8	26.5

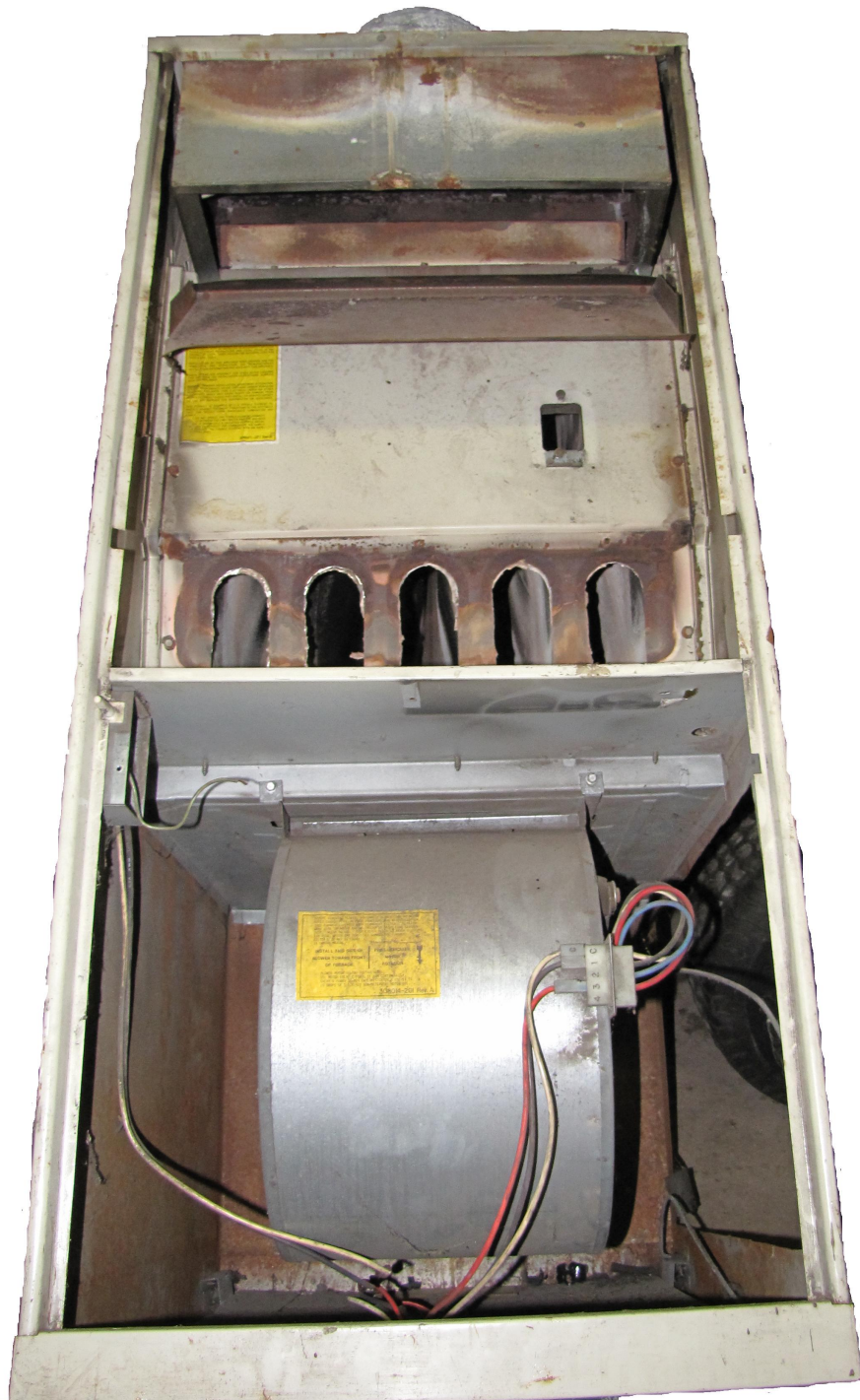


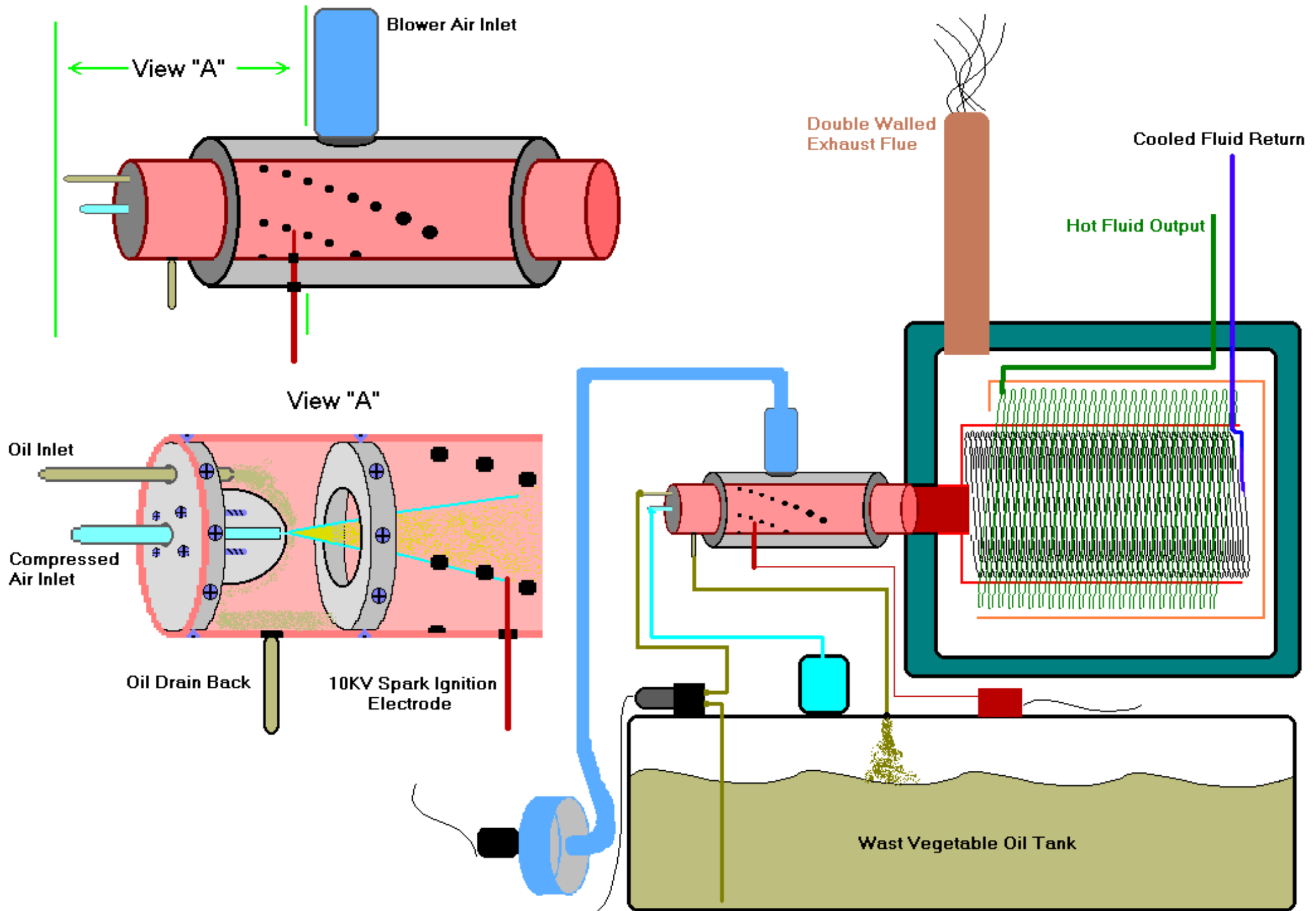
$$AA = \frac{D}{2 \cos \alpha} \quad BB = \frac{D}{\sin \alpha}$$

RR = Reflective Surface  
 This should be 6 pipe diameters  
 Horizontal & Vertical

Where  $\alpha$  = the sun's inclination at midday on midsummer day

NOTE. Using a smaller diameter pipe increases the heated area per volume of water in the pipe, going from 25 mm dia. To 10mm dia for instance increases the area to volume ratio from 0.16 to 0.4 a 2.5 times increase. Thus giving probably better heat transfer. Microbore, suitable pressurised might even generate steam, like a flash boiler

