

ON THE ROLE OF PROCESS SYSTEM ENGINEERING FOR THE ENERGY TRANSITION

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We want Switzerland to be Independent and Neutral !

The Youths Revolution



and The Scientists Revolution

Our challenge : Engineering a Net-Zero future

Renewable resources

Where-When-How much ?

Investments

(New) Technologies

sizes : conversion and storage

Infrastructure => synergies & mutualisation

Management

Operation + Storage

Demand

Products

Services

Security of supply

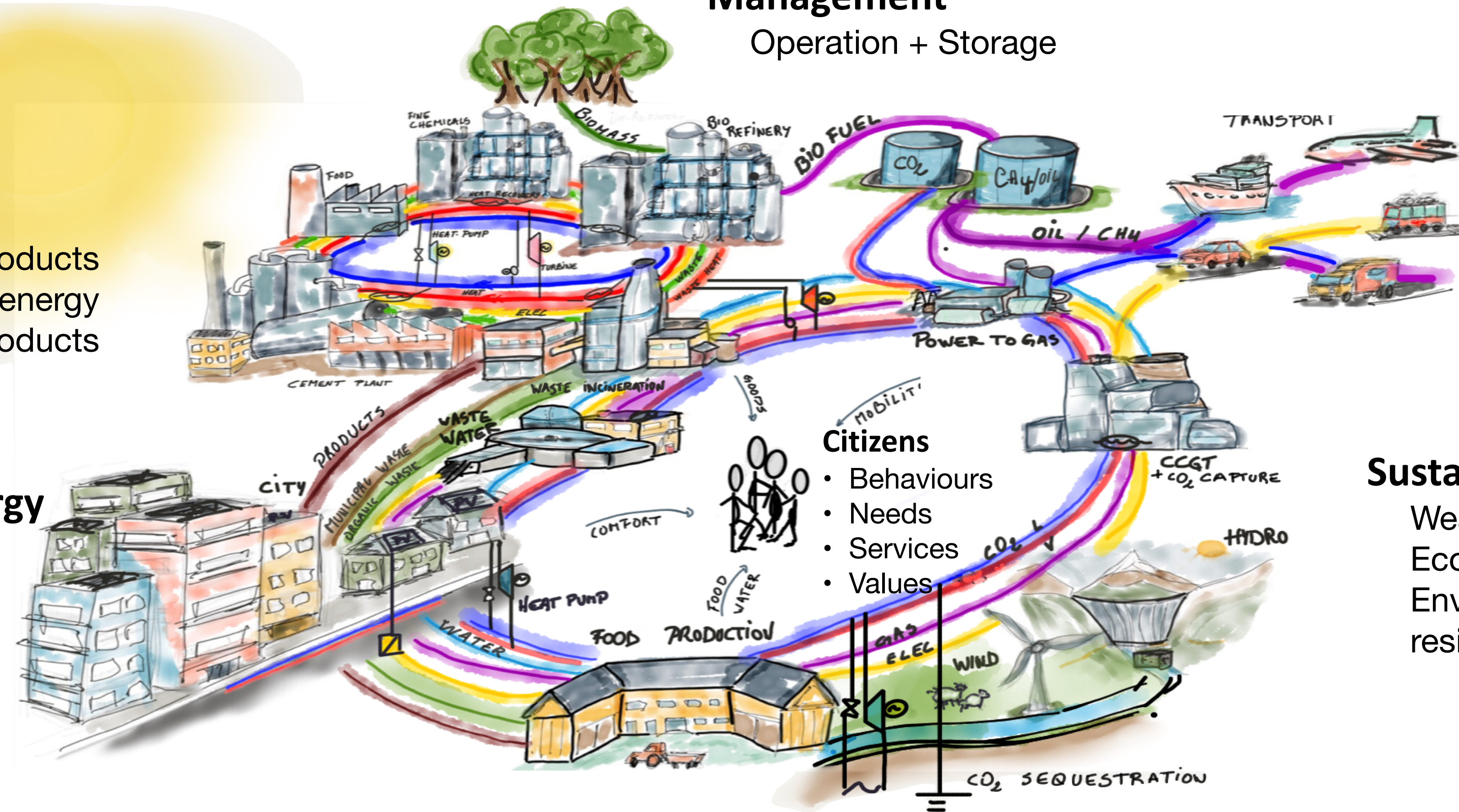
Circularity

Waste to products

Waste to energy

CO2 to products

Waste-Water-Energy



Citizens

- Behaviours
- Needs
- Services
- Values

Sustainability metrics

Wealth
Economy
Environment
resiliency

CO2 sequestration

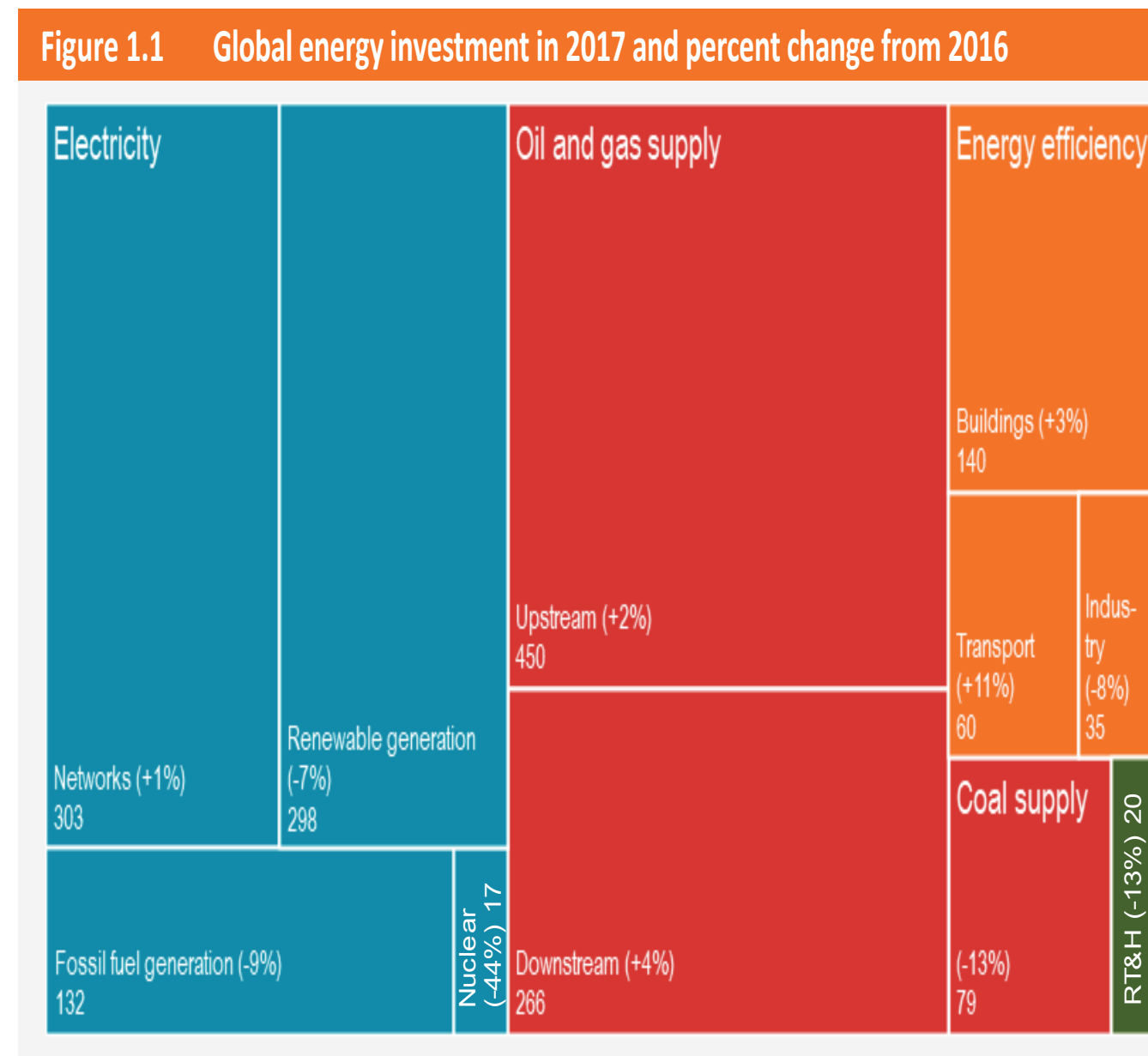
EPFL do we have the money ? : 2015 fossil spendings world wide

4

1.0 US\$

Investment by industry

1'800
bUS\$/year (2017)

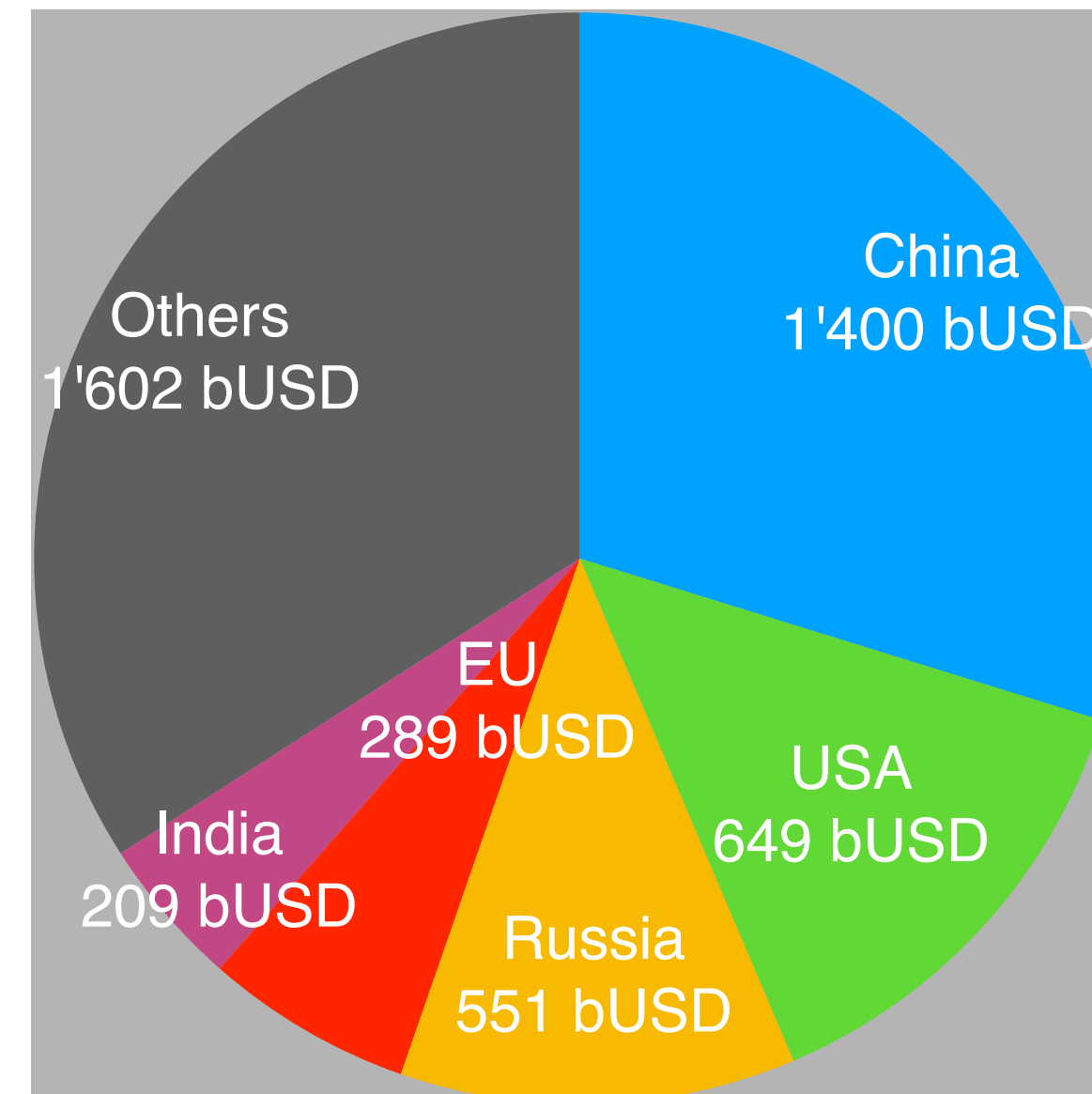


World energy investment 2018 [IEA.org](https://www.iea.org/)

2.5 US\$

Subsidies by countries

4'700
bUS\$/year (2015)

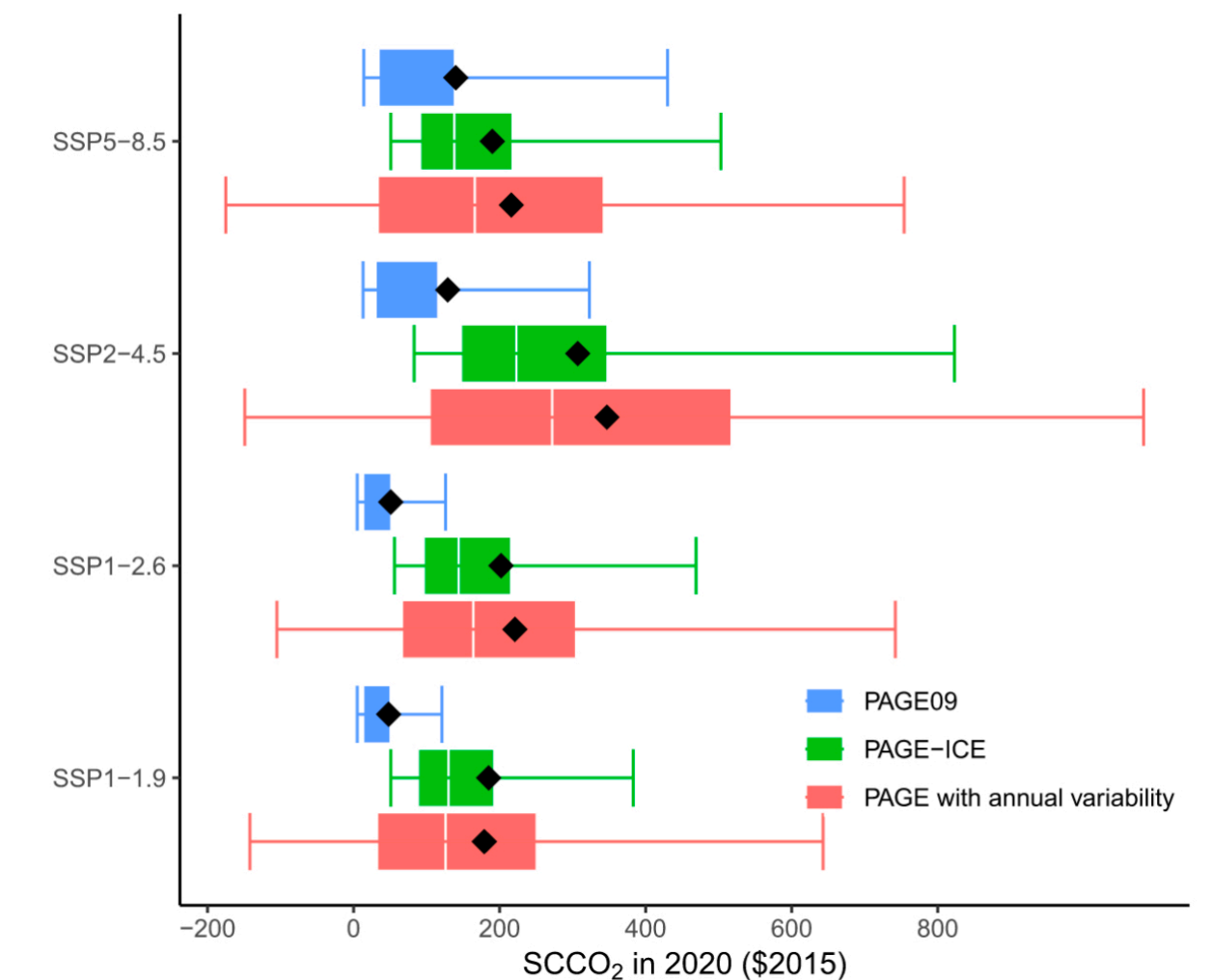


World energy subsidies 2015 [imf.org](https://www.imf.org/)

4.0 US\$

Social cost
to be paid by next gen

7'200
bUS\$/year (2015)
repairing the damages



200 USD/t CO2

Jarmo S Kikstra et al 2021 Environ. Res. Lett. 16

Context & Constraints
Resources
Product and services

System Boundaries

Technology options

Connectivity

System superstructure

System integration

Performances

- Economic
- Thermodynamic
- Resilience
- Life cycle sustainability impact

Results analysis

- Exergy analysis
- Sustainability assessment
- Sensitivity analysis
- Multi-criteria analysis
- Uncertainty

Configurations generation

Solving method

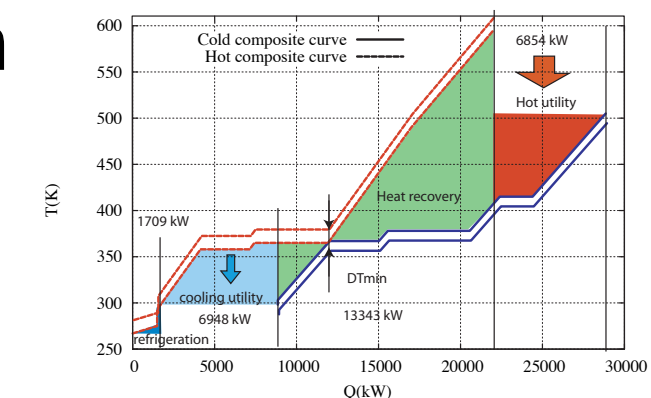
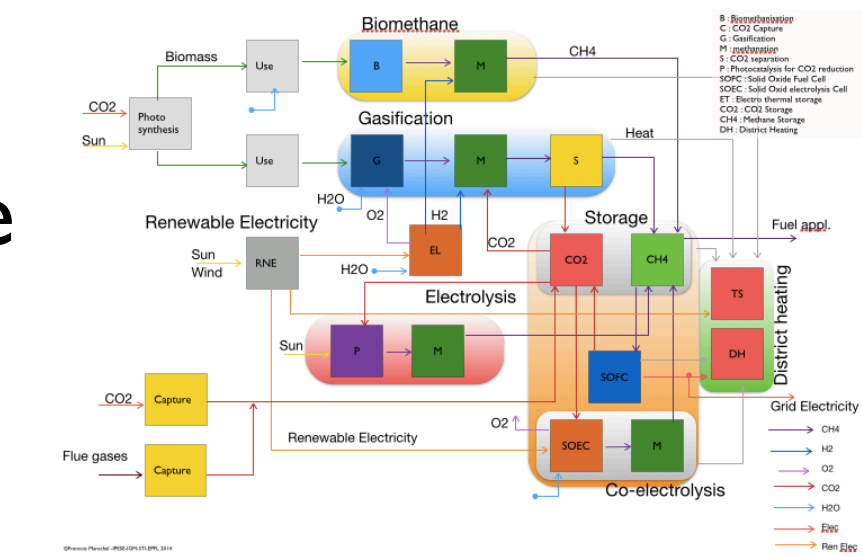
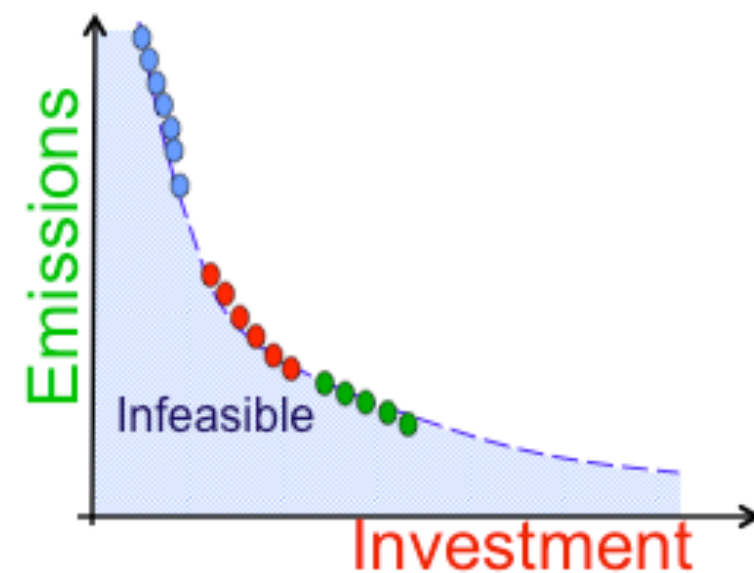
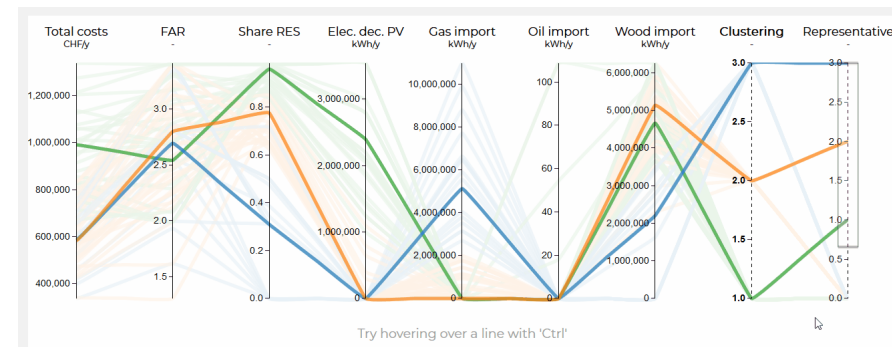
Decision variables

Data base

Models

$$Out = F(In, P)$$

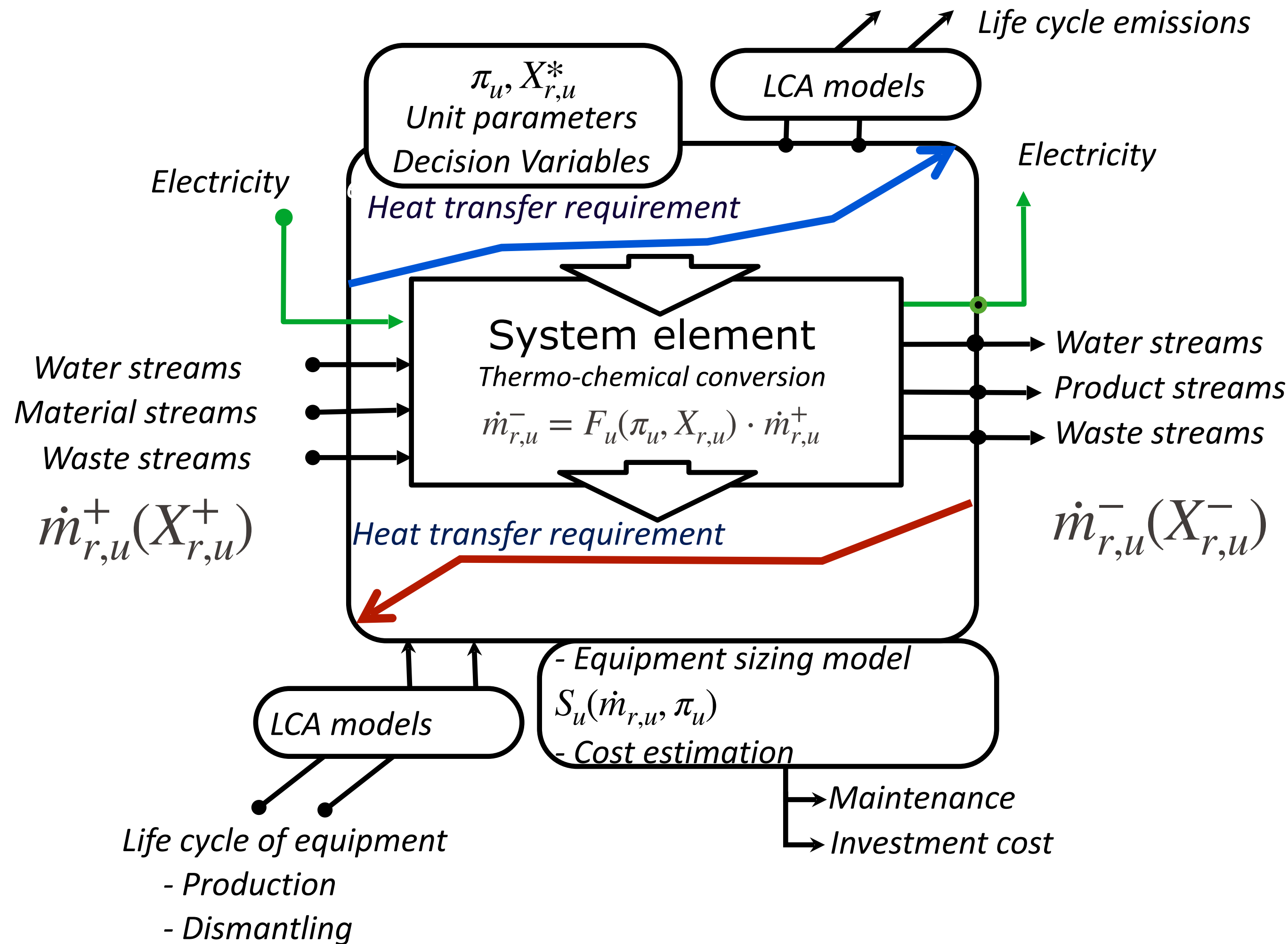
Decision



AGIR : Analyse - Generate - Interpret - Report

OSMOSE : computer platform for decision support in integrated energy system design

