field fabricated solar powered steam turbines

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this is a factory















this is a factory in the field







this is how I plug in my computer in the field (this is stupid)



abundant local energy exists, but how to harvest?



refrigeration is expensive, but needed









converting solar power to mechanical energy using a turbine

> Solar irradiation hrbin parabolic - boiler (steam Nerat

a steam plant



focusing solar energy using a parabolic trough





making steam with a boiler





turbines can be pretty complex



boundary layer turbine – friction instead of impingement





boundary layer at intersection between flowing fluid and solid surface



my turbine (see also, demo!)



microns and microseconds





don't forget to see the demo 3:00-4:00 pm today

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replicators: factories of the future



amplification of tiny errors become big problems



digital approach allows errors to be predicted as thresholds digital systems can be more complex



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