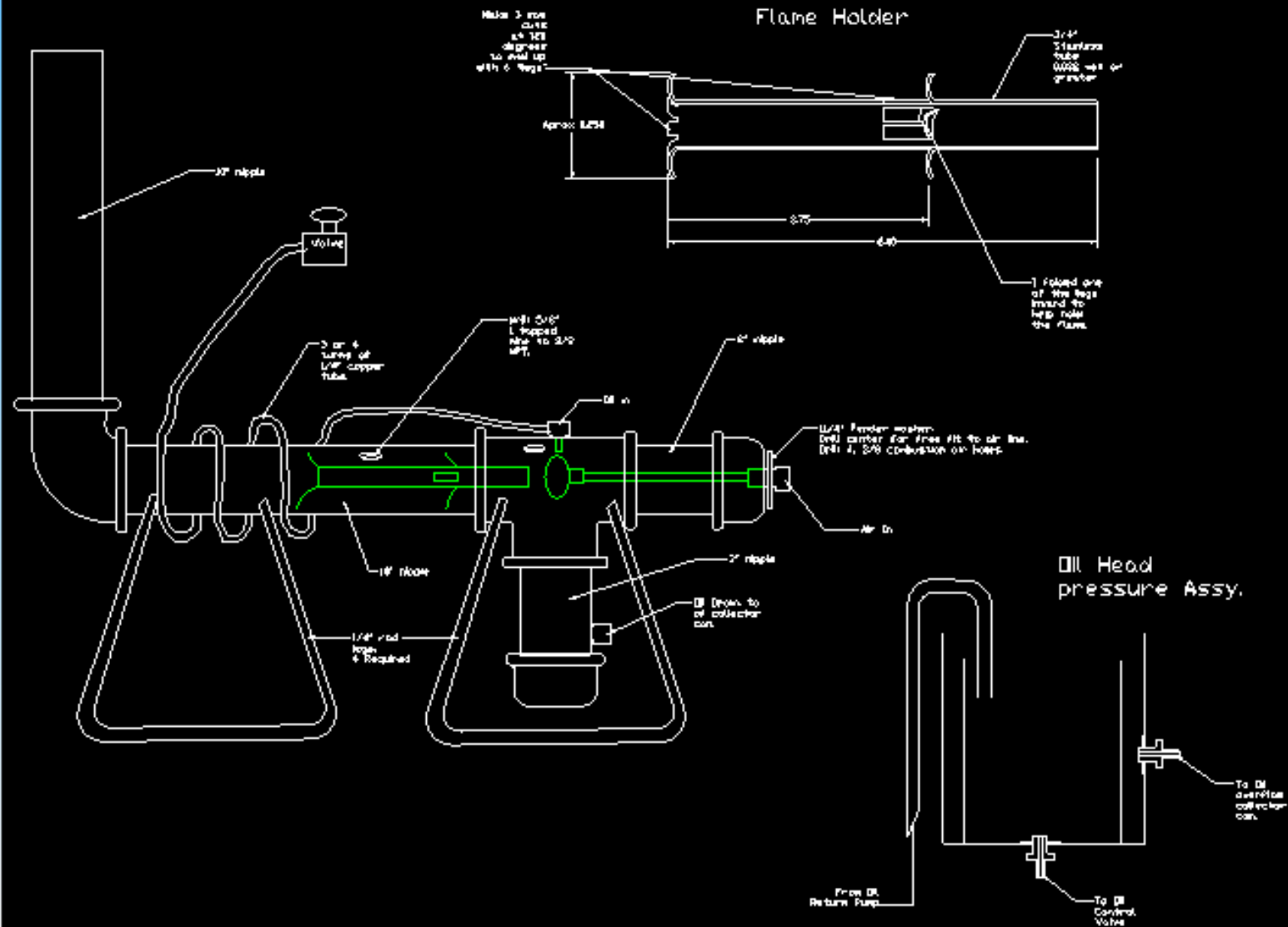








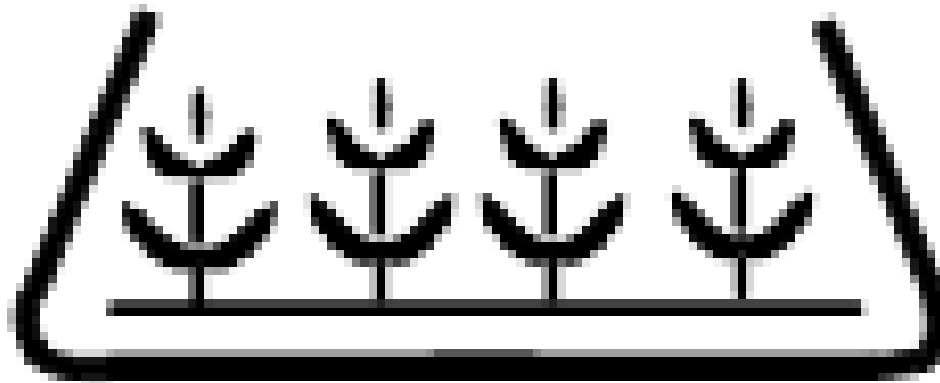
Babington Burner Made from  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " Pipe.  