EPFL Sub-system's elements models



- Interconnectivity (mass & energy exchanges)
- Life cycle emissions (Equipment, Emissions)
- Sizes (Investment, Maintenance, Life cycle)
- Model : $\dot{m}_{r,u}^-(X_{r,u}^-) = F_u(\pi_u, X_{r,u}^*) \cdot \dot{m}_{r,u}^+(X_{r,u}^+)$
 π_u : model parameters (knowledge)
 $X_{r,u}^*$: specification of the system
 $\dot{m}_{r,u}^+(X_{r,u}^+)$: state of input flows
 $\dot{m}_{r,u}^-(X_{r,u}^-)$: state of output flows

OPTIMAL DESIGN : MI(N)LP MULTI PARAMETRIC FORMULATION

$\forall \quad KPI_i^\pi \in \{\pi_o \dots \pi_{n_{pi}}\} \text{ by } \Delta\pi \Rightarrow \text{multi-parametric optimisation}$

$\min_{x_{u,t_p,p}, S_u, y_{u,t_p,p}, \pi_u, a_u} \quad OBJ = KPI_o \Rightarrow \text{define technologies, sizes and flows for a selected key performance indicator "o"}$

$\Rightarrow$ Performances as total cost, environmental impact, capital, wallets, employment

$$\text{s.t. } KPI_i = \sum_u^{n_u} \sum_p^{n_p} \sum_{t_p}^{n_{tp}} \delta t_{t_p} \cdot \left(\sum_f^{m_{fu}} c_{f,i} \cdot \dot{f}_u(\pi_u, x_{u,t_p,p}) \cdot x_{u,t_p,p} \right) + \sum_u^{n_u} \frac{1}{\tau} \cdot (y_u I_{u,i}^0(\pi_u, S_u) + S_u I_{u,i}^1(\pi_u, S_u)) \quad \forall i \in \{\text{performances}\}$$

$KPI_i \leq KPI_i^\pi \quad \forall i \neq o \Rightarrow \text{parametric epsilon constraints (e.g. capital)}$

$\Rightarrow$ mass and energy balances and accumulations and unit performance

$$\sum_u^{n_u} \dot{f}_u(\pi_u, x_{u,t_p,p}) \cdot x_{u,t_p,p} + a_u \cdot x_{u,t_p-1,p} + a_u \cdot x_{u,t_p,p} = d_{s,t_p,p} \quad \forall t_p, p, s \in \text{flows, services}$$

$x_{u,t_p,p} \leq s_u(x_{u,t_p,p}, \pi_u) \cdot S_u \quad \forall u, t_p, p \Rightarrow \text{sizes}$

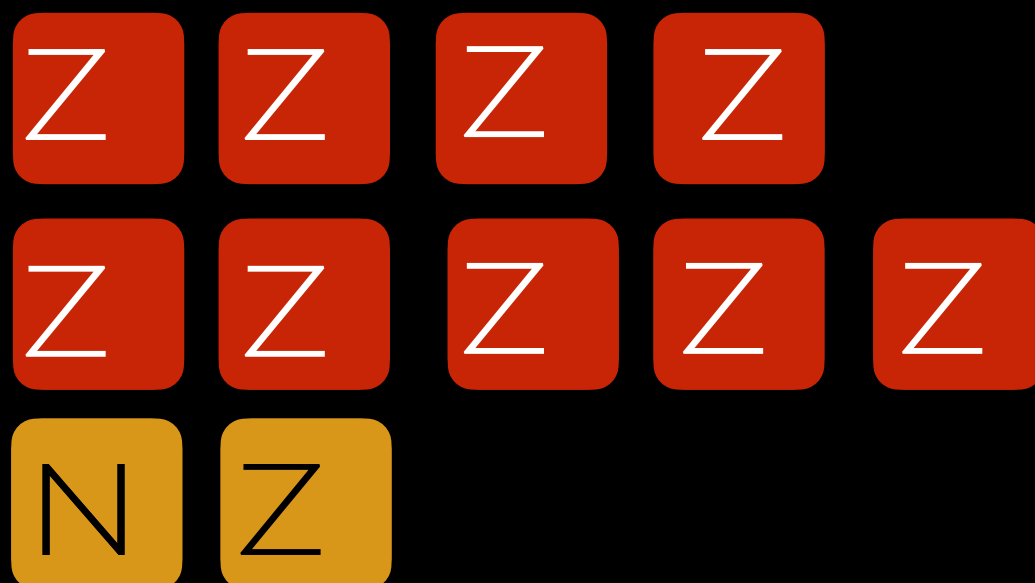
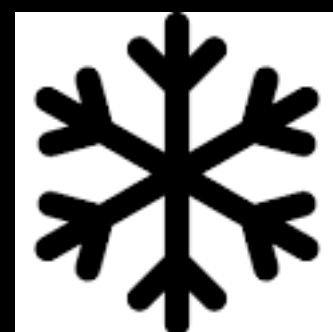
$x_{u,1,p} = x_{u,t_{np},p} \quad \forall p \Rightarrow \text{cyclic constraints \& model based strategic operation}$

$S_u^{min} \cdot y_u \leq S_u \leq S_u^{max} \cdot y_u \quad \forall u \Rightarrow \text{existence of technology u}$

ENERGY NEEDS



47%



Import



36%



Export



17%



products

2%



100 l gasoline/hab/year Electricity

HEATING BUILDING IS 50% OF COUNTRY ENERGY CONSUMPTION

170-280

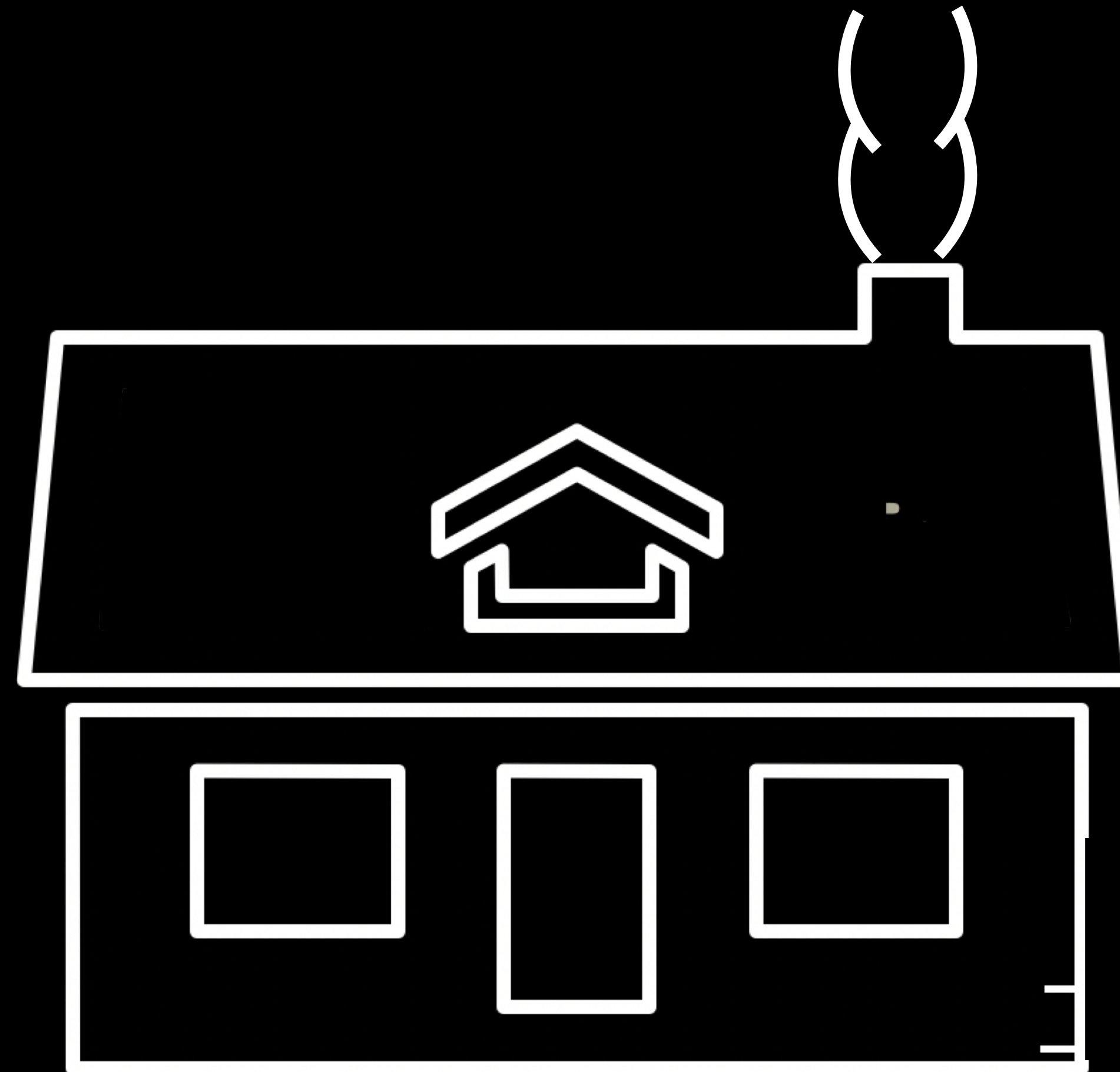
CHF/month/100 m²

Energy (Oil)

140-250 CHF/month/100 m²
in which 105-215 CHF/month/100
m² import

Boiler

30 CHF/month/100 m²



3.8

tons **CO₂**/year/100 m²

63

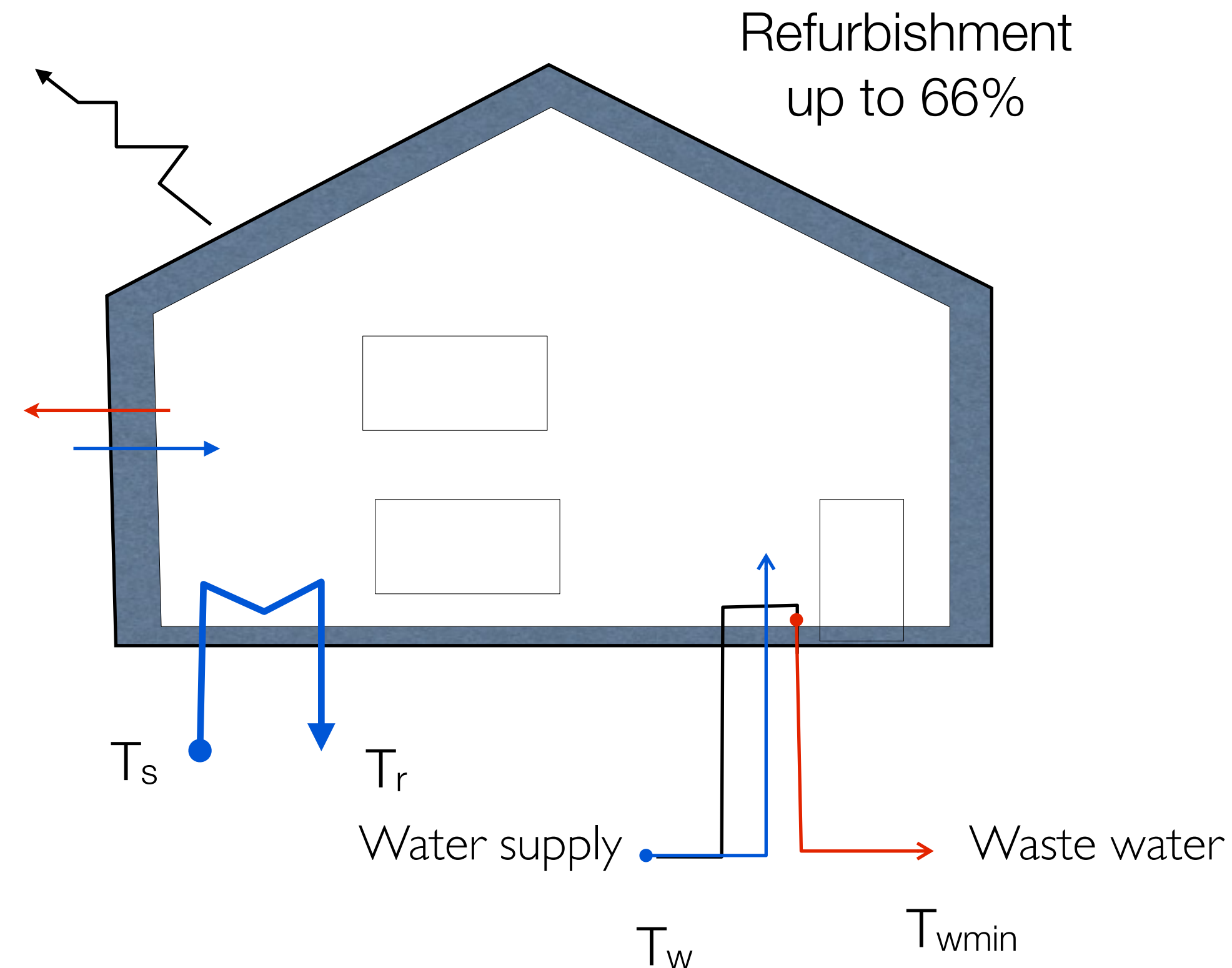
CHF_{children}/month/100 m²



Buildings as a process system unit

► Definition of the energy requirements

- Heating
- Air renewal
- Hot water
- Waste Water
- Air renewal

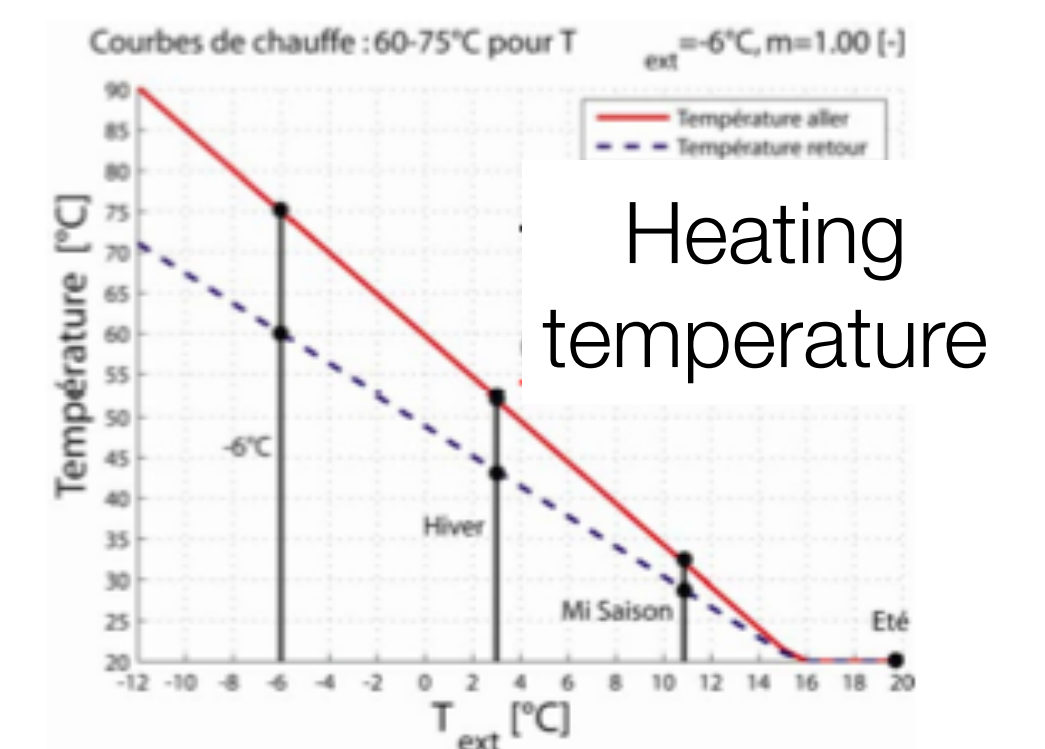
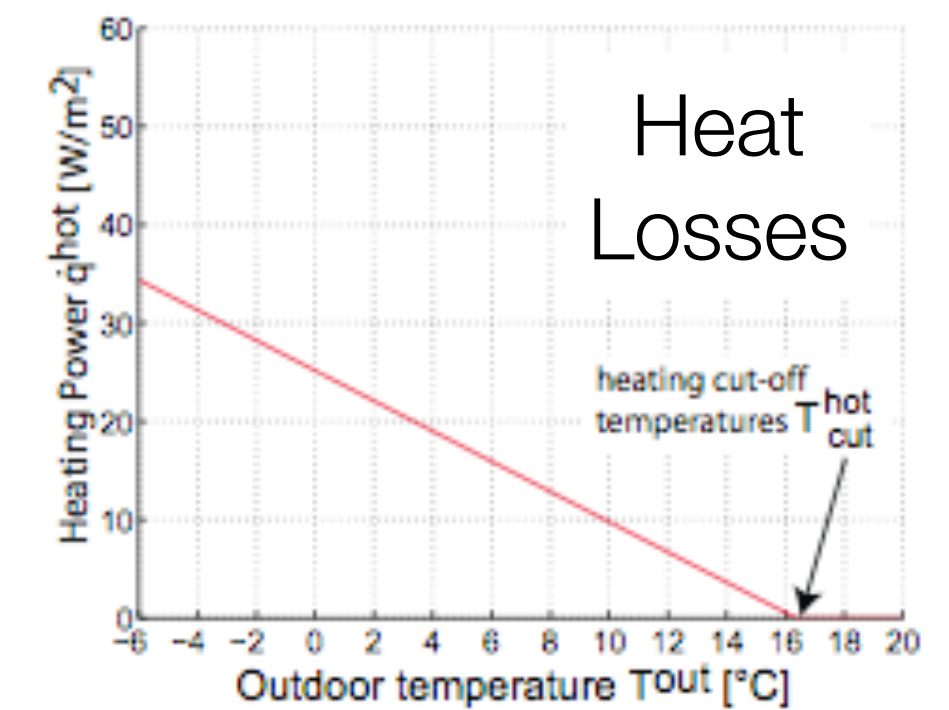
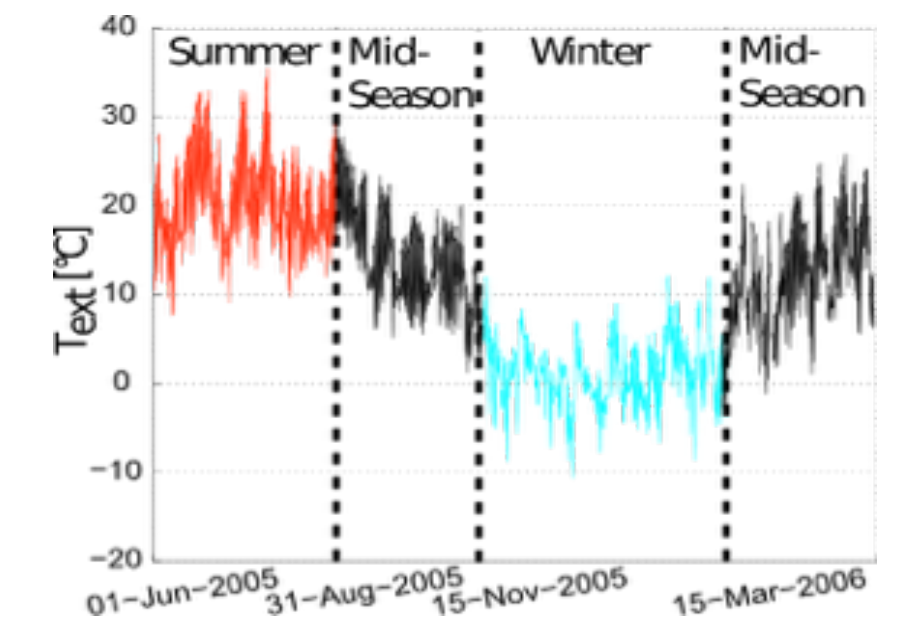


Heat exchange interface :

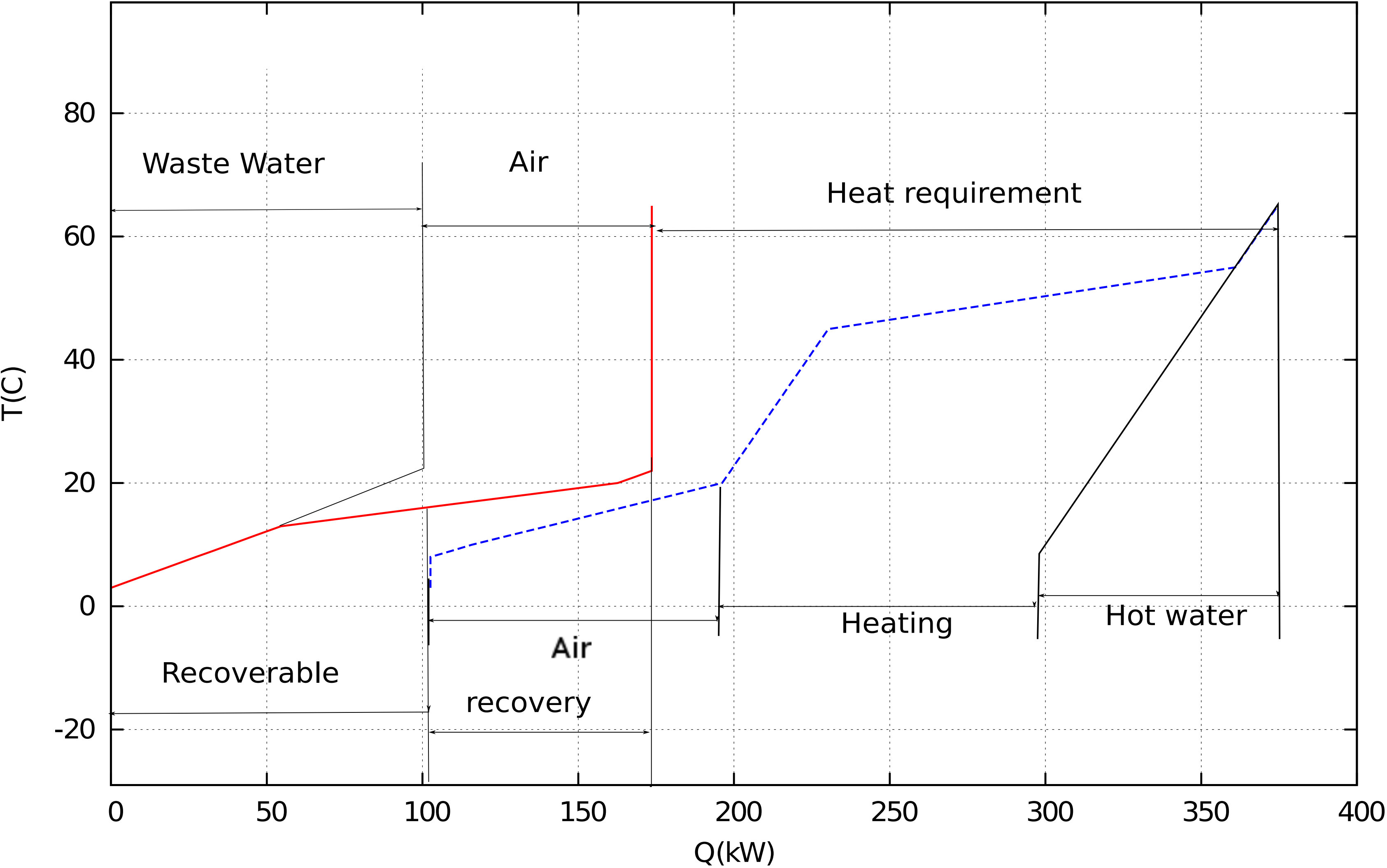
- * Heat with the lower possible temperature
- * Cool with the highest possible temperature

