

## Section 8.6

### \* Solar flat plate collector →

→ A solar thermal collectors are special kind of heat exchangers that transform solar radiation energy to internal energy of the transport medium.

→ The major component of any solar system is the solar collector.

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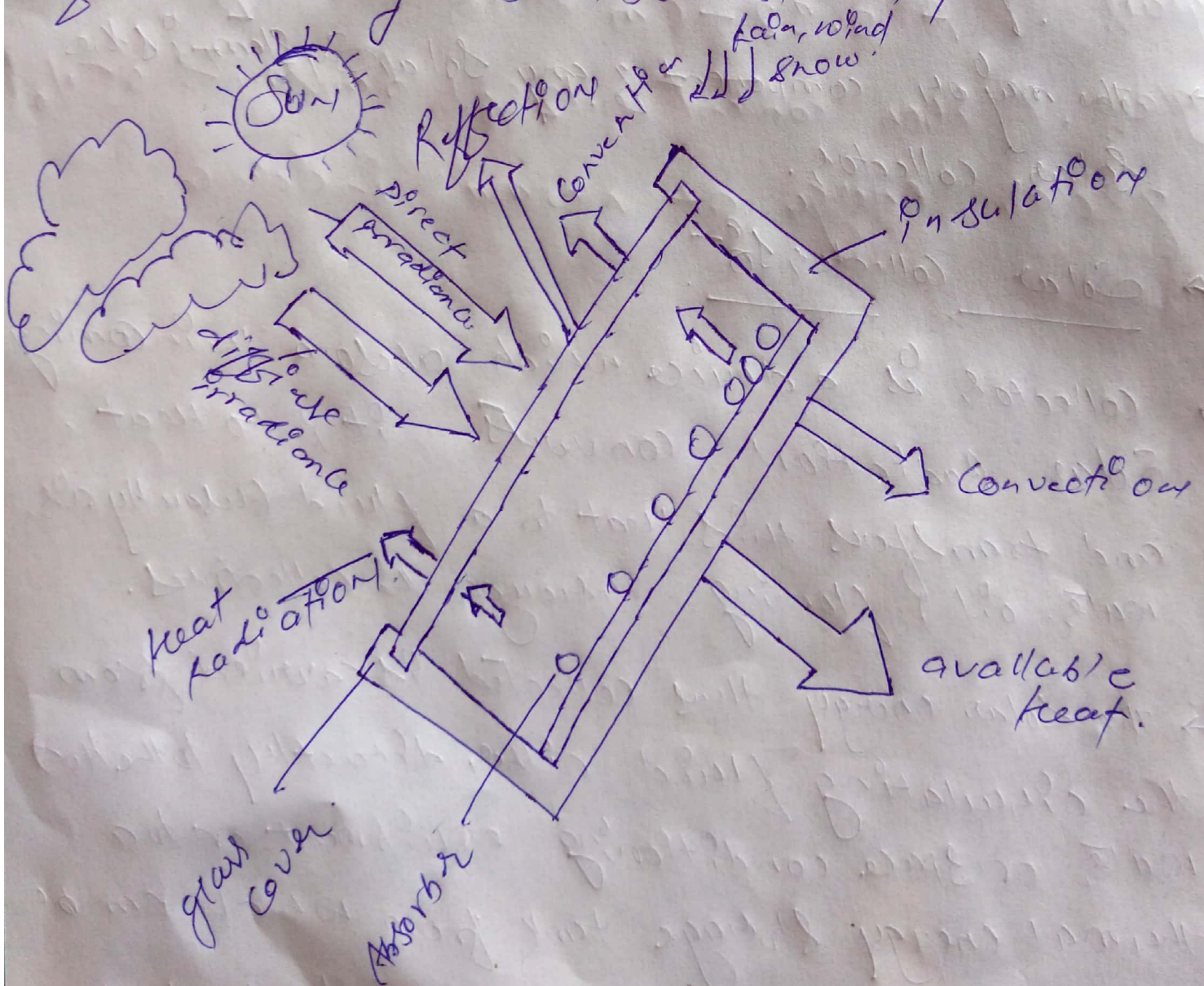
→ collector is a device which absorb the incoming solar radiation, converts it into heat, and transfers this heat to a fluid (usually air, water, oil) flowing through the collector.

→ The solar energy thus collected is carried from the circulating fluid either directly to the hot water or space conditioning equipment, or to a thermal energy storage tank from which can be drawn for use at night and/or cloudy days.



# \* performance of solar flat plate collectors -

→ The performance of a flat plate solar collector with thin absorber is studied. The temperature of the absorber and its variation along the local day time is obtained by solving a heat balance equation. The temperature of the working is also estimated.





\* material is used for solar flat plate collector -

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→ A cover plate for a collector should have a high transmittance for solar radiation and should not deteriorate with time.

→ The material most commonly used is glass. A 0.32-cm thick sheet of window glass (iron content, 0.12%) transmits 85% of solar energy at normal incidence.