 See Itty Bitty Babington Text file for  
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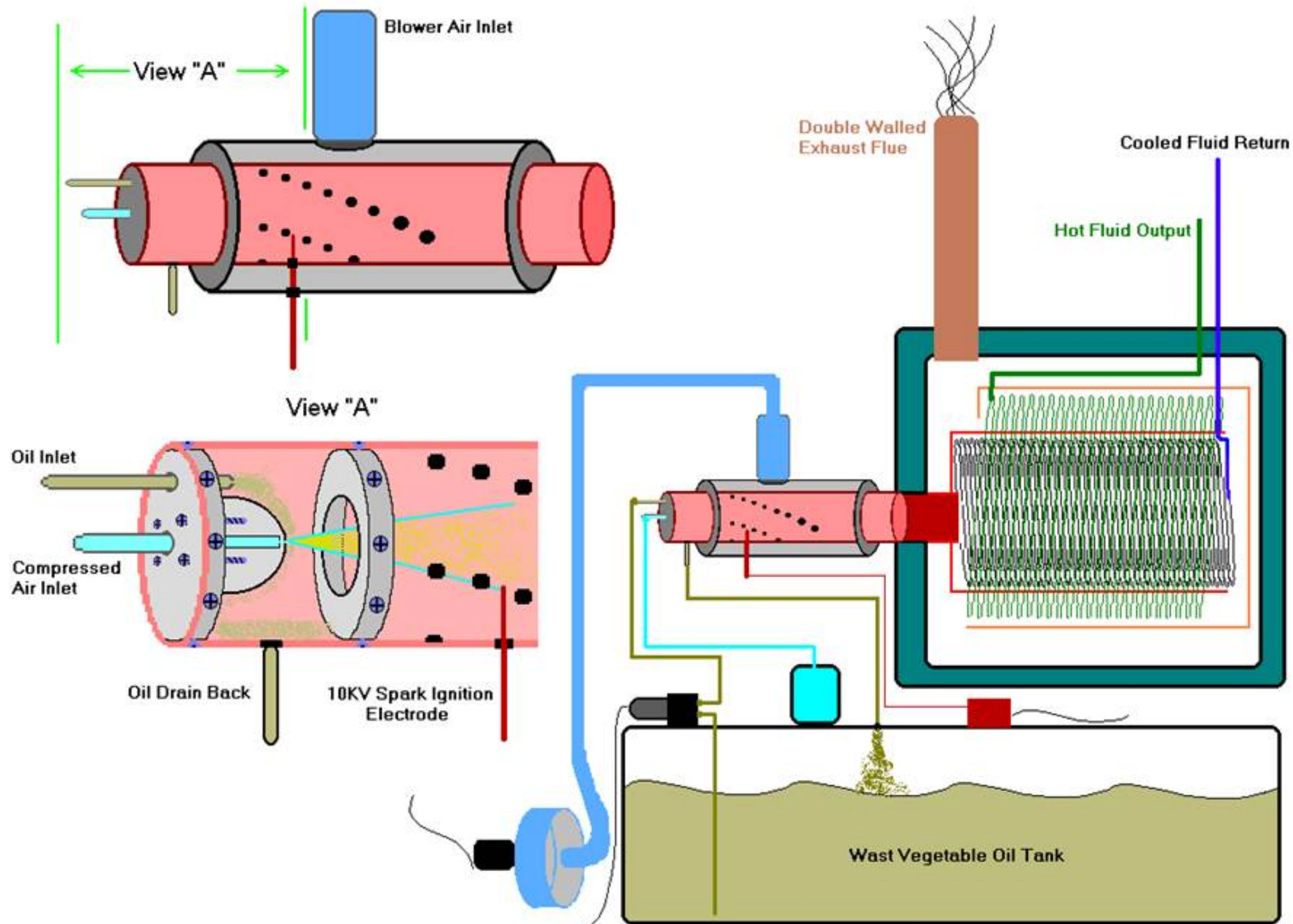