Multi-states problem (seasonal variations)

Seasonal temperature variation



Smart building : heat recovery by pinch analysis ;-)



(1830) CARNOT : THE MAGIC FORMULA



Electricity

your sobriety

$$\dot{E}_{work} = \dot{Q}_{heating} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{T_{source}}{T_{heating}}\right)$$

Nicolas Léonard Sadi CARNOT (F)

1796 - 1832

Fraction of heat from the environment

(1830) CARNOT : THE MAGIC FORMULA

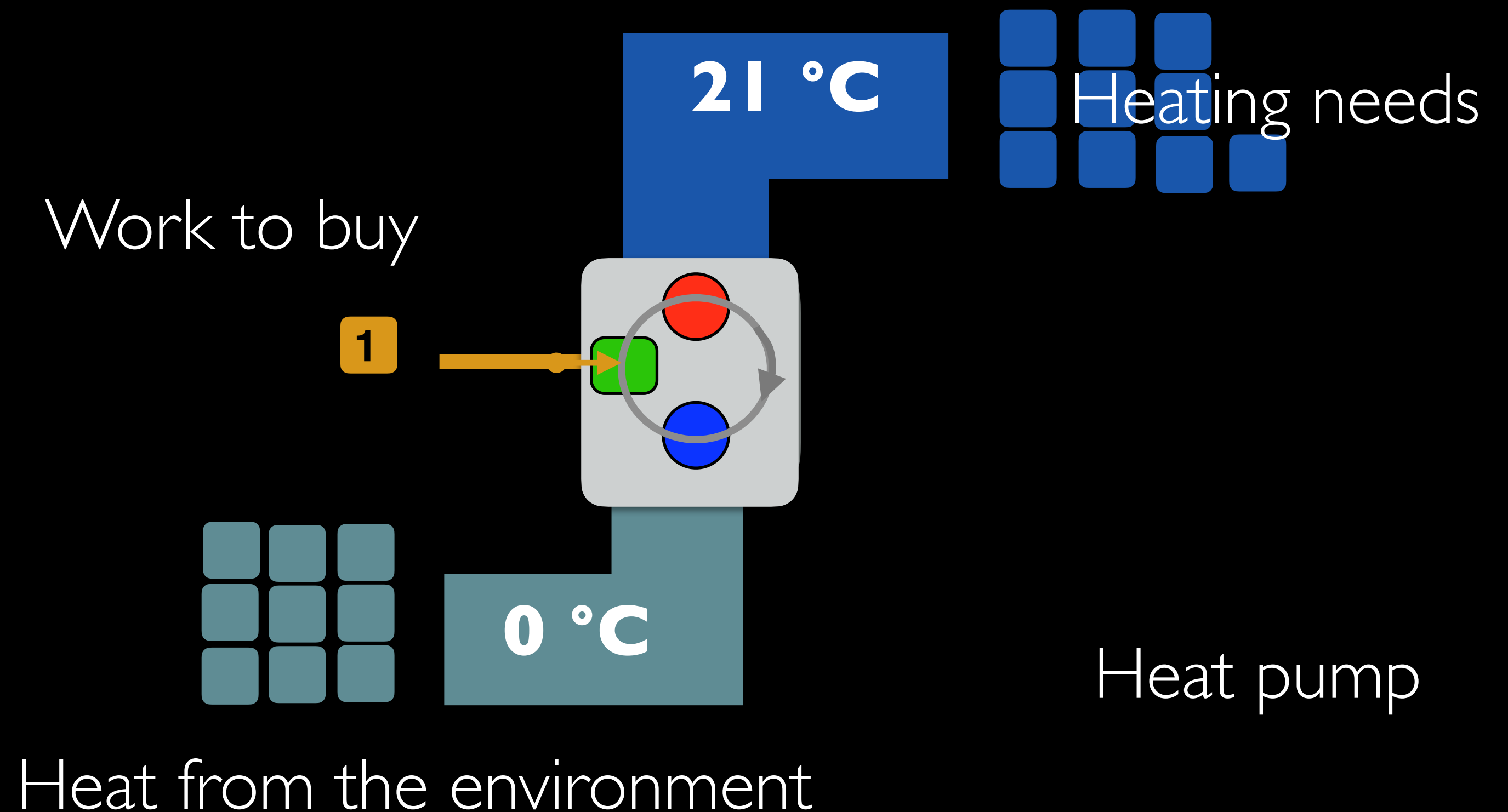
$$\dot{E} = \dot{Q}_{Heating} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{T_{source}}{T_{Heating}}\right)$$

For 10 units of heat, 9 come from the environment and 1 as electricity

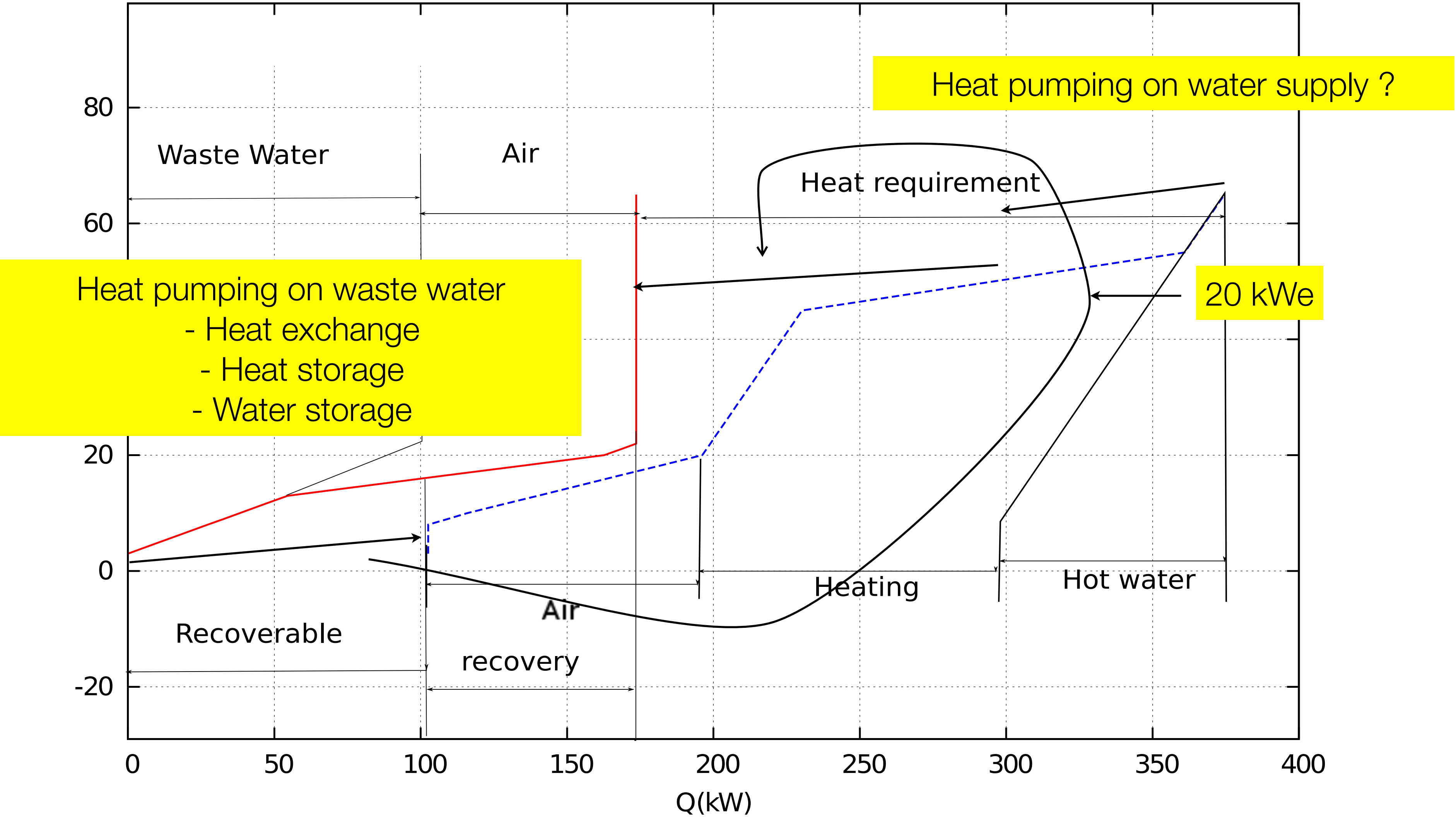


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Local Heat pumping on building waste heat



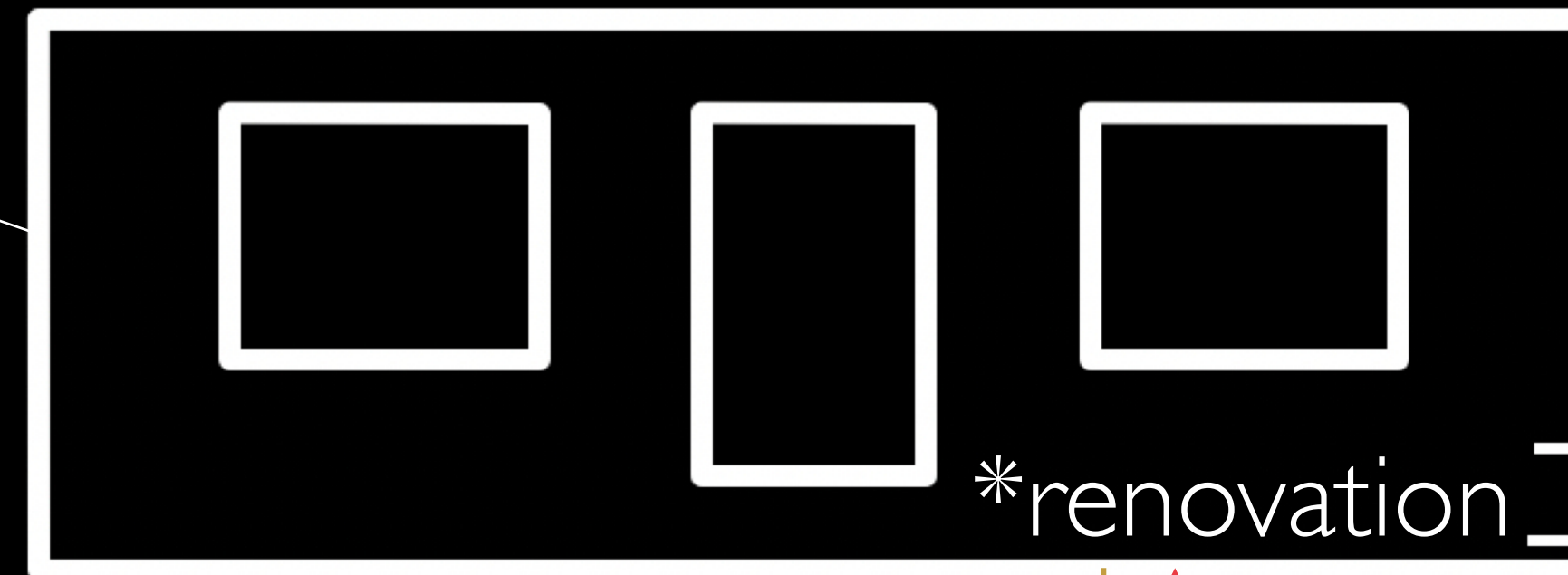
$$\text{COP} = \text{Heat/Elec} = 5 \text{ to } 6$$