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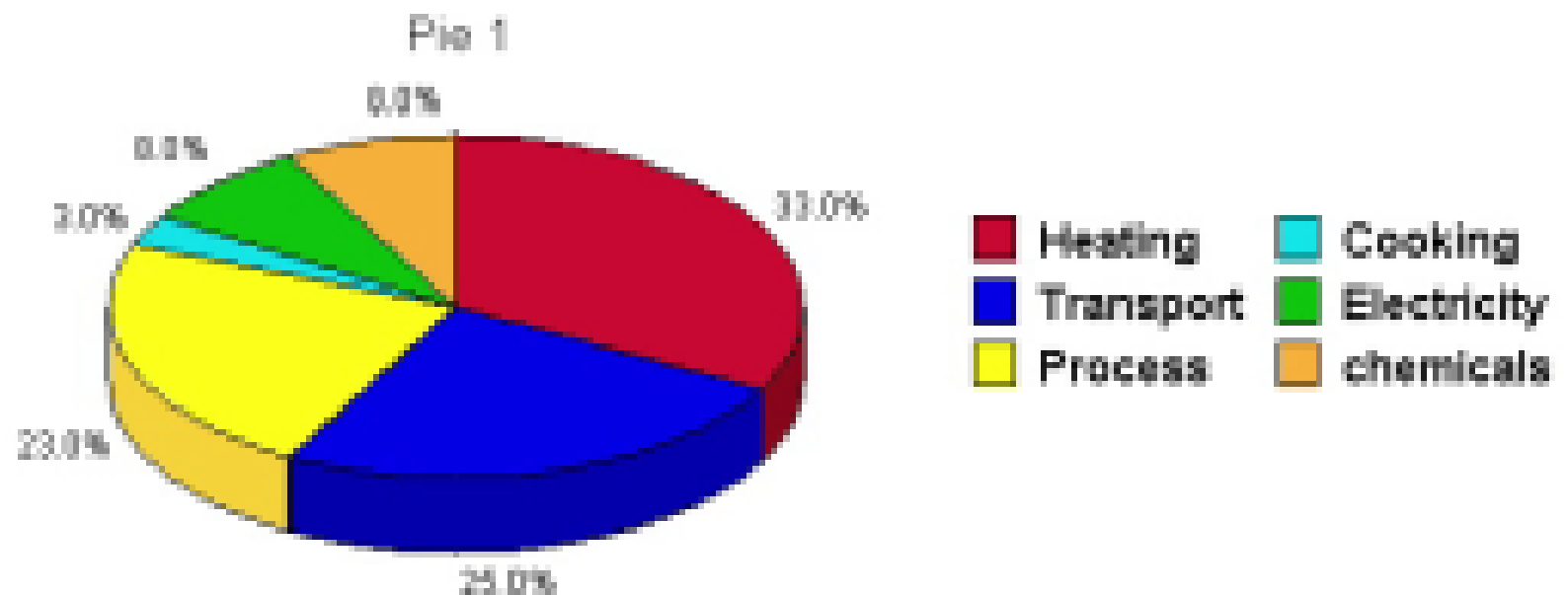








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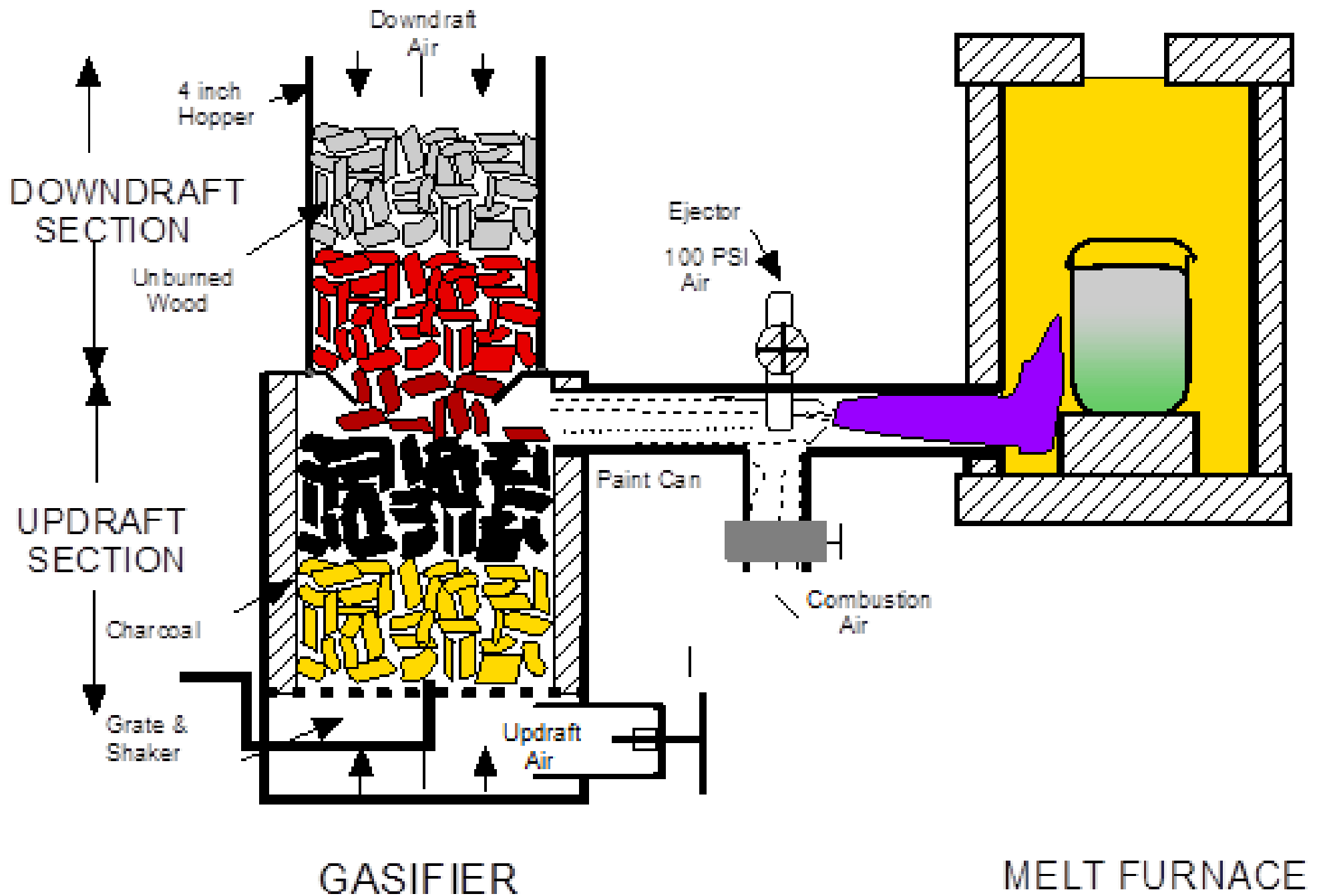