RENEWABLE ENERGY HUB



Big data - Forecasting

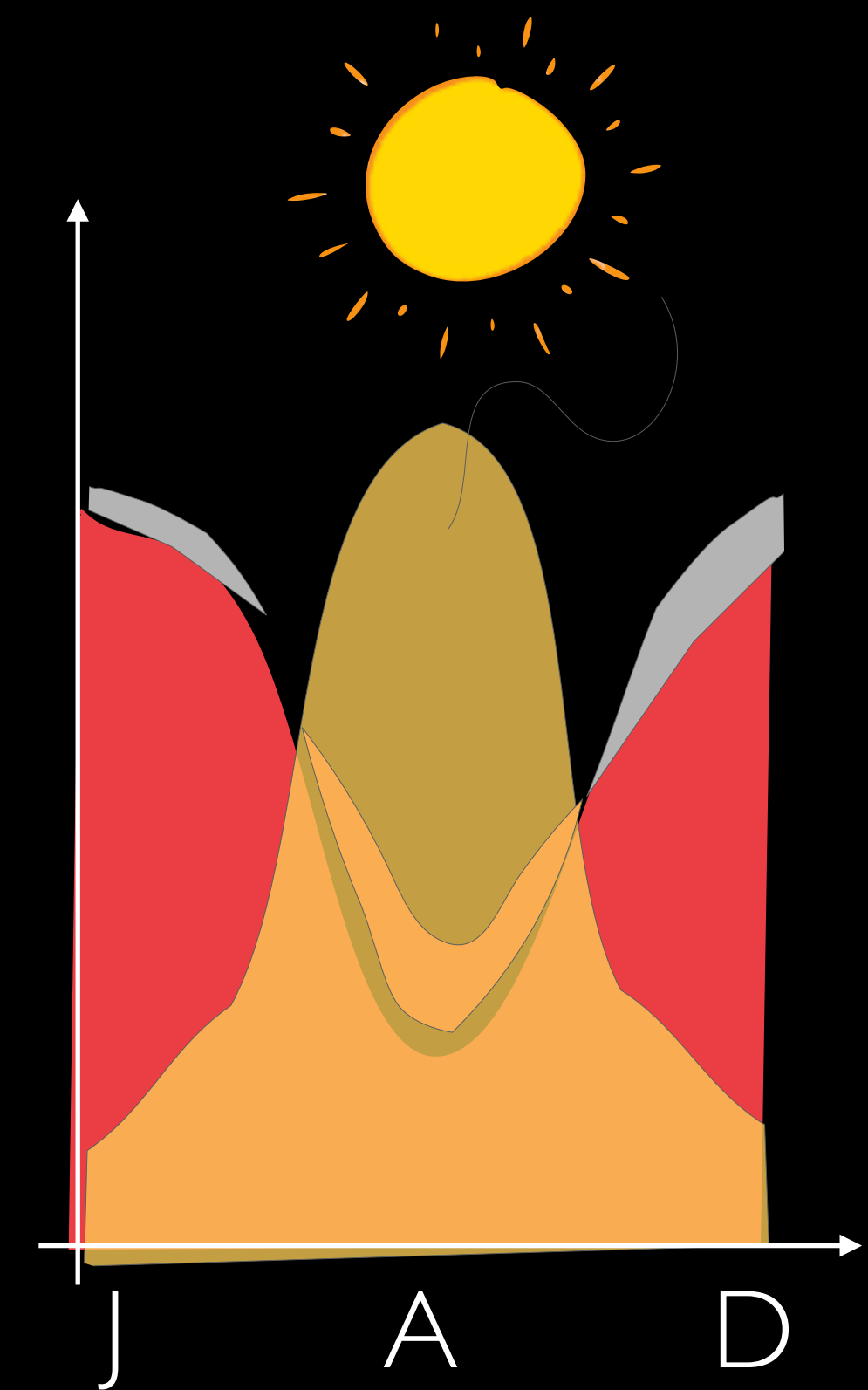
Model based
Predictive control

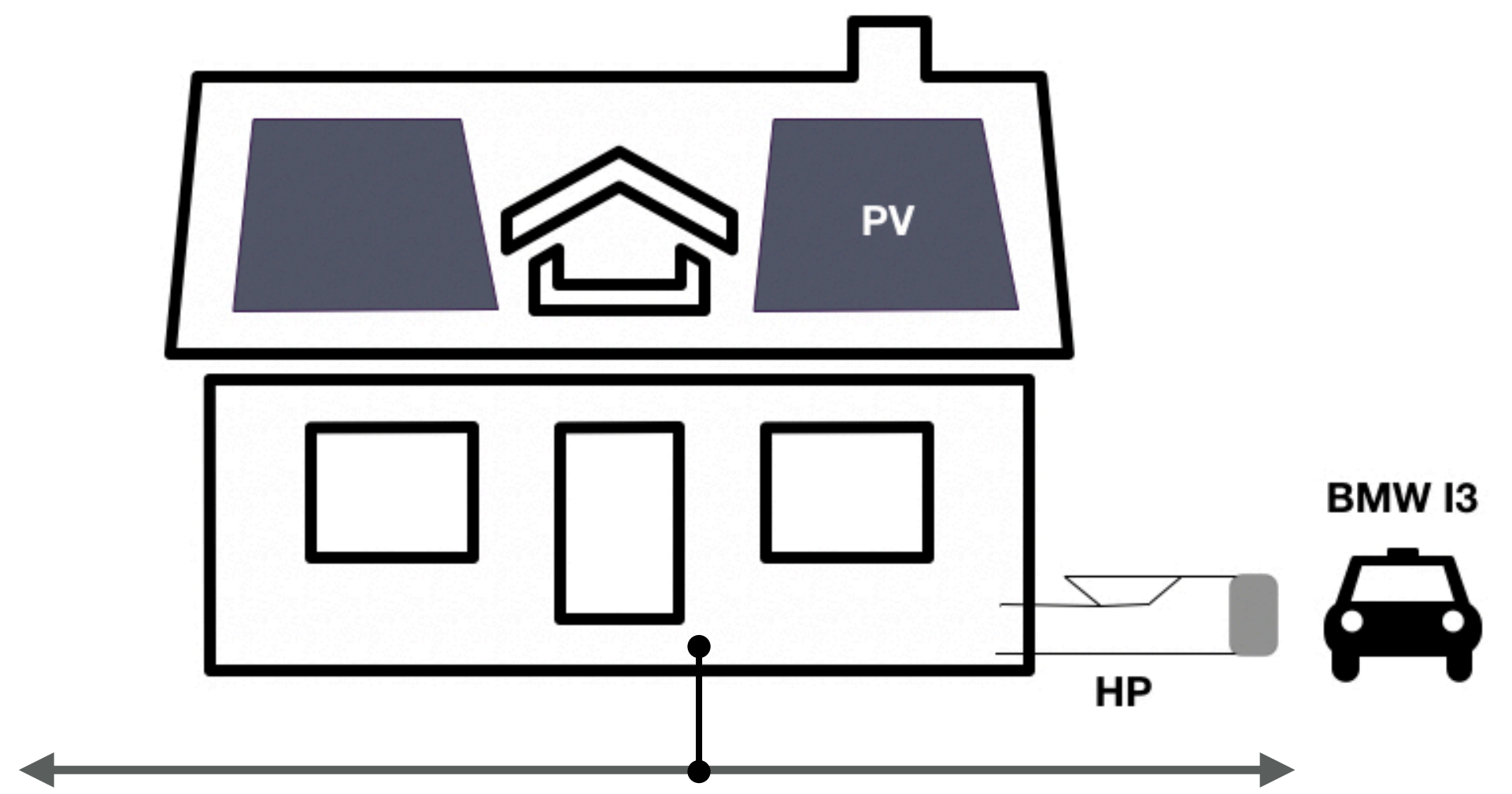


Batteries
Hot water tanks

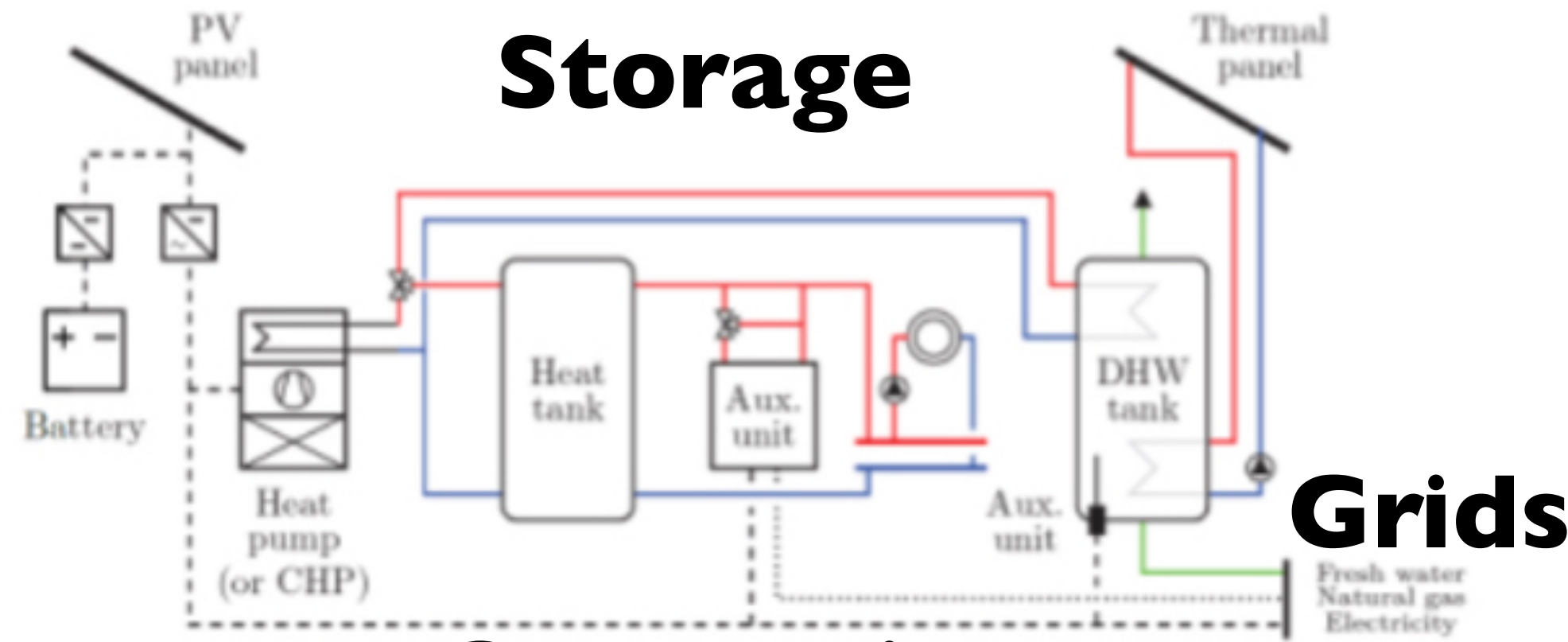
Heat pumps
Peak power

Electrical grid





Harvesting
Storage



Conversion
Predictive Control

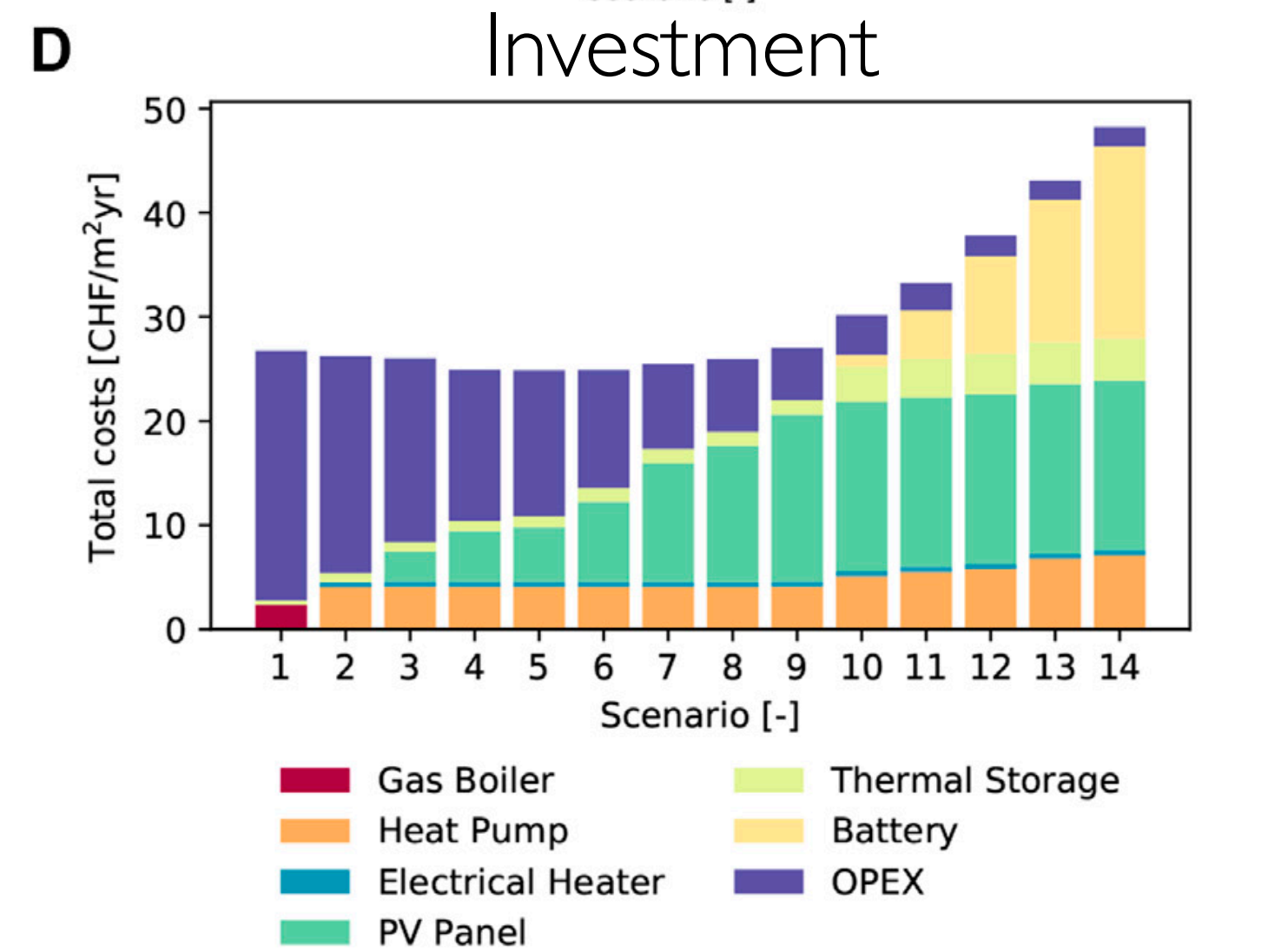
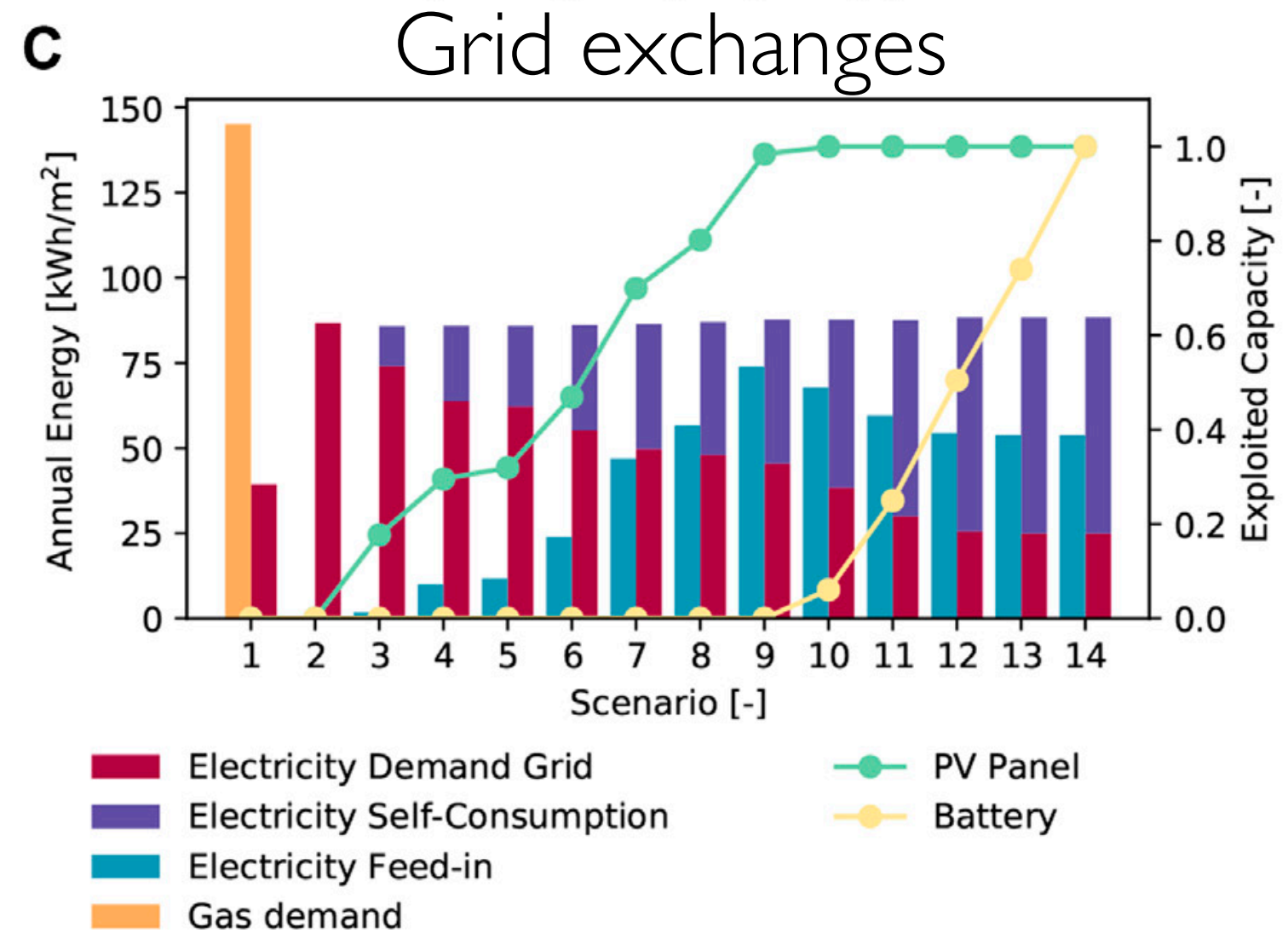
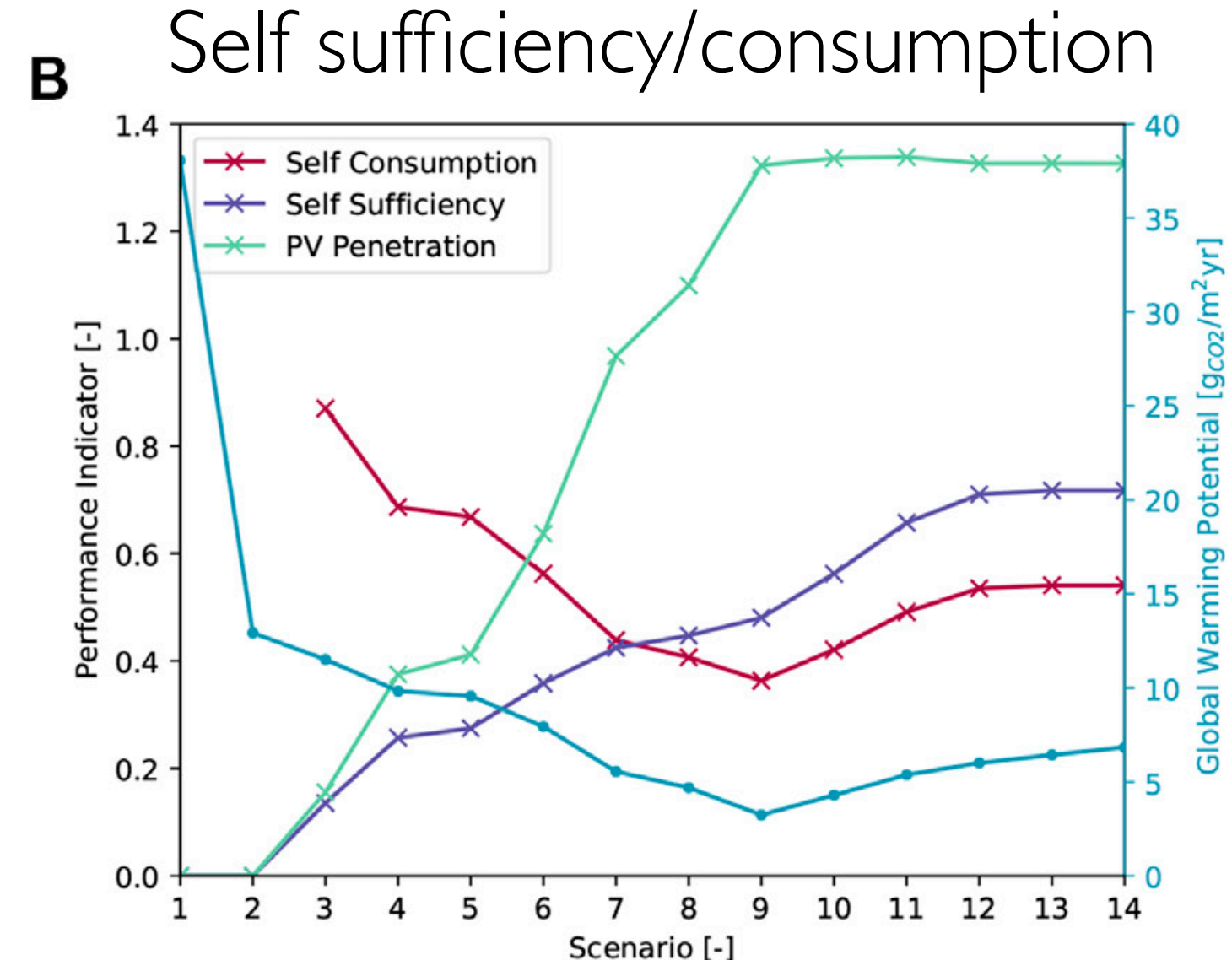
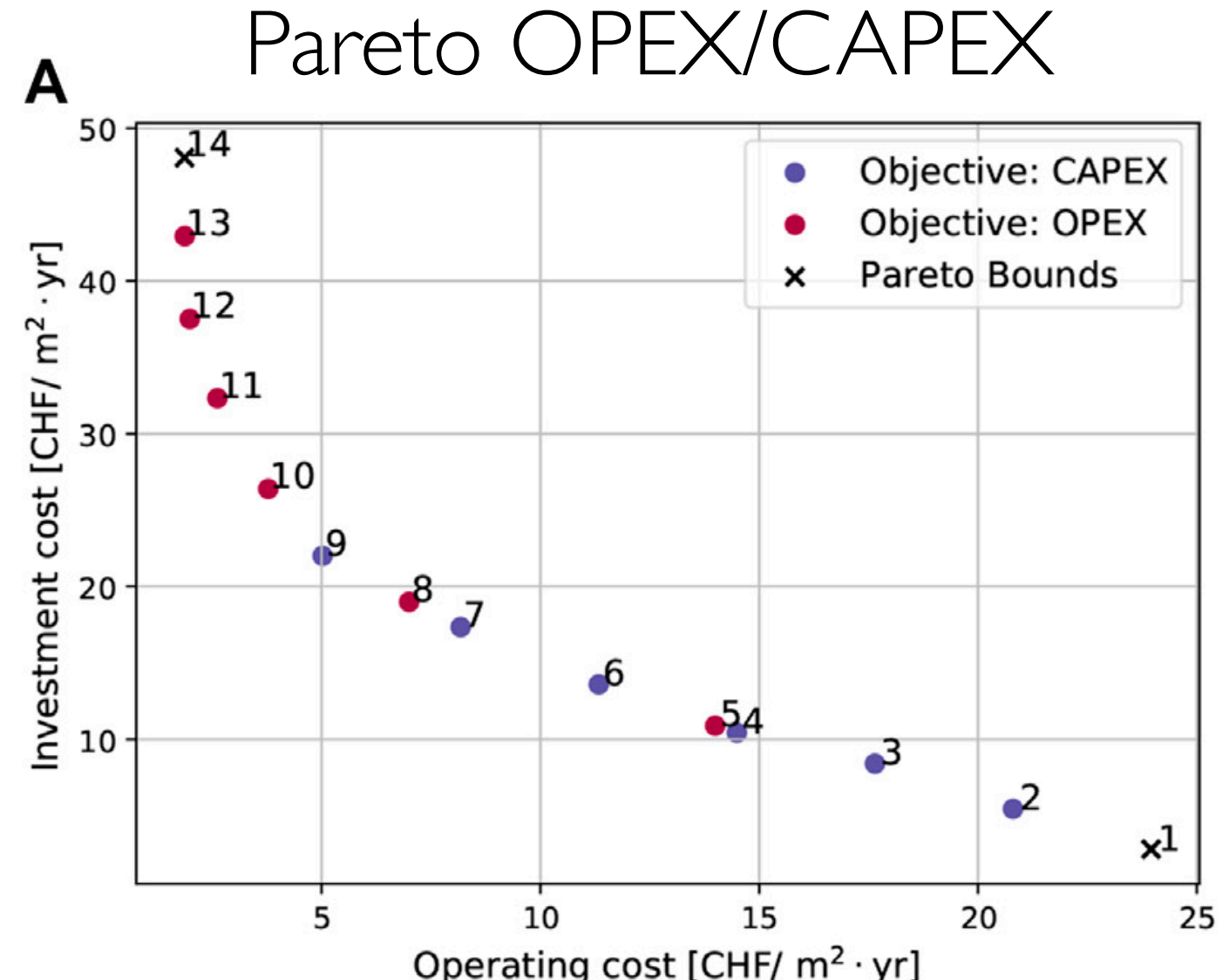


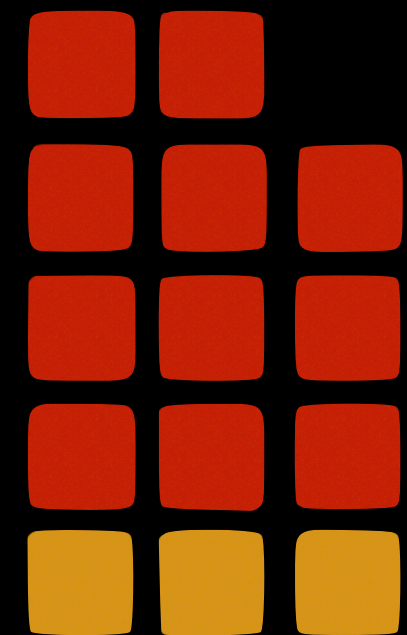
FIGURE 8 | Results of MOO of one residential building: **(A)** definition of Scenarios on pareto curve for investment and operation costs, **(B)** performance indicator each scenario, **(C)** usage of resources, and **(D)** distribution of total annual cost in identified energy system configurations.

RENEWABLE ENERGY HUBS

75+ % CO₂ EMISSIONS REDUCTION

1.10

tons CO₂/y/cap



10 cts/kWh

592

CHF/y/cap

542 CHF/y/cap

Energy :

Investment :

50 CHF/y/cap

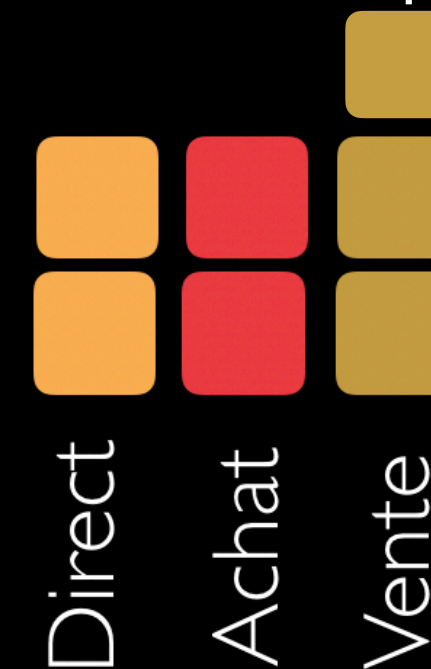


0.25 - 0.04

tons CO₂/y/cap

3.8

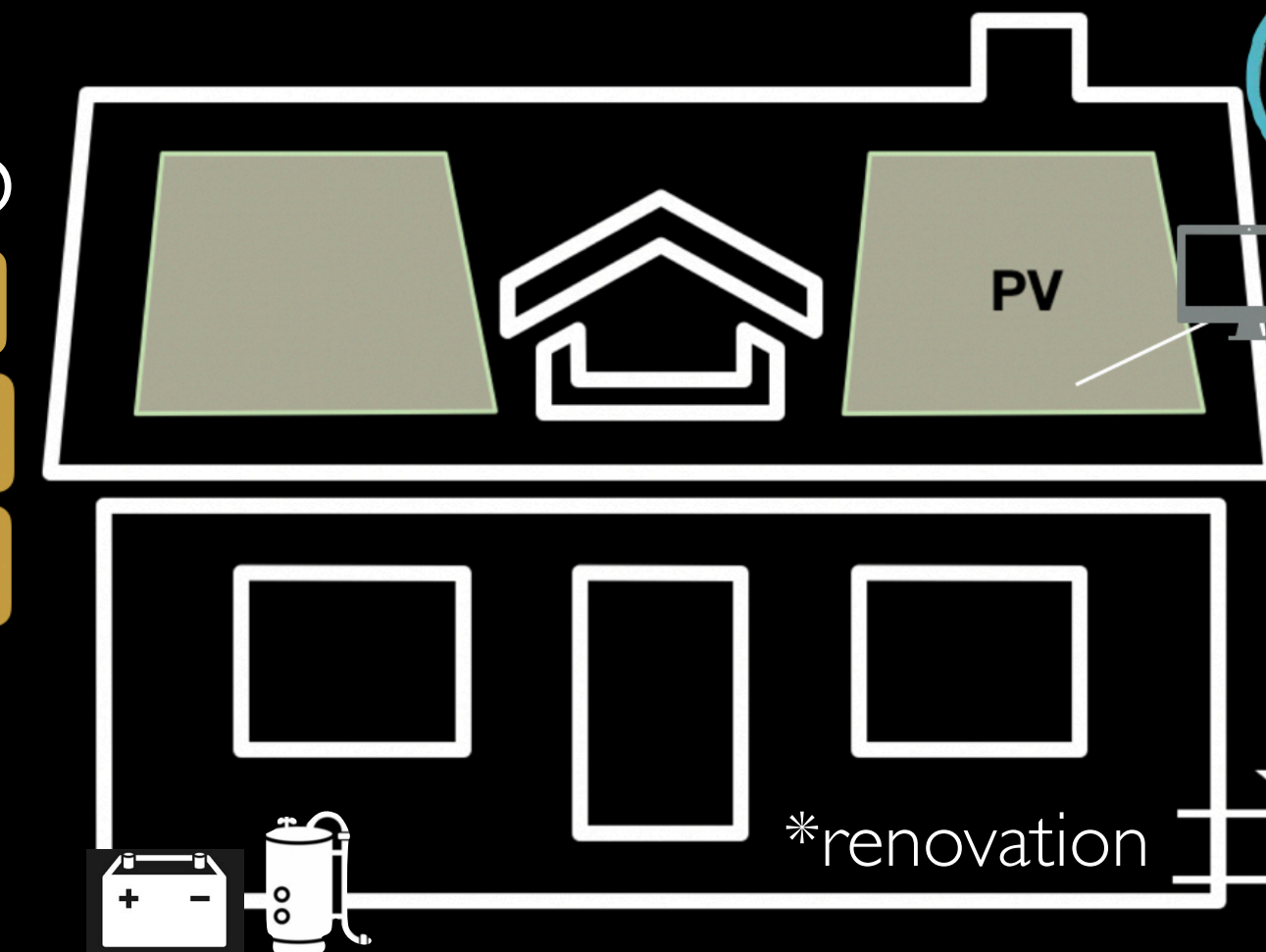
m²PV/cap



Direct

Achat

Vente



Contrôle prédictif



493

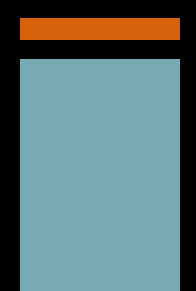
CHF/y/cap

43 CHF/y/cap

Energy :

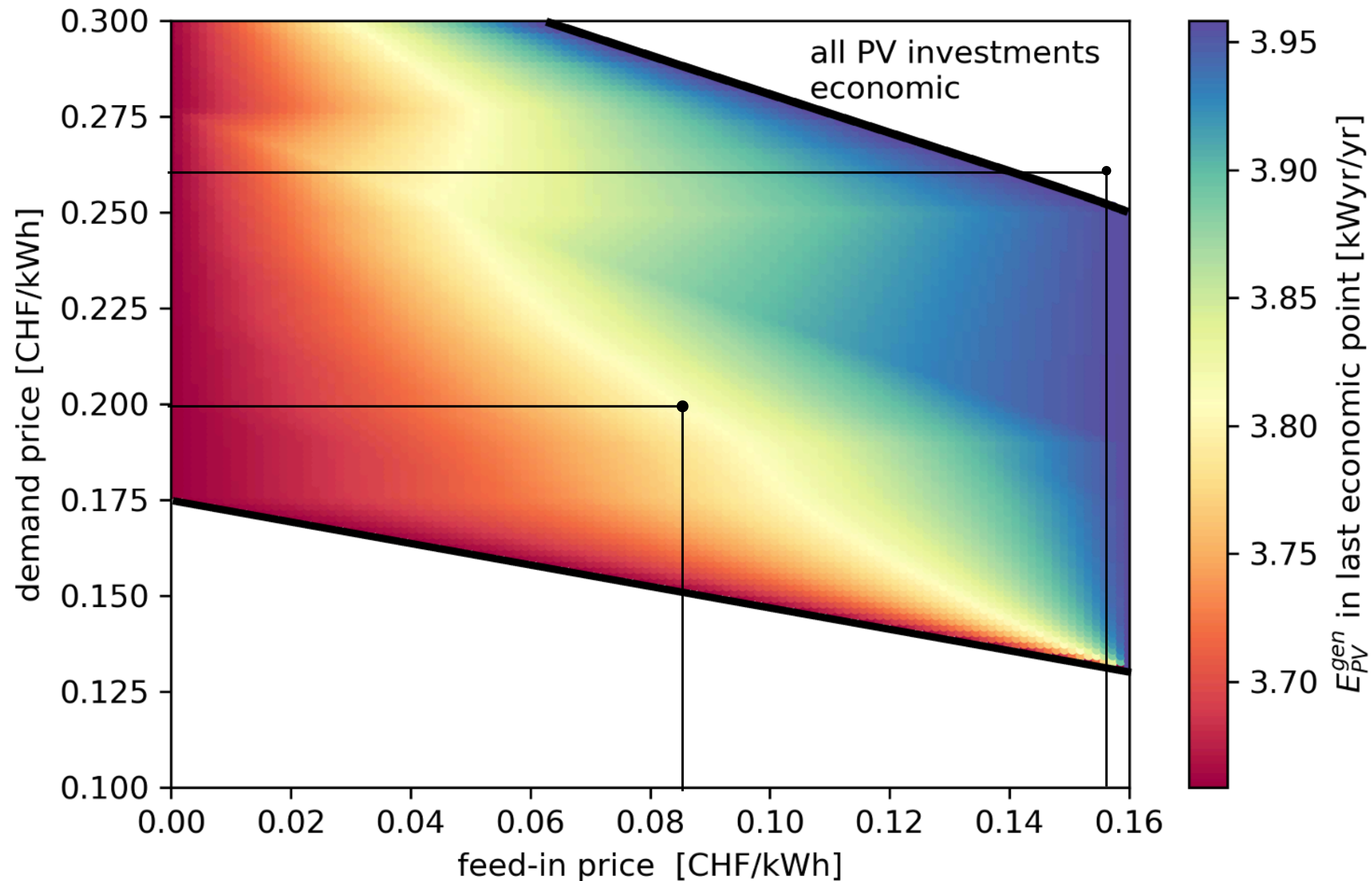
Investment :

450 CHF/y/cap



RENEWABLE ENERGY HUB

FEED-IN AND ELECTRICITY PRICES DECIDES THE INVESTMENT



Multi-owners dwelling (880m²) - 1980
22 residents - 6 electrical vehicles

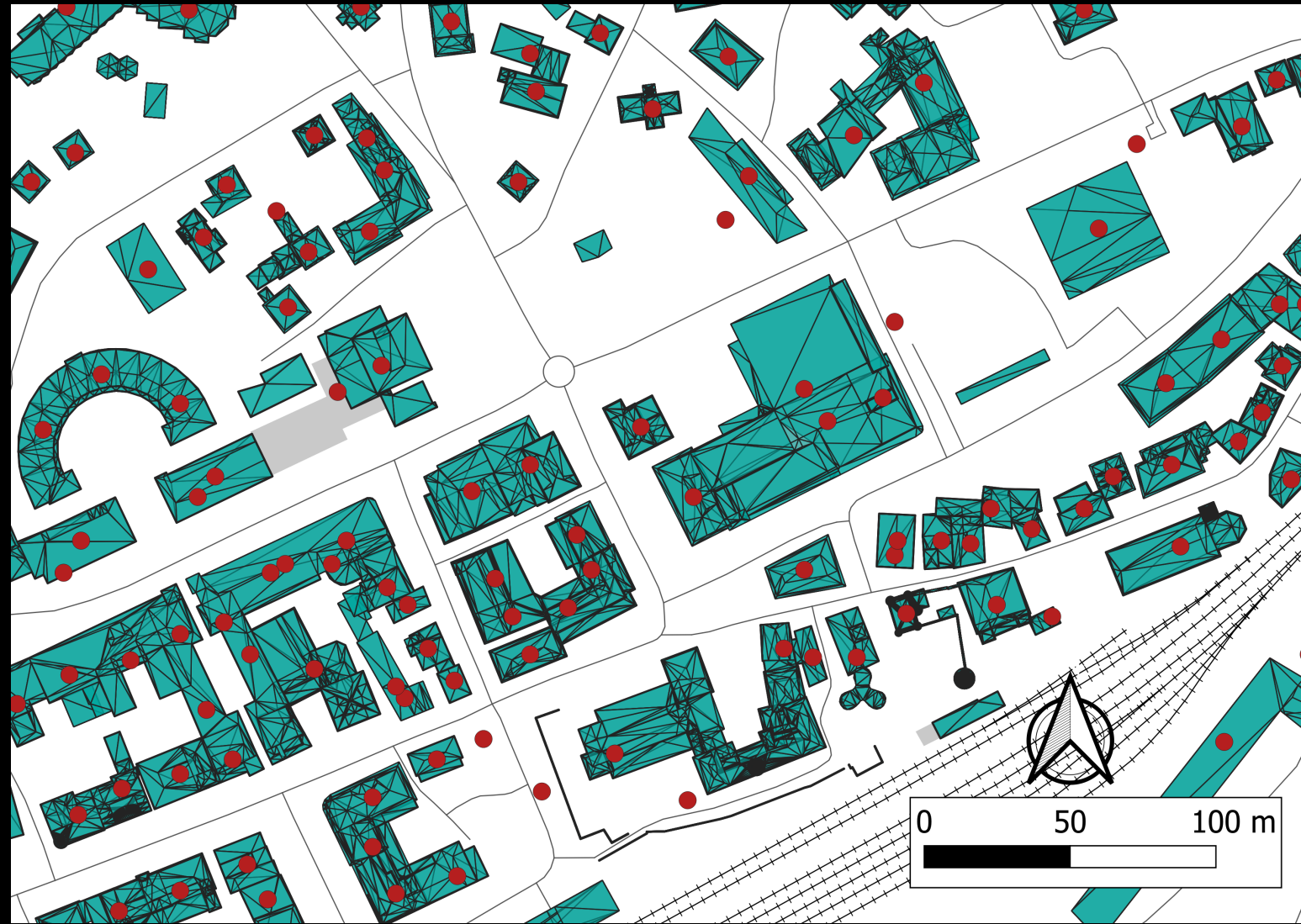
Electricity:
feed-in 0.083 CHF/kWh
retail 0.20 CHF/kWh

Fuel
heating oil: 0.9 CHF/L, or 0.09 CHF/kWh
gasoline: 2 CHF/L, or 0.20 CHF/kWh

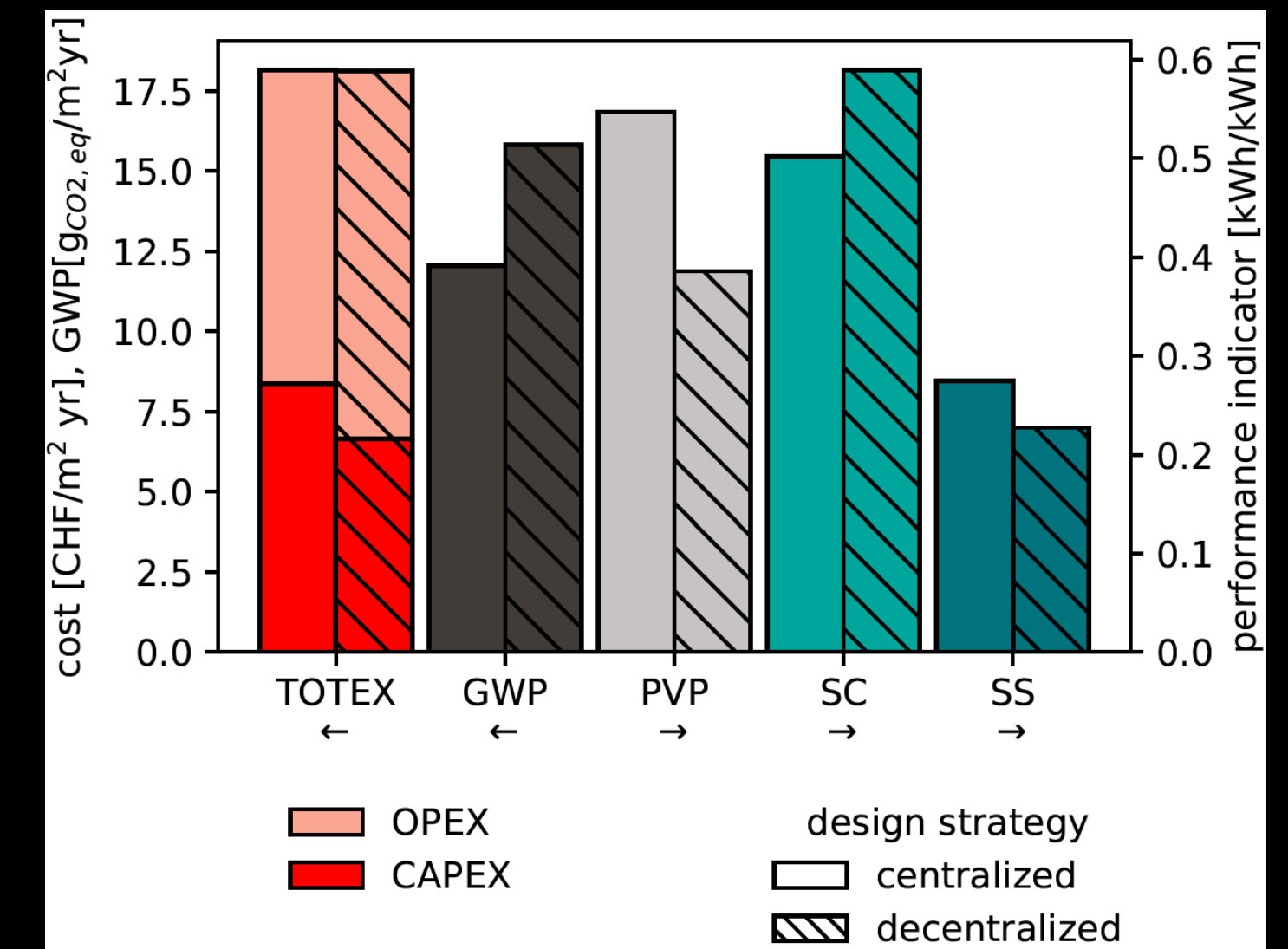
CO₂ emissions
electricity: 0.17 kgCO₂/kWh
heating oil: 0.28 kgCO₂/kWh
gasoline: 0.28 kgCO₂/kWh

INTEGRATING RENEWABLE ENERGY HUBS : SYSTEMS IN SYSTEMS

- District scale => interactions between buildings



building vs community

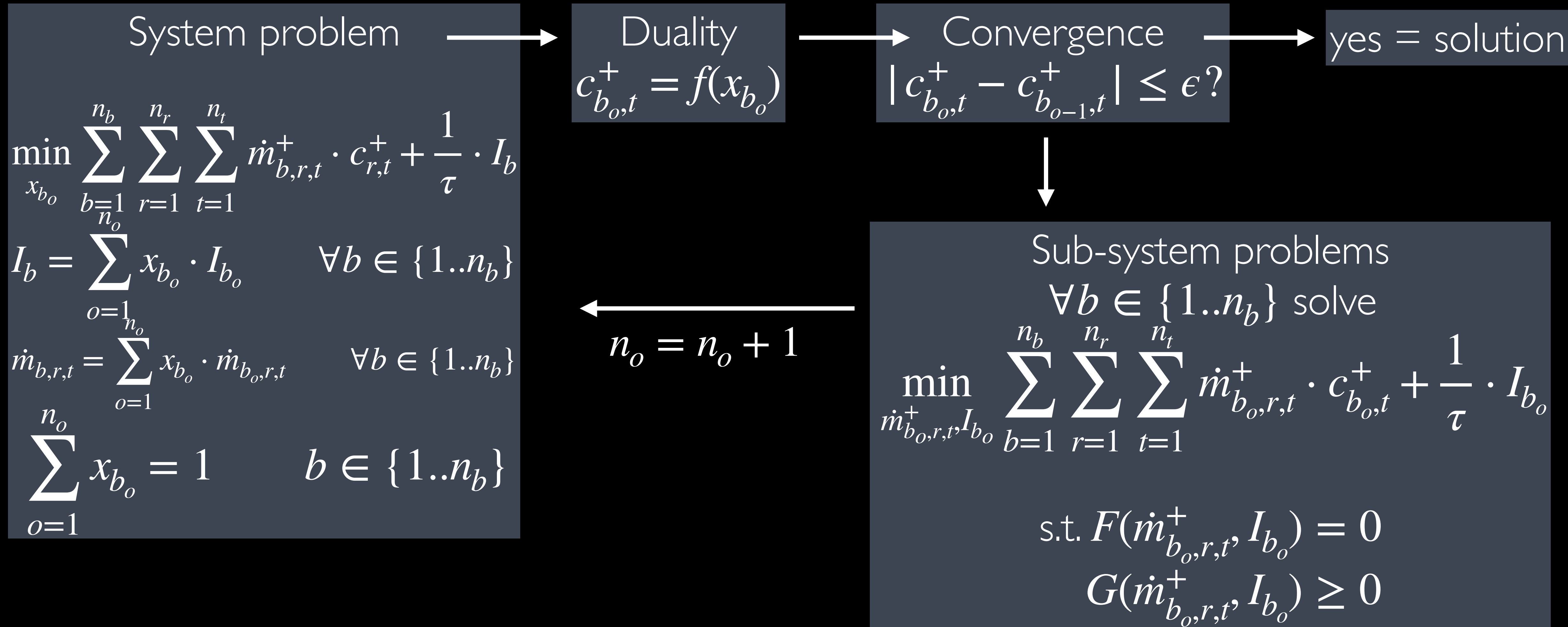


For the same feed-in/feed-out prices

- PV + 40%
- Invest + 30%
- - 20% GWP
- facade from 16 to 40%

SYSTEMS IN SYSTEMS

Dantzig-Wolf Decomposition



YOU HAVE ALSO A FREE BATTERY FOR THE ENERGY SYSTEM

Model predictive strategic operation via $c_{b,r,t}^+$ signals

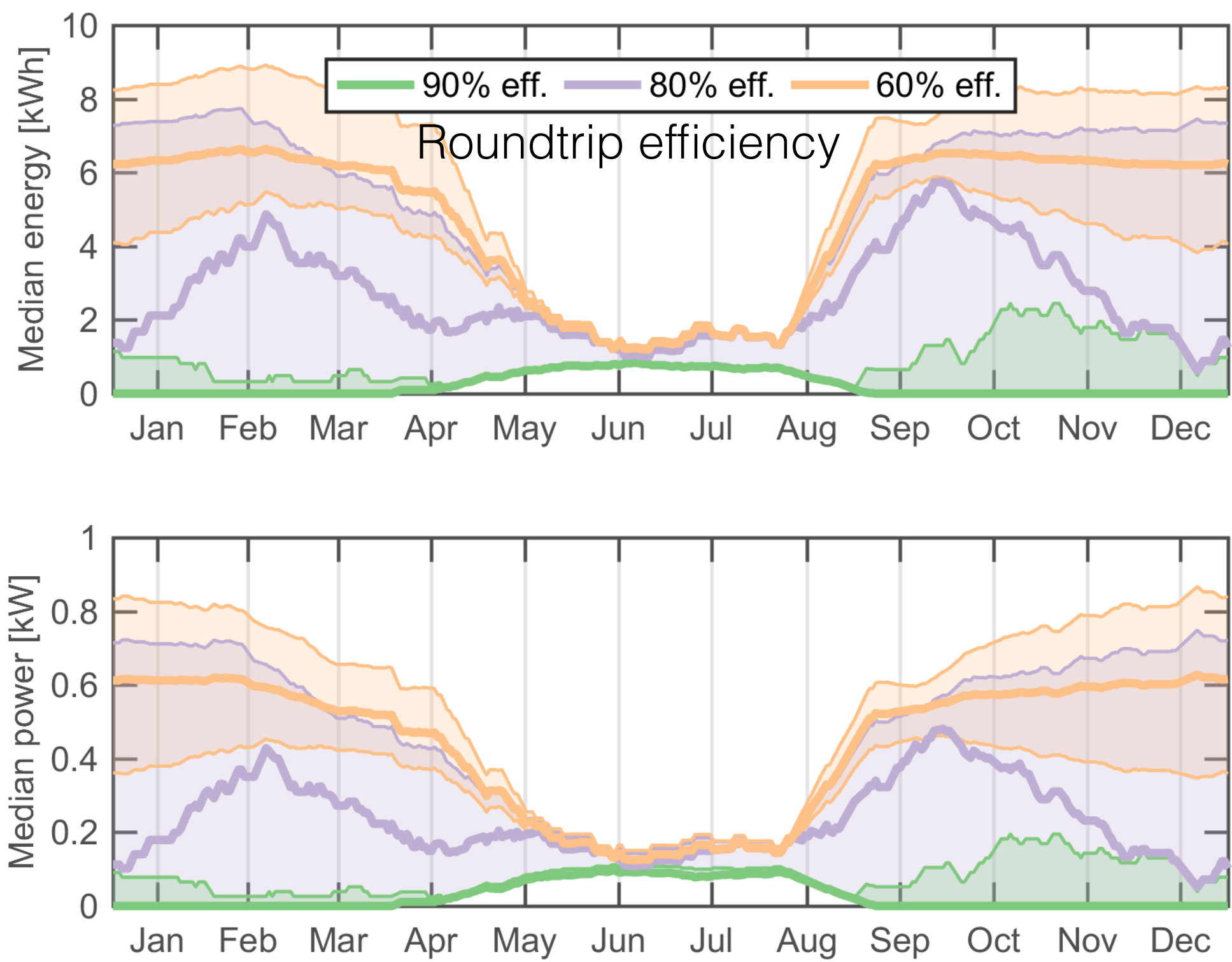
Offered stored energy and power by the system

Building performance (solution I)

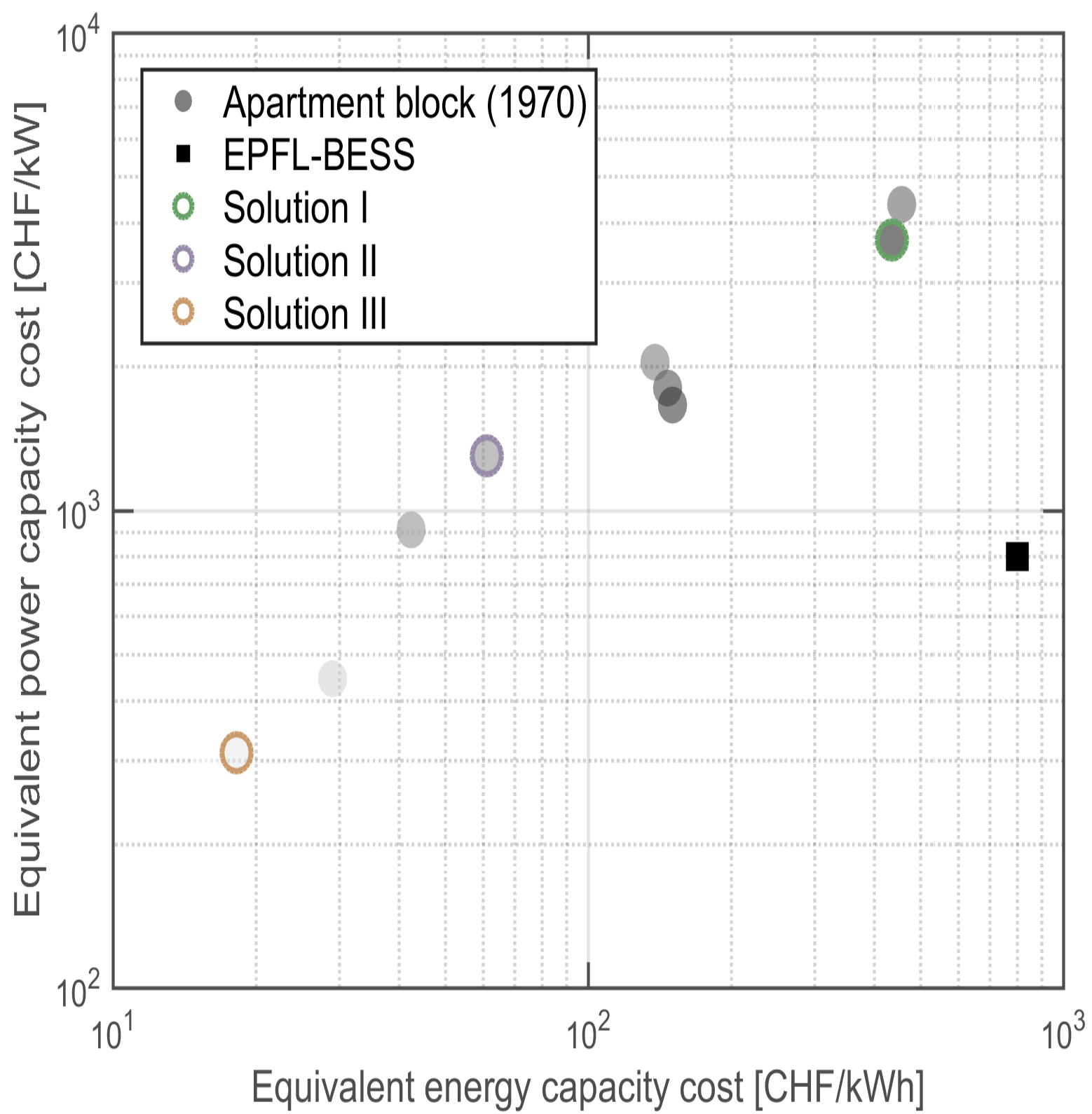
Ind.	Value (imp/exp/gen)		
E [MWh]	34.8	00.0	00.0
H [MWh]	00.0	00.0	00.0
COP [-]	3.00		

Building energy system design (solution I)

Unit	Size	
Heat pump	7.0	kW _e
Battery	0	kWh _e
Boiler	0	kW _{th}
Water tank	0.22	m ³
Electric heater	14	kW _e
Heat tank	1.0	m ³
Photovoltaics	0	kW _p
Solar thermal	0	m ²
SOFC-CHP	0	kW _e