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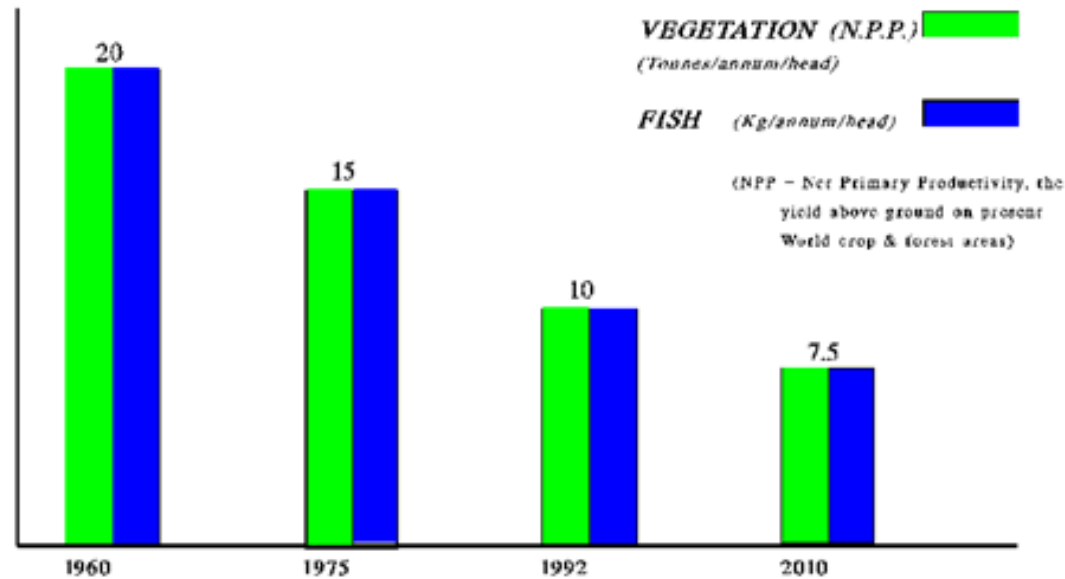


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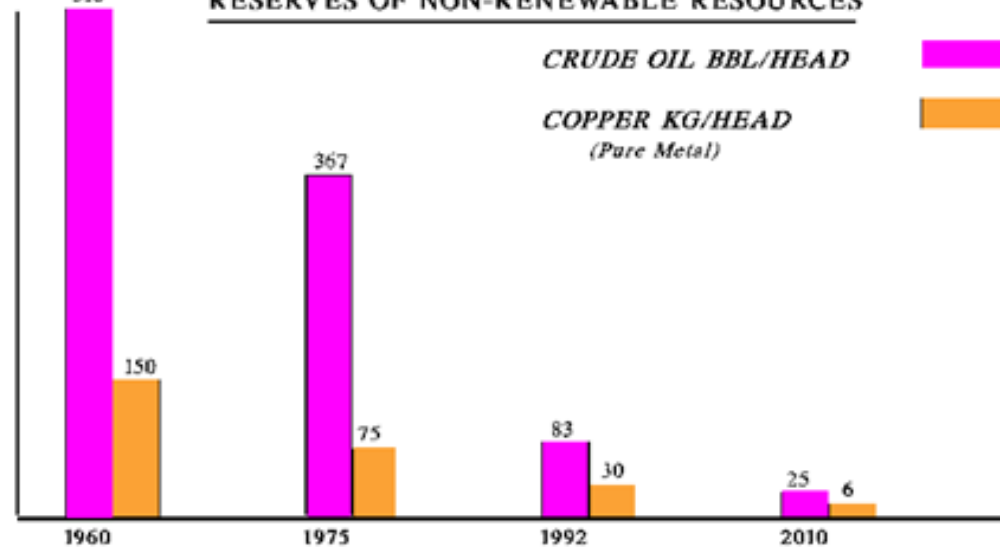
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## OR WHAT ARE WE ALL GOING TO LIVE ON AND WORK WITH ?