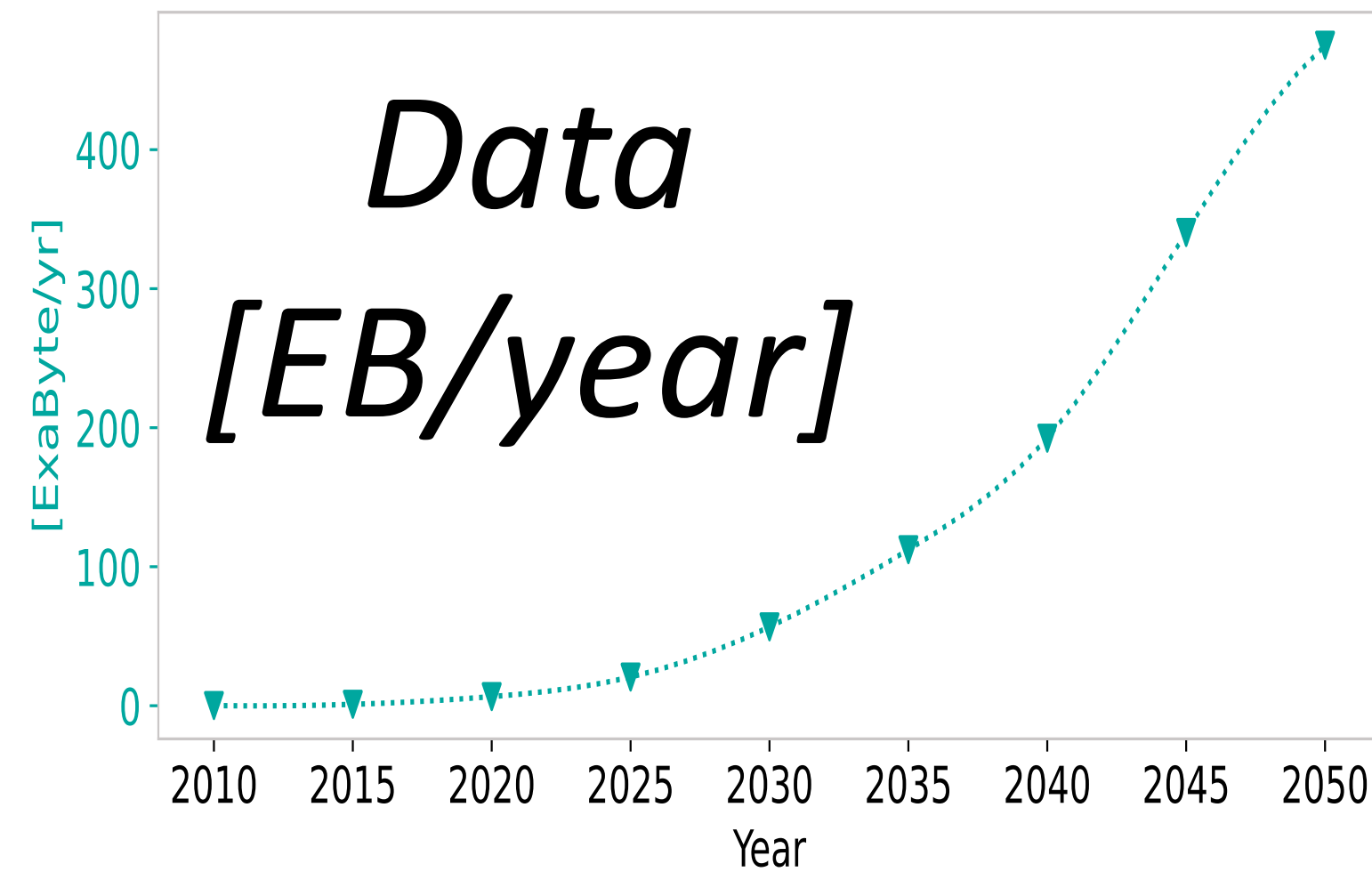
Annual equivalent battery performance



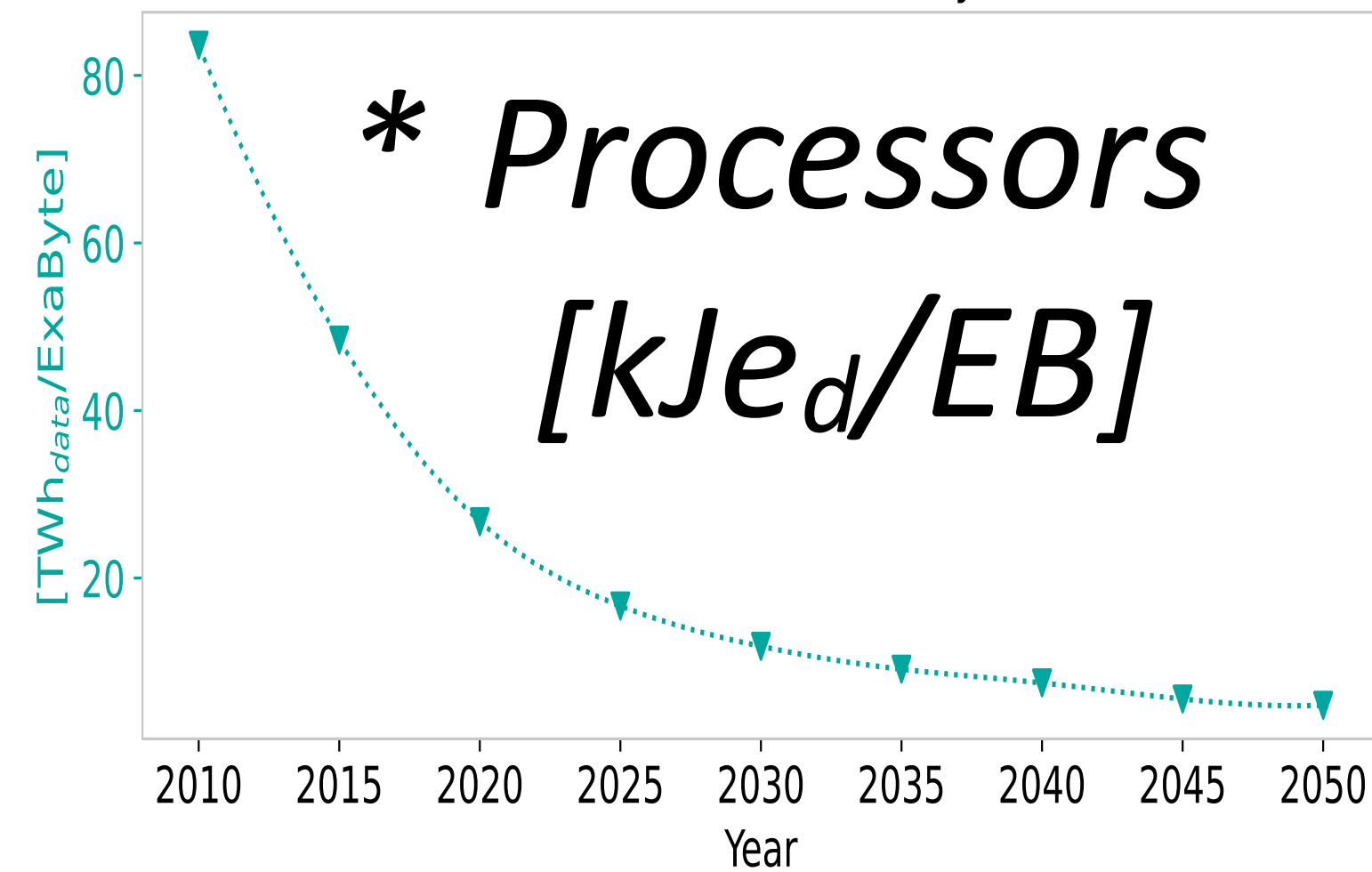
EPFL Data production energy impact

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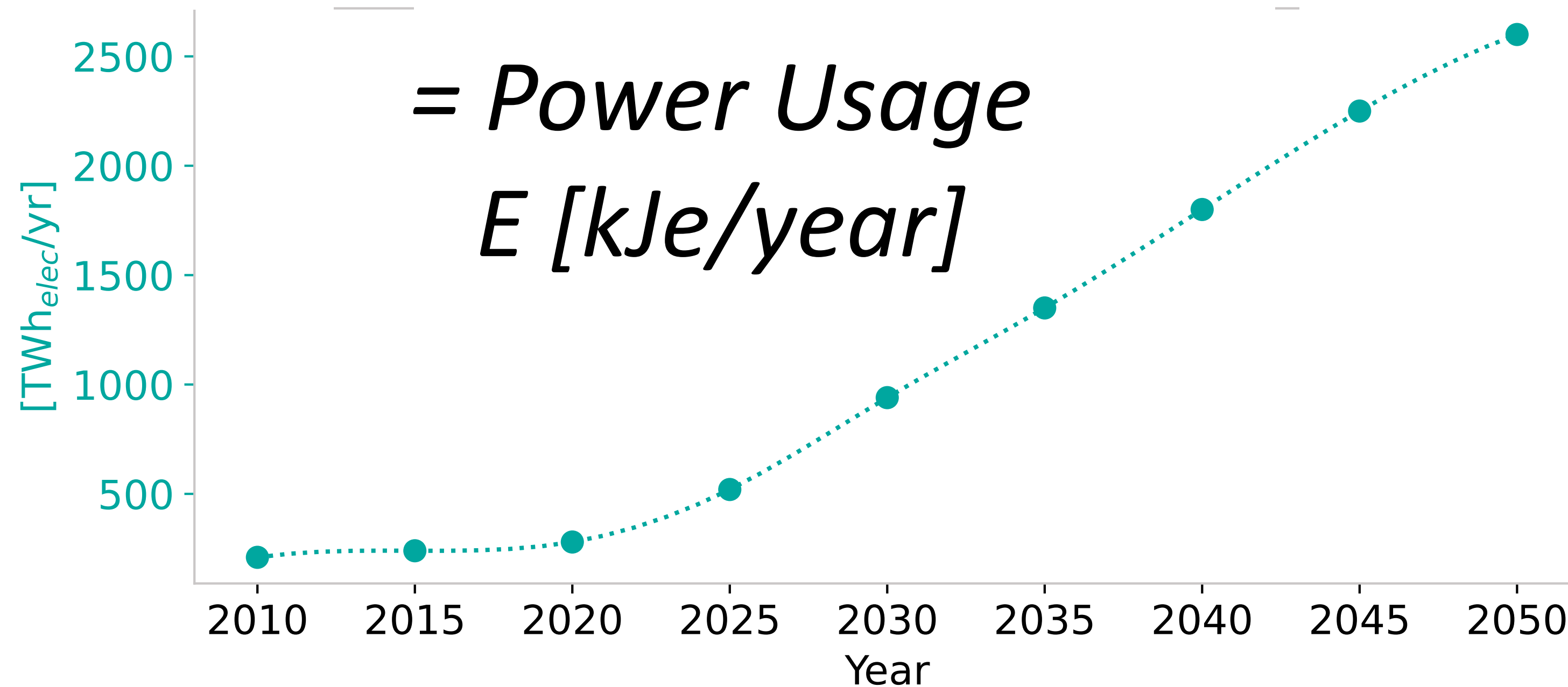
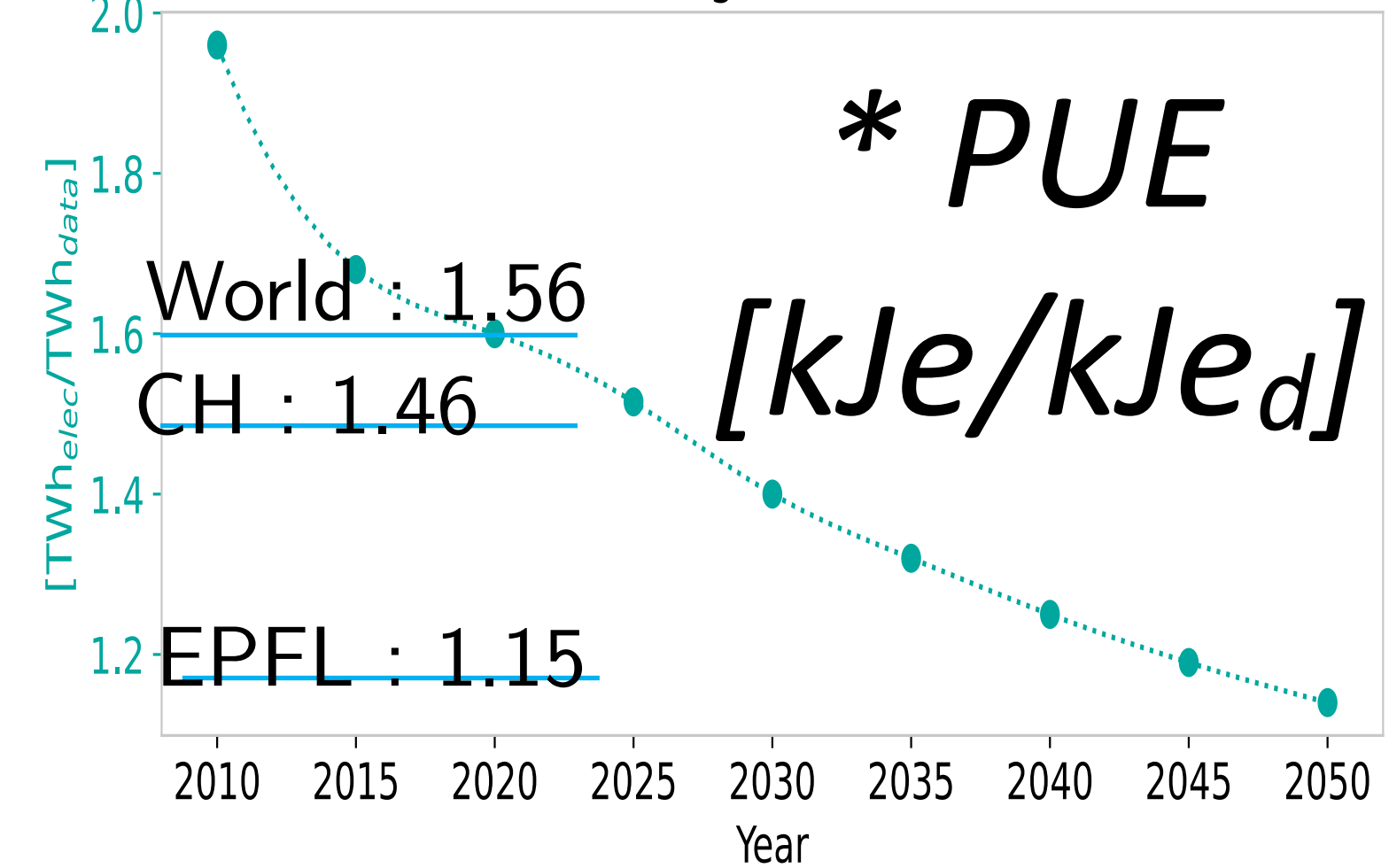
Traffic in data centers



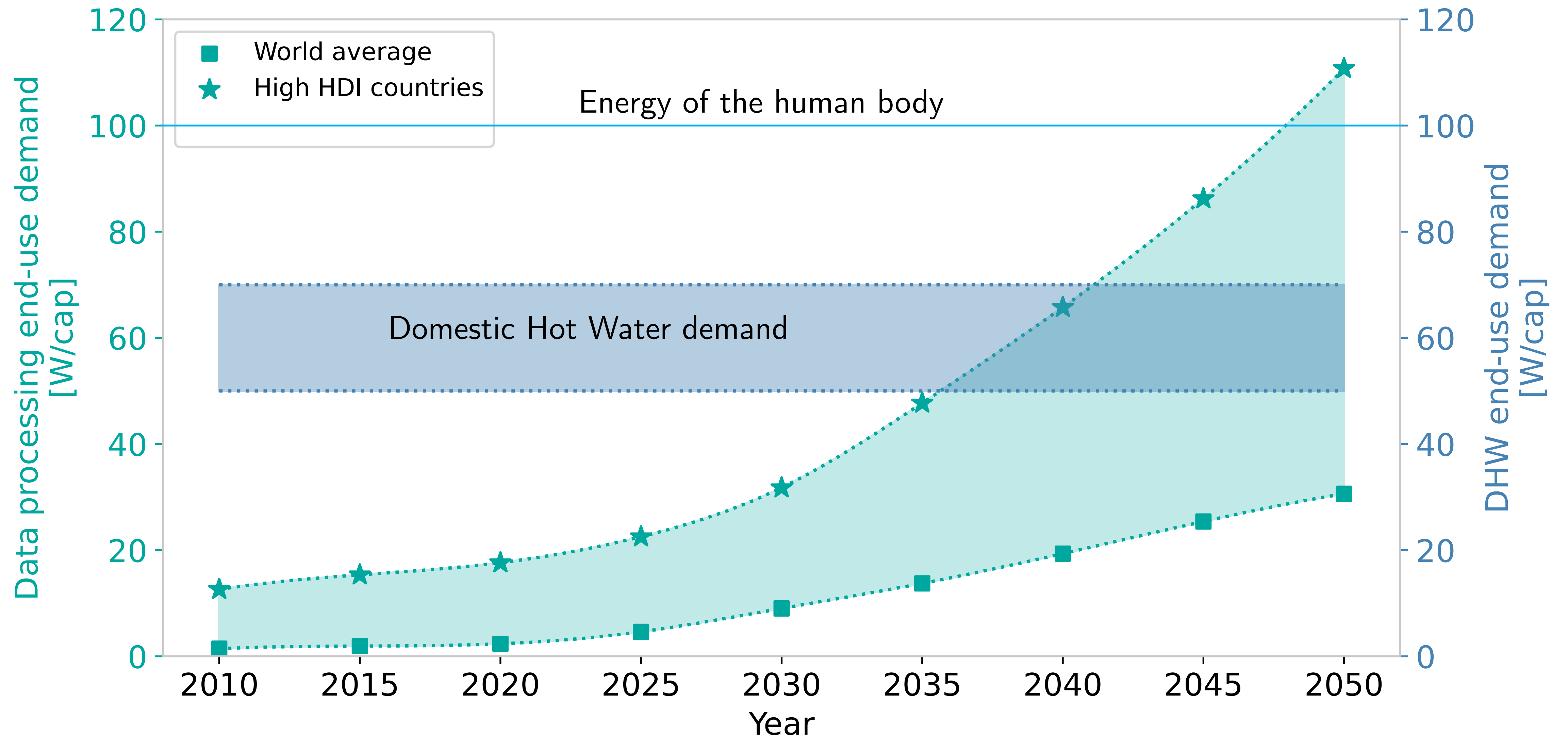
Processors efficiency



Power usage effectiveness



DATA PRODUCTION AND ENERGY SYSTEM

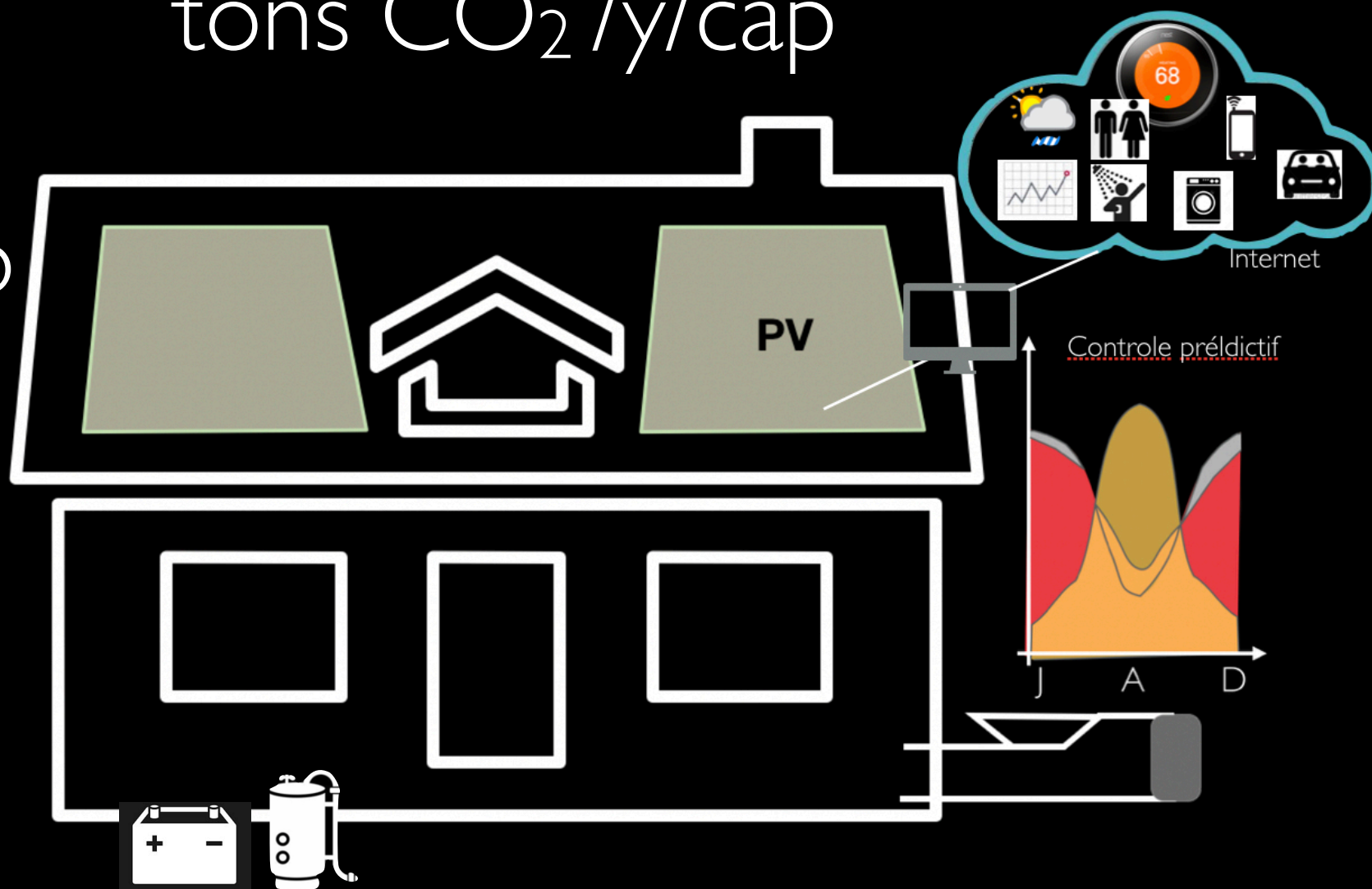


RENEWABLE ENERGY HUB AND DATA PRODUCTION

0.25 + 0.24

tons CO₂ /y/cap

3.8
m²PV/cap



493 + 476

CHF/y/cap

43 CHF/y/cap

450 CHF/y/cap

Building

CHF/y/cap

290 CHF/y/cap

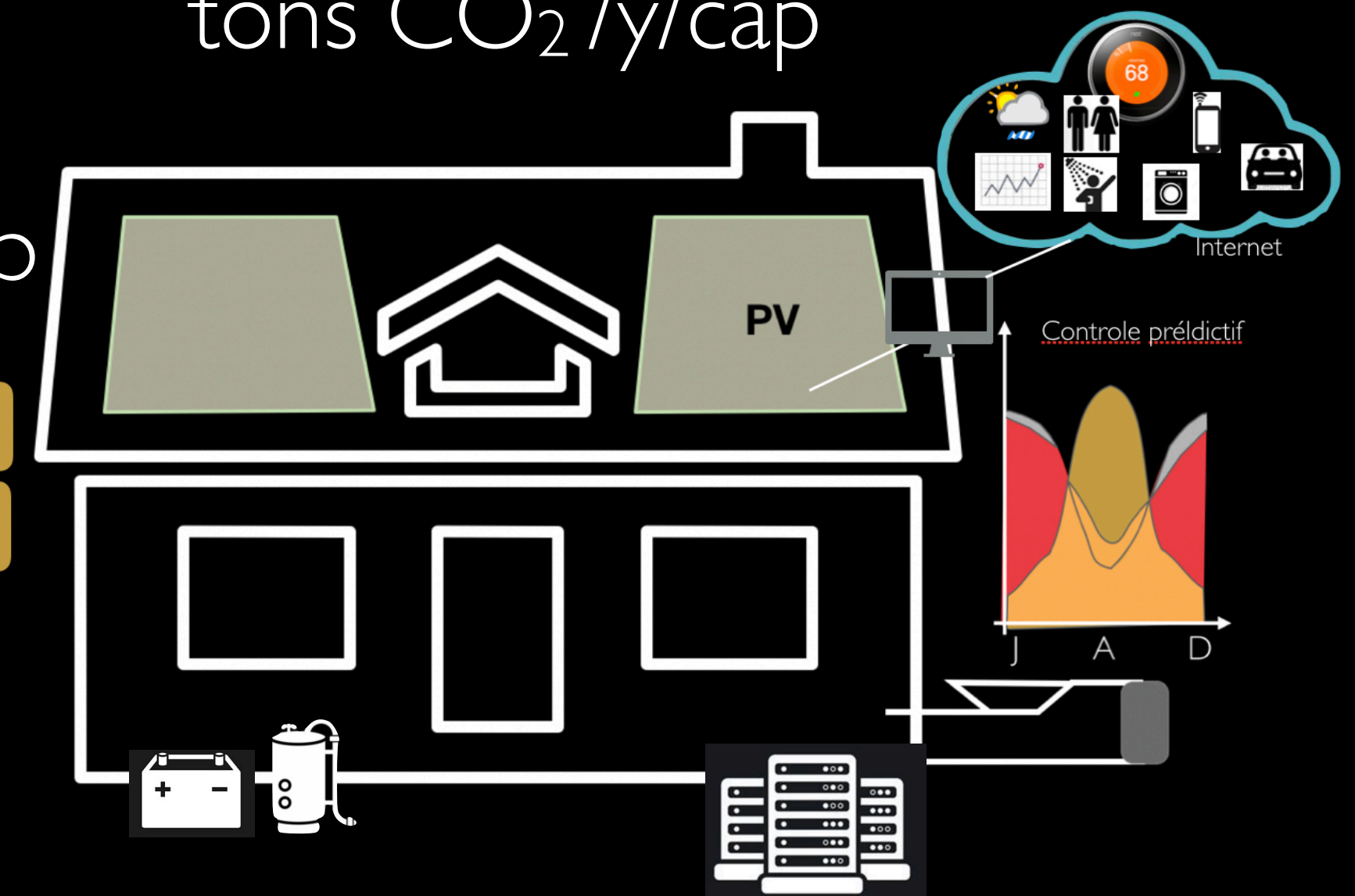
186 CHF/y/cap

Data center

0.32 (-34%)

tons CO₂ /y/cap

4.5
m²PV/cap



855 (-12%)