### RENEWABLE RESOURCES



### RESERVES OF NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES



ESTIMATED WORLD POPULATION, MILLIONS

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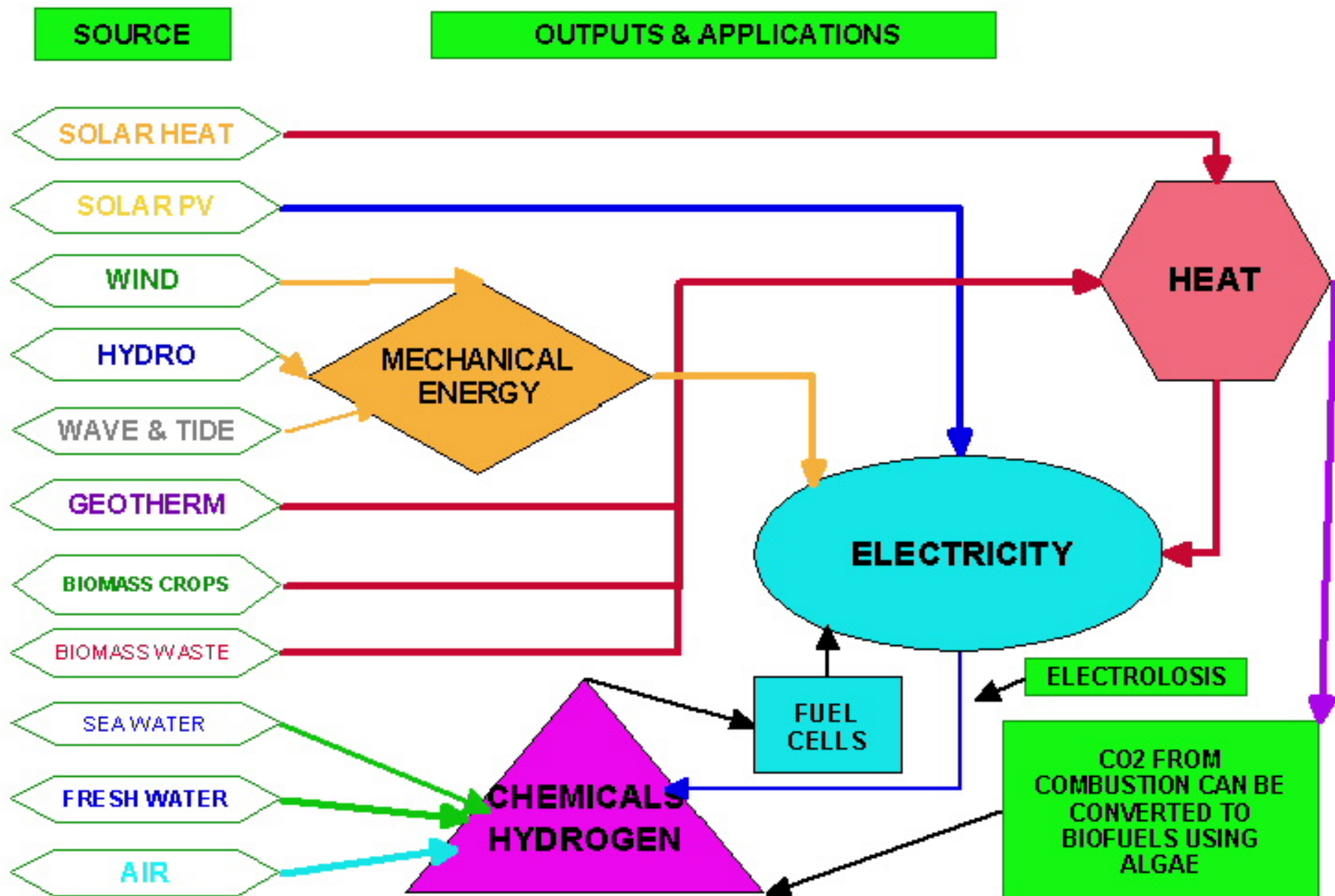