CHF/y/cap

115 CHF/y/cap

450 CHF/y/cap

Energy :

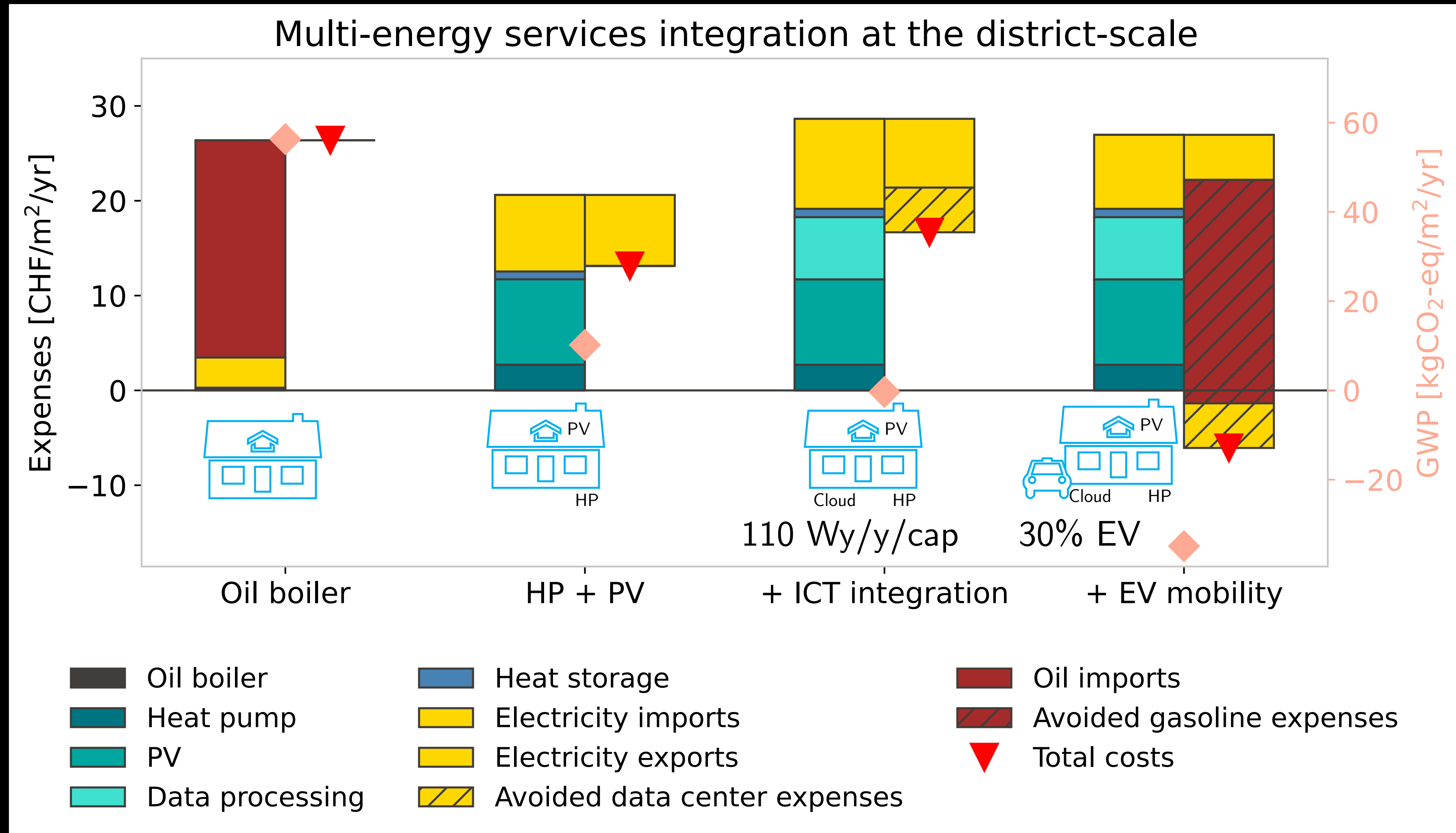
Investment :

Bits heater :

290 CHF/y/cap

RENEWABLE ENERGY HUB : HEATING-COOLING-EV-DATA

- Houses in a district (30 buildings)



APPLYING THE MAGIC FORMULA IN THE CITY

Heat sources (T_{source})

Users ($T_{heating}$)
Heating and Cooling

Industry: **>80°C**

$$\dot{E}^+ = \dot{Q}_{Heat}^+ \cdot \left(1 - \frac{T_{source}}{T_{distrib}}\right) \cdot \eta_h$$

Data center : **30°C**

Waste Water : **13-20 °C**

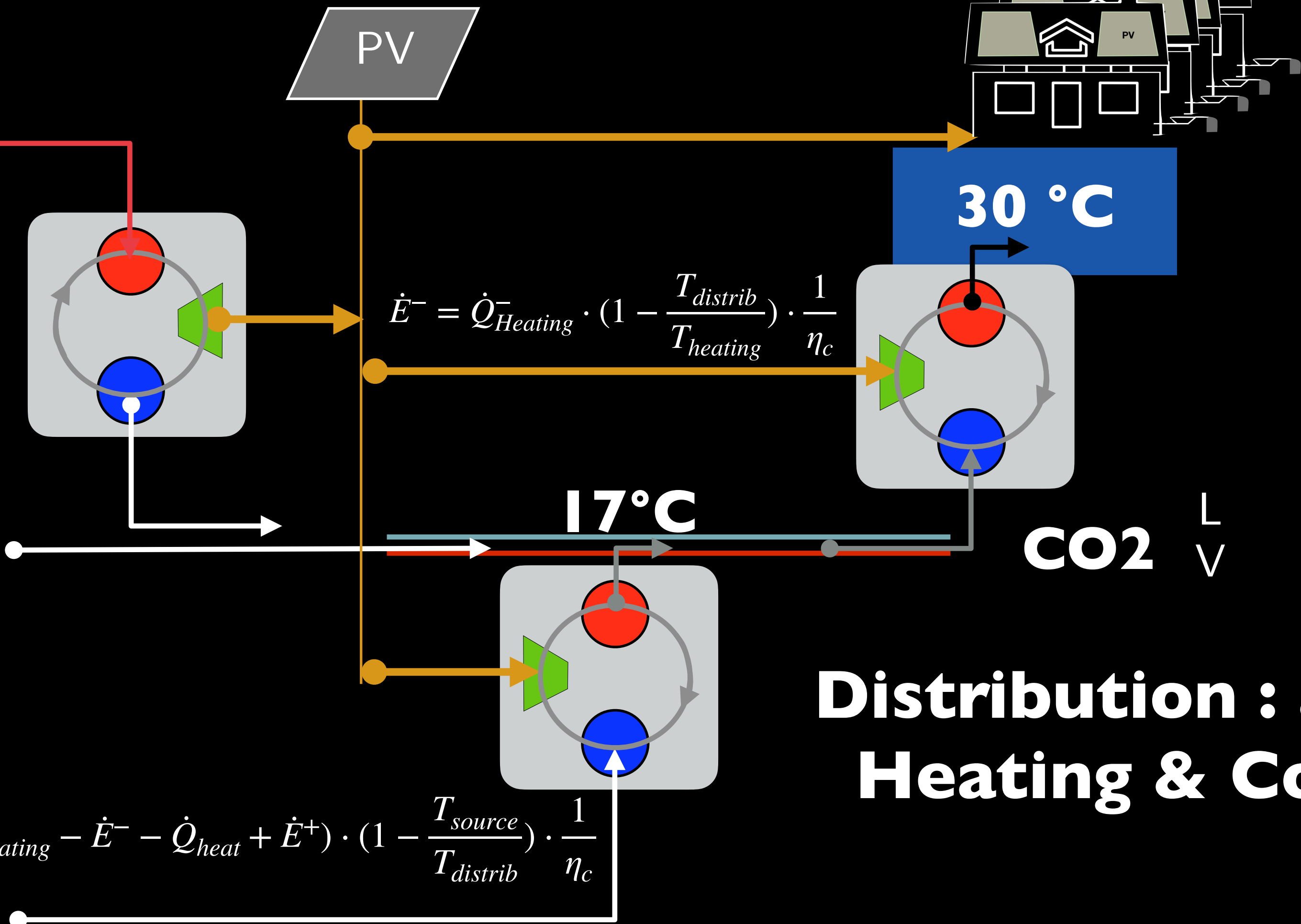
Aquifers : **10 °C**

Rivers/Lake : **7°C**

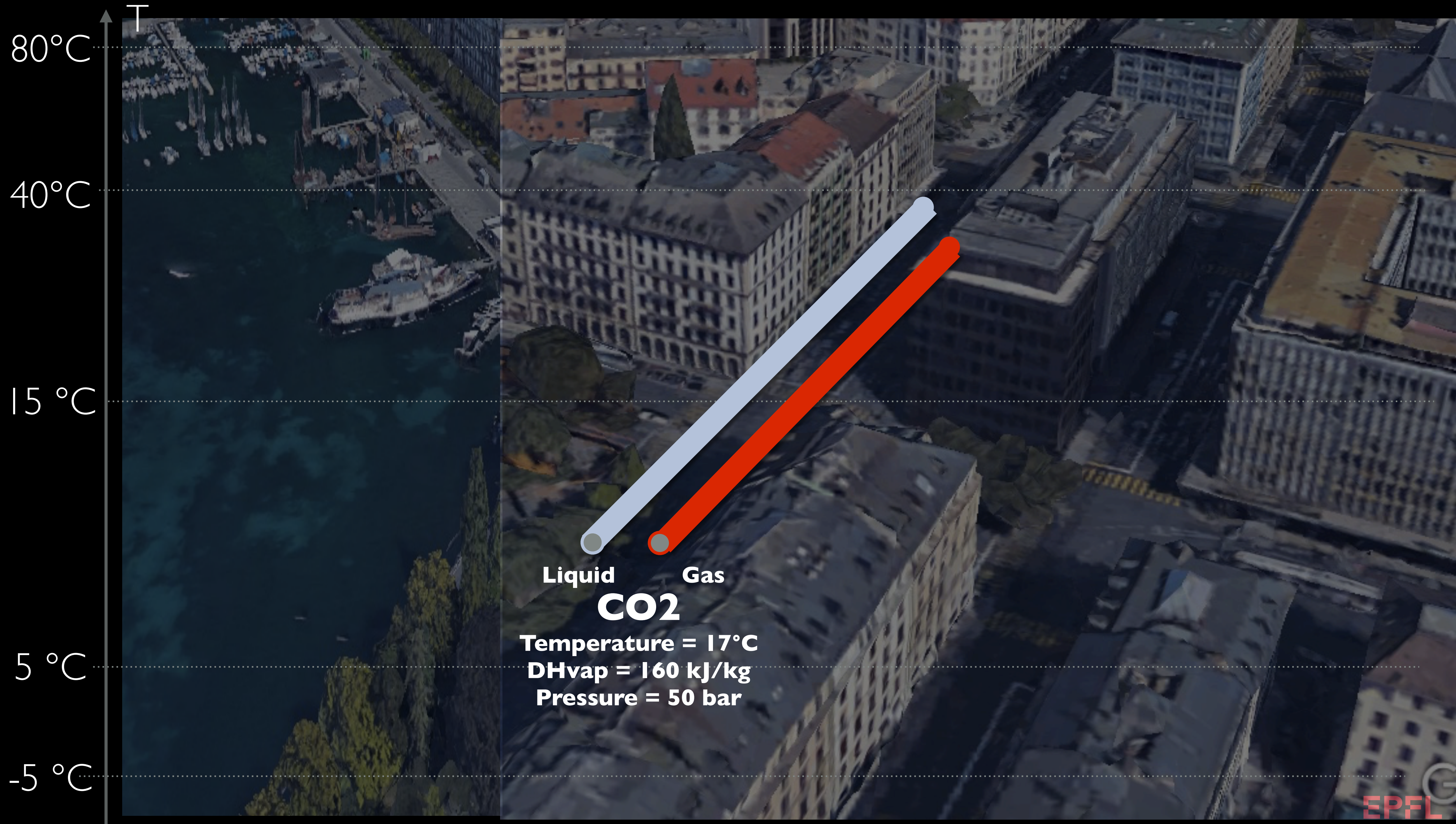
Geothermal : **>10 °C**

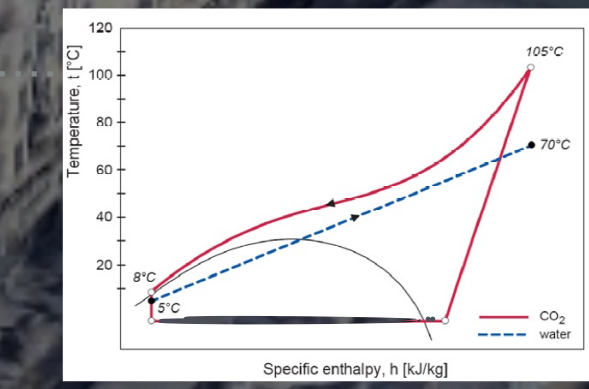
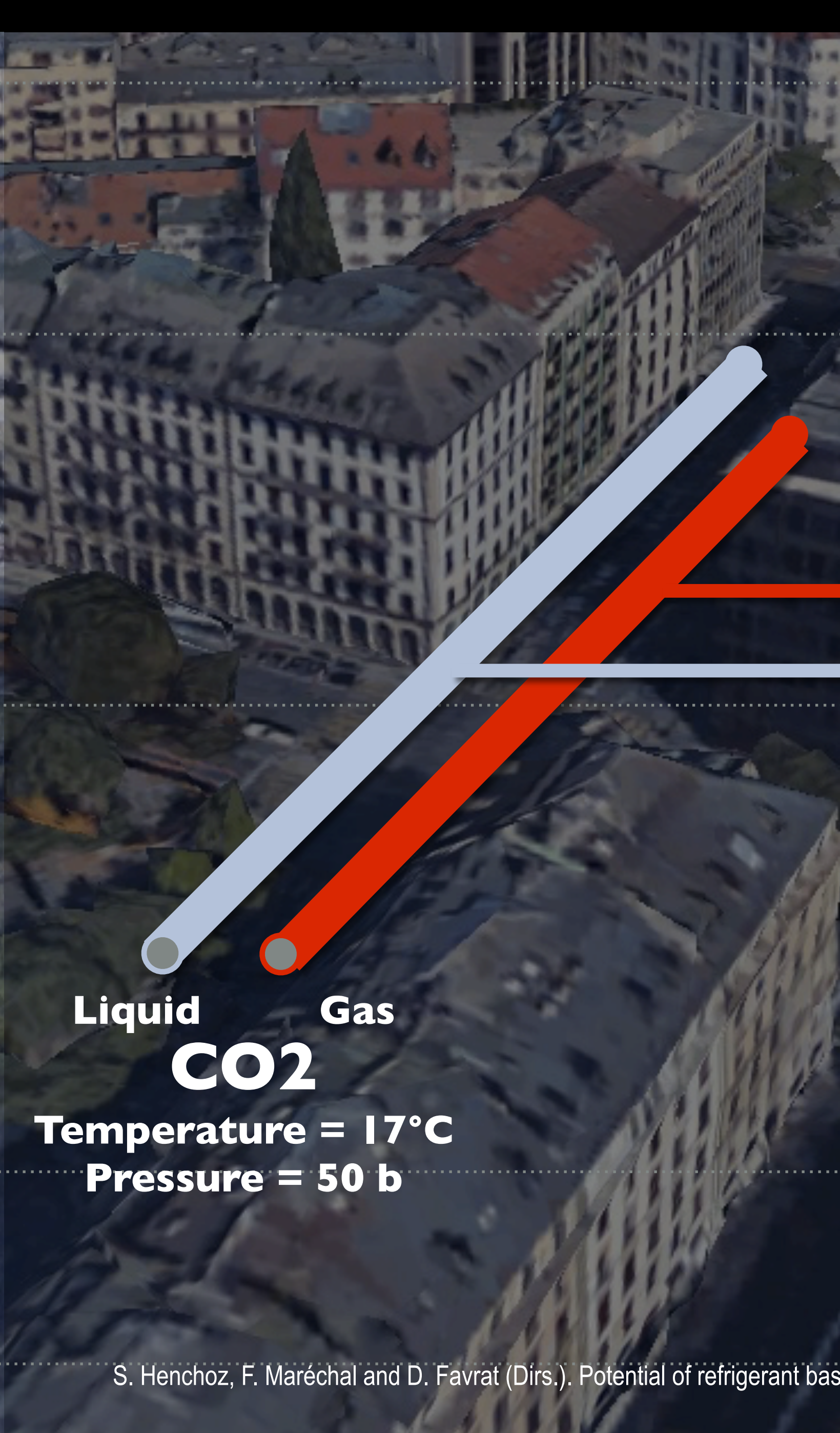
Refrigeration : **< 0°C**

$$\dot{E}_{source}^- = (\dot{Q}_{Heating}^- - \dot{E}^- - \dot{Q}_{heat} + \dot{E}^+) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{T_{source}}{T_{distrib}}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\eta_c}$$

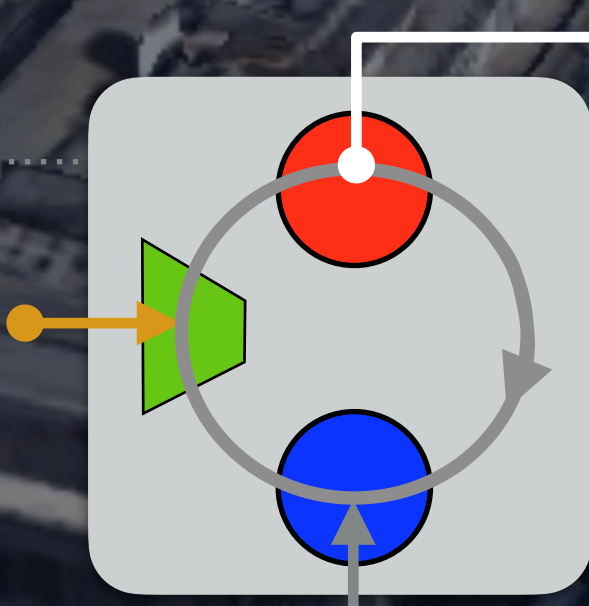


Distribution : anergy
Heating & Cooling



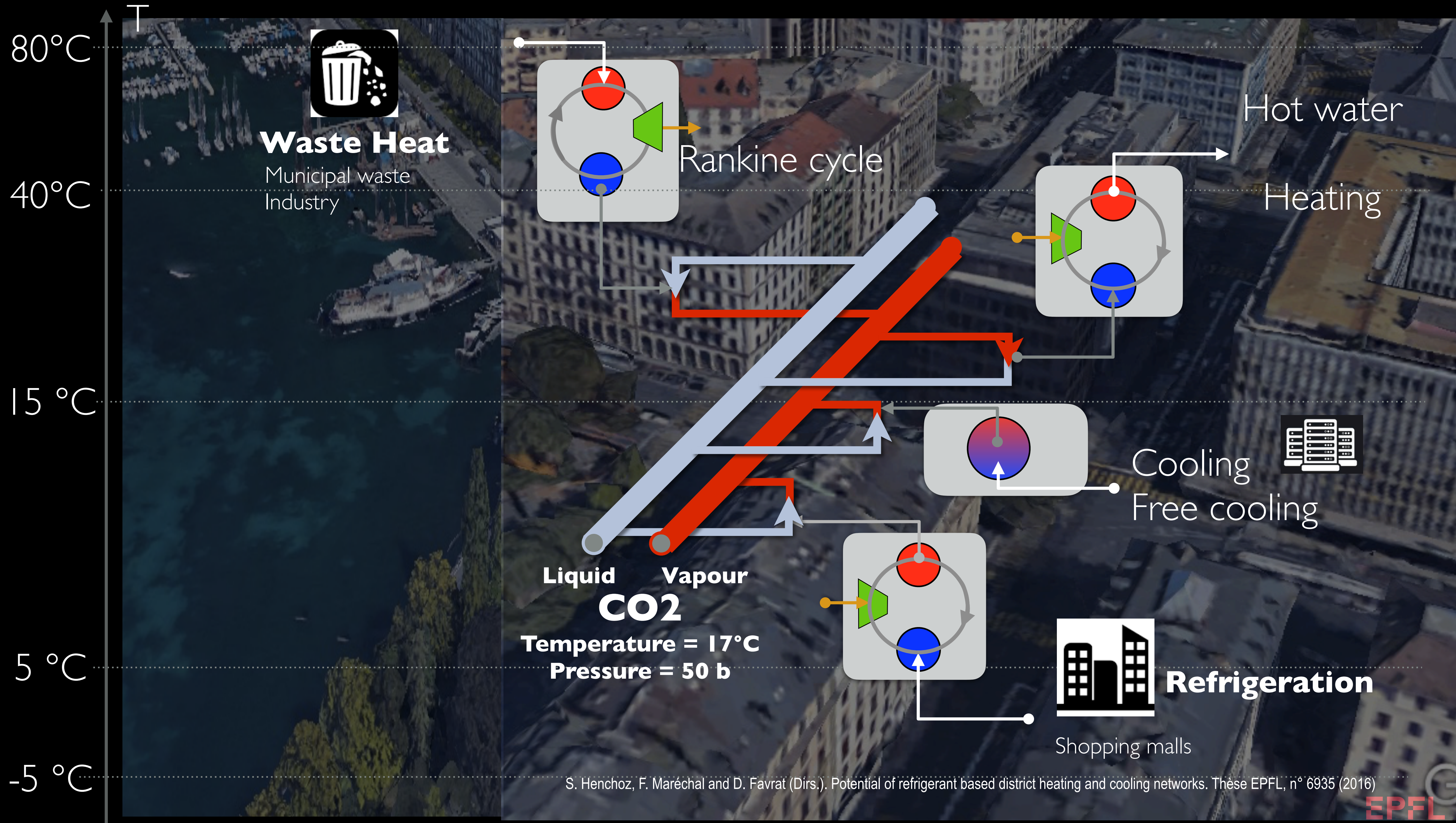


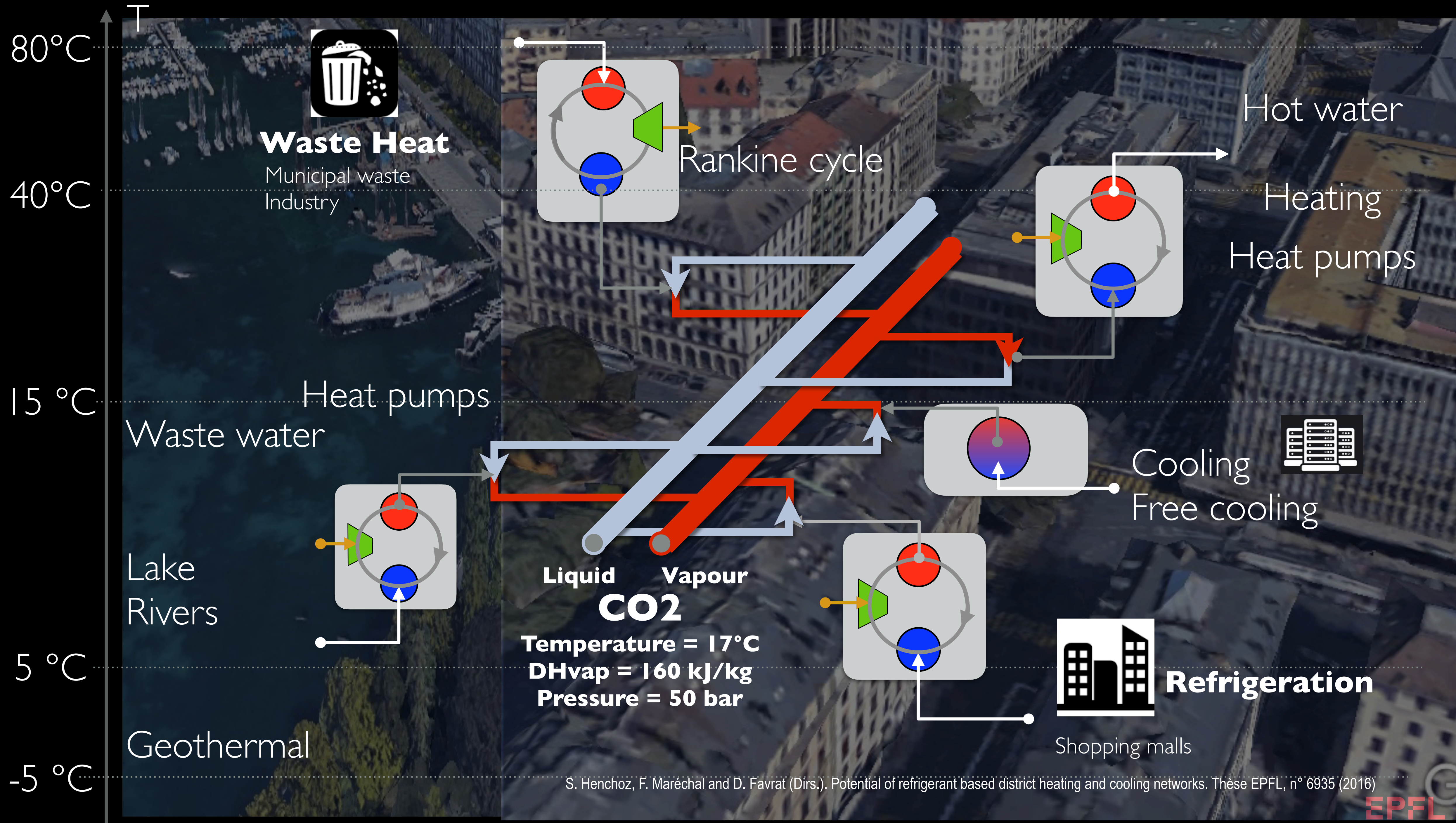
Hot water
CO2 heat pump



Heating
Conventional HP

Liquid Gas
CO2
Temperature = 17°C
Pressure = 50 b

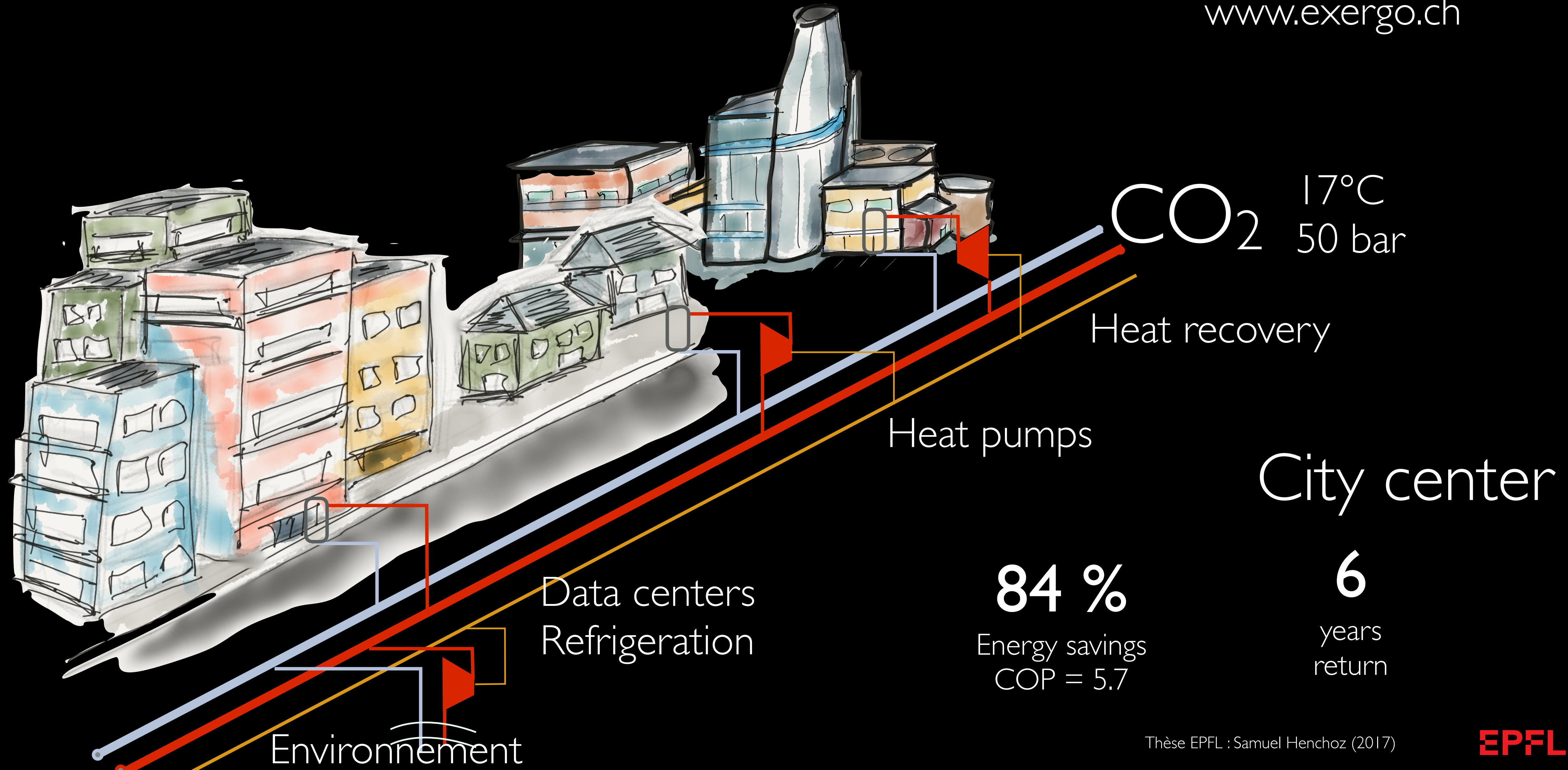




URBAN SYSTEMS



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CO₂ 17°C
50 bar

Heat recovery

Heat pumps

City center

Data centers
Refrigeration

84 %

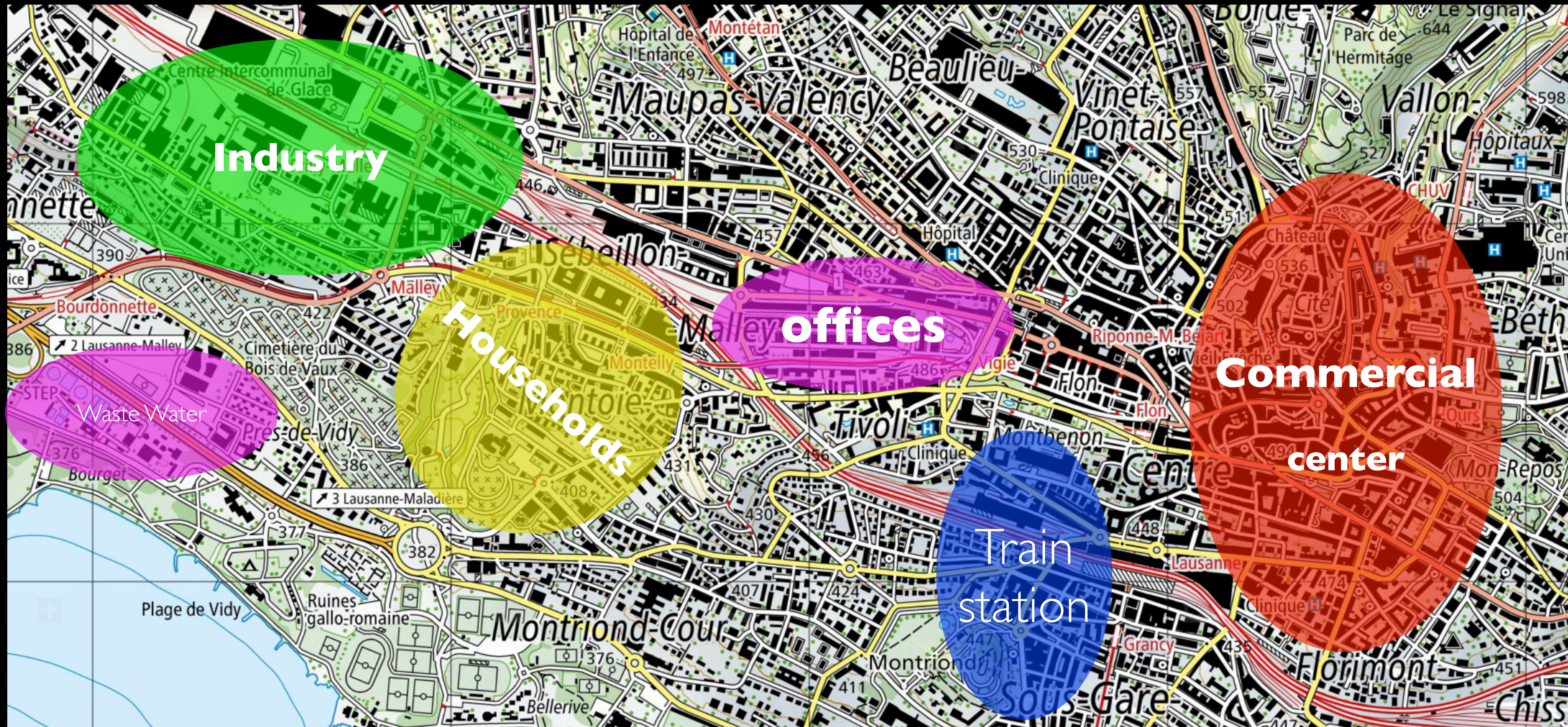
Energy savings
COP = 5.7

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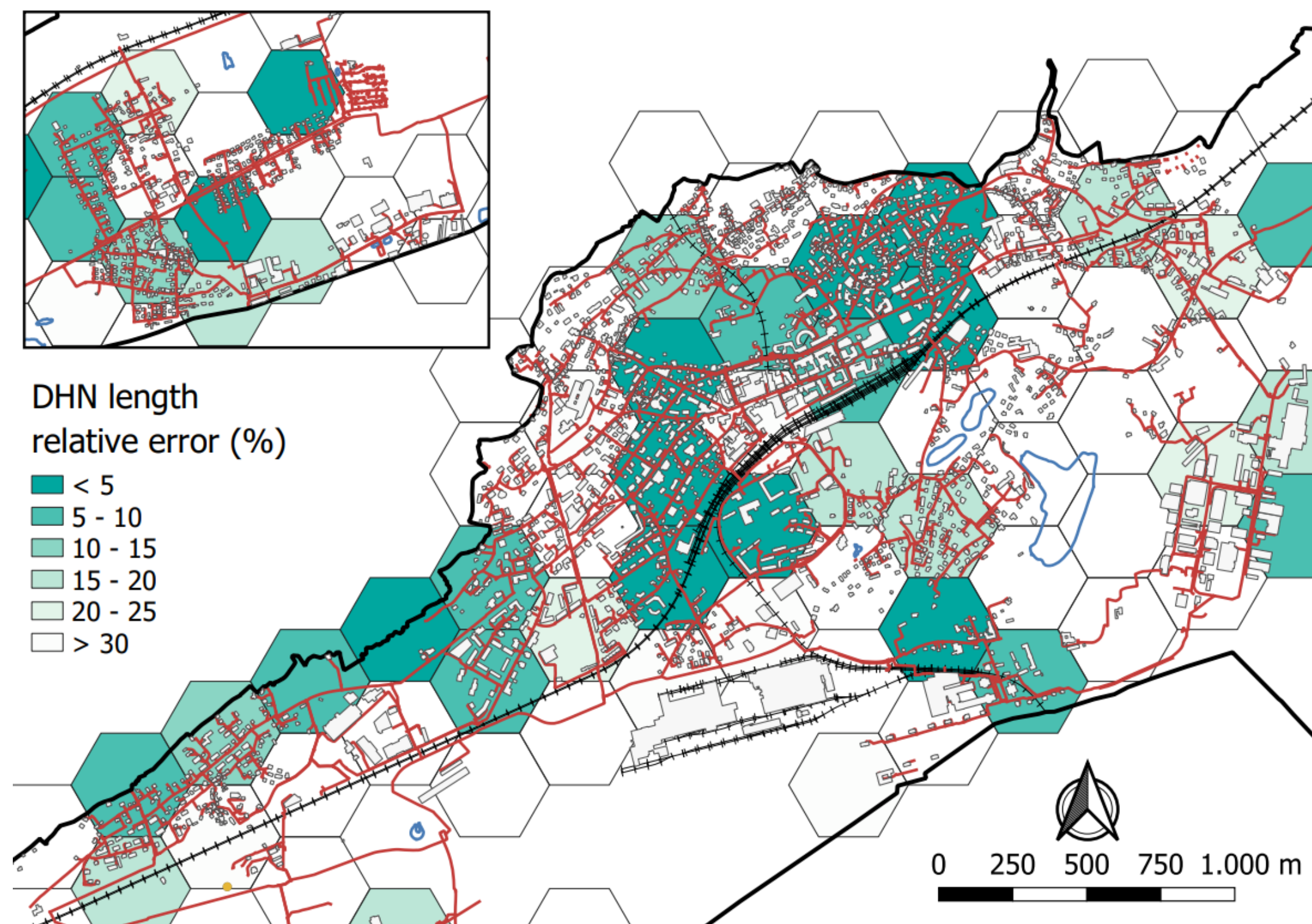
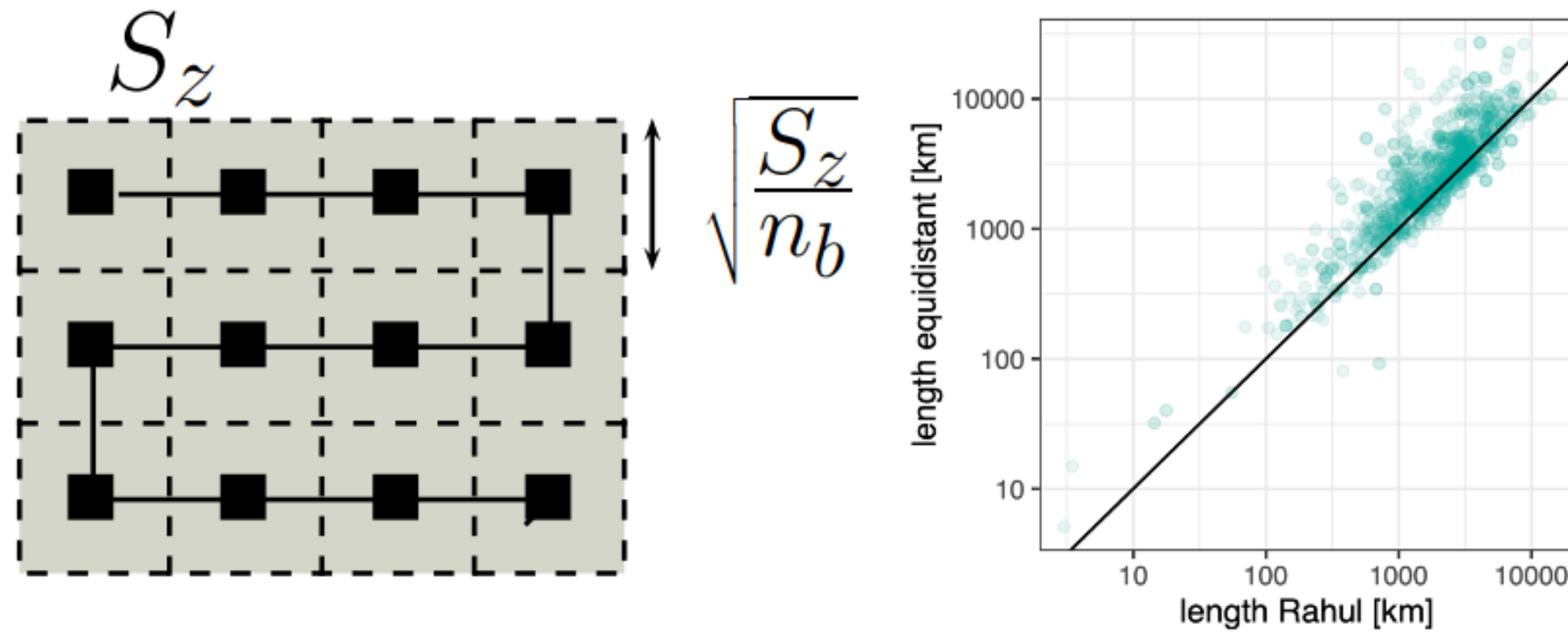
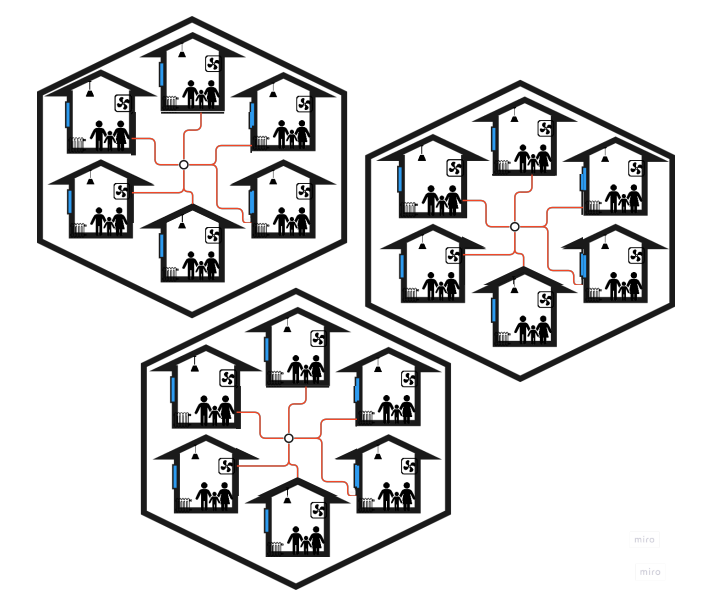
years
return

Environnement

DISTRICT ENERGY HUBS



<http://urb.io> : decision support for urban development



■ Estimating length

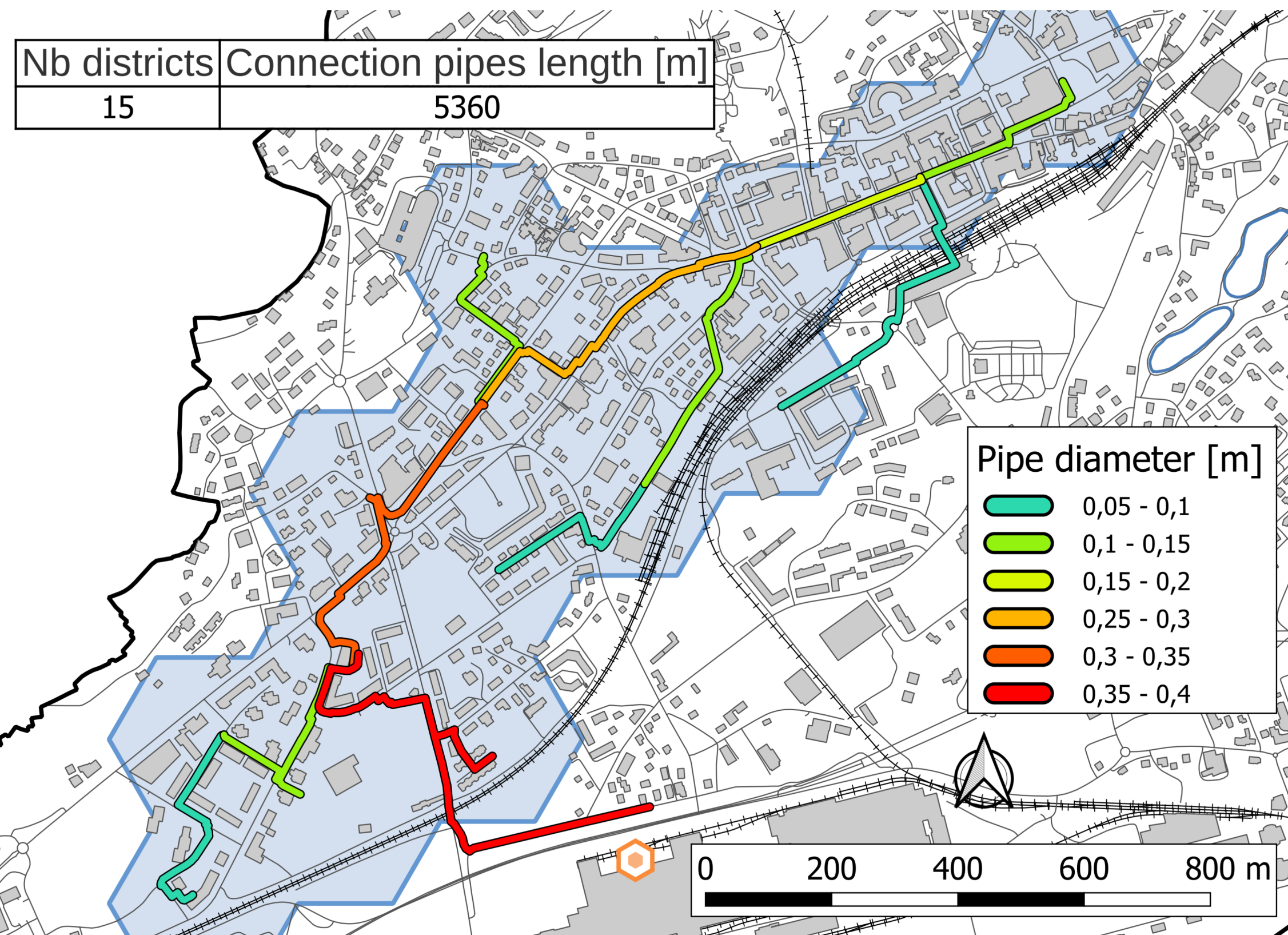
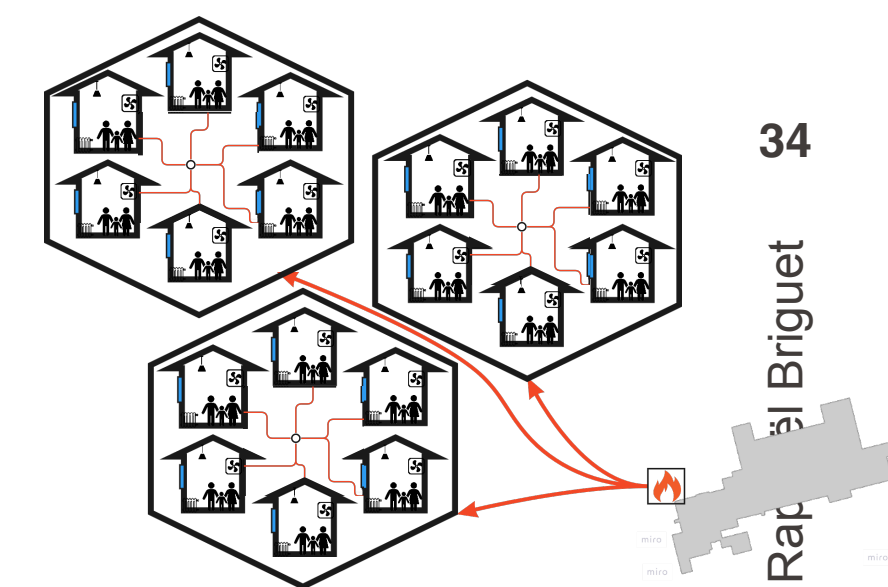
$$L^{dn} \simeq 2(n_b - 1)K \sqrt{\frac{S_z}{n_b}}$$

■ K calibrated from existing network (Gas/elec)

- + Based on