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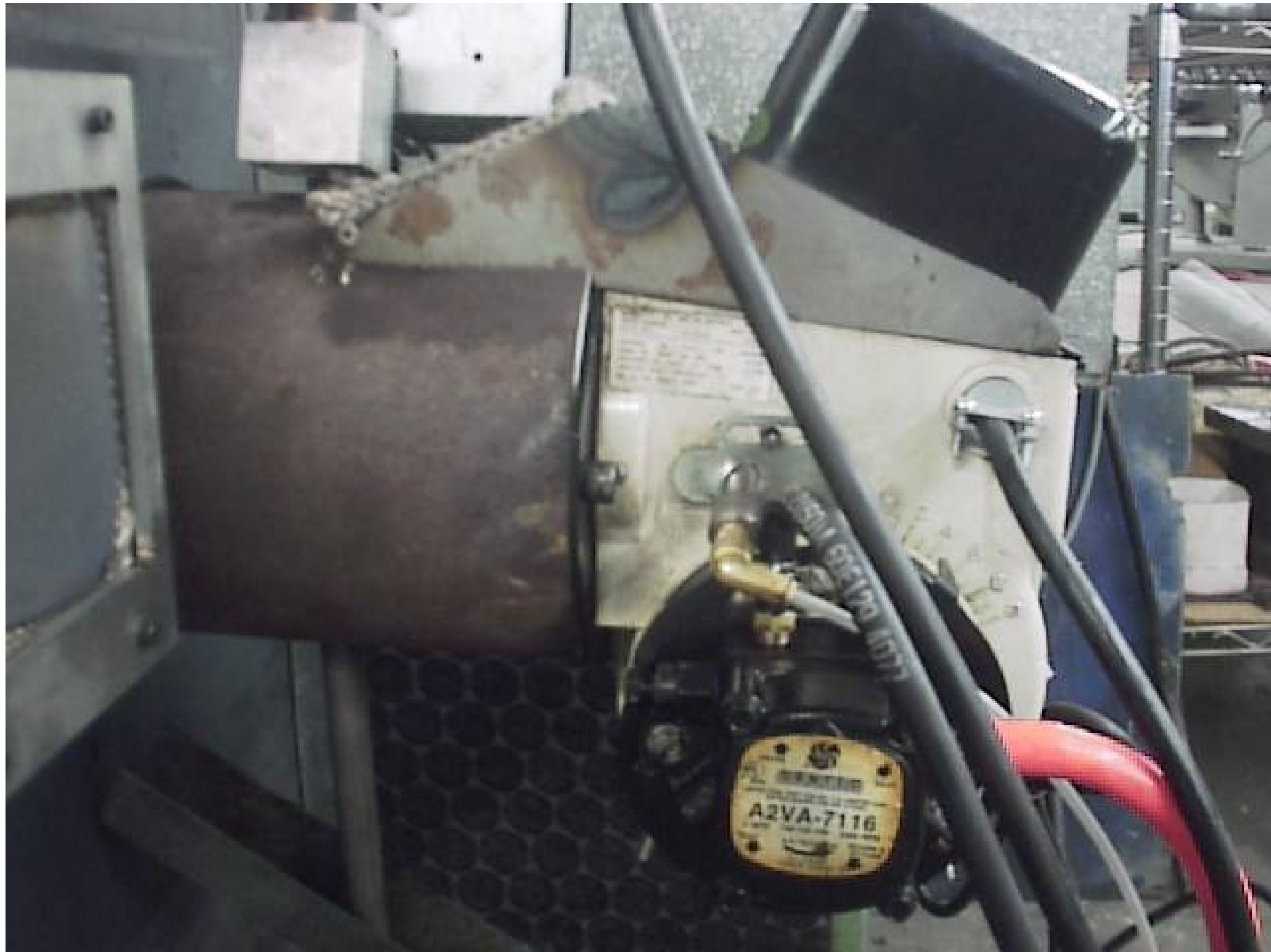
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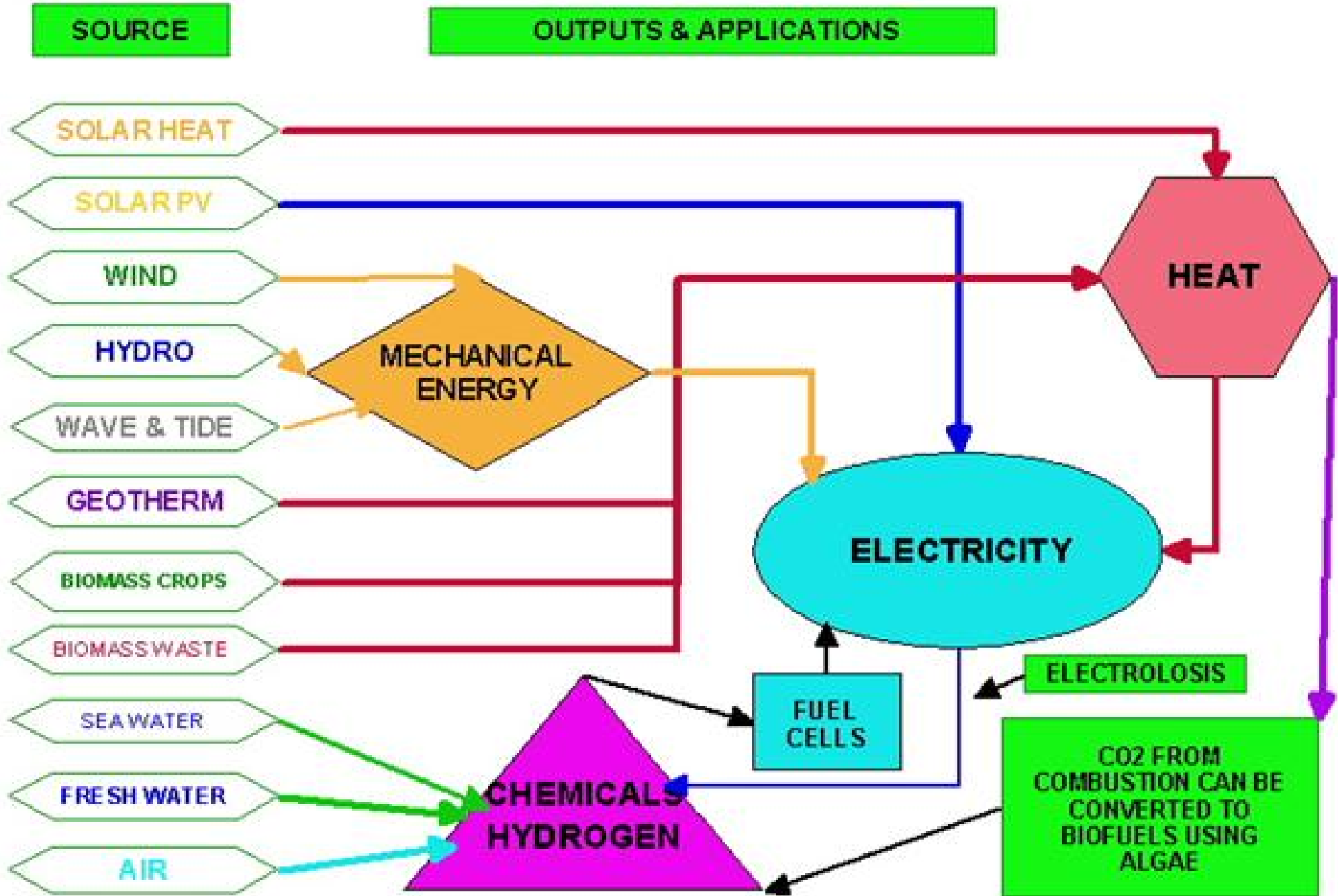








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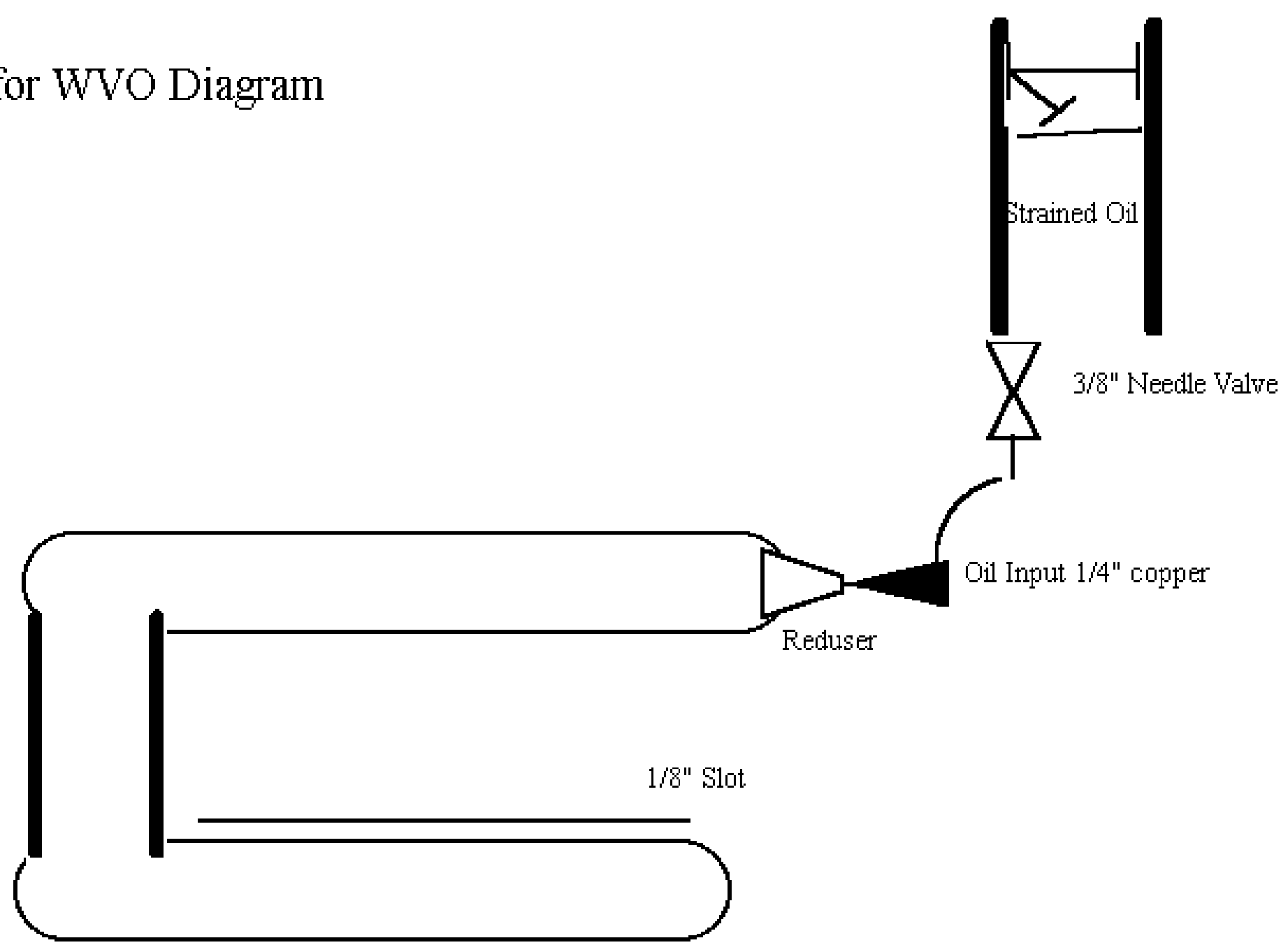








# Pipe Burner for WVO Diagram



3/4" Black Iron threaded pipe, elbows and cap

	CNG	Methanol	LNG	Ethanol	Propane	Gasoline	Diesel
Formula	CH <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>26</sub>
Research Octane #	130	112	130	111	112	91-98	N/A
Motor Octane #	130	91	130	92	97	82-90	
Cetane #	-10	3	-10	8	5-10	8-14	40-60
Boiling Point °F/°C	-259/-162	N/A	-259/-162	N/A	-44/-42	(81-464)/ (27-240)	N/A
Energy Content (volume) (BTU/ft <sup>3</sup> ) / (kJ/L)	213,300/ 7,875	425,000/ 15,688	569,200/ 21,013	570,000/ 21,027	637,500/ 25,535	862,100/ 31,825	950,400/ 35,082
Energy vs Gasoline %	25	49	66	66	74	100	110
Stoich A/F Ratio (mass)	17.3	6.5	17.3	9.0	15.7	14.7	15.0
Autoignition Temperature °F/°C	842/450	N/A	842/450	N/A	1,004/540	428/220	437/225
Peak Flame Temperature °F/°C	3,254/ 1,790	N/A	3,254/ 1,790	N/A	3,614/ 1,990	3,591/ 1,977	3,729/ 2,054
Flammability Lower Limit (volume %)	5.3	4.0	N/A	N/A	2.1	1.4	N/A
Flammability Upper Limit (volume %)	15.0	75.0	N/A	N/A	10.4	7.6	N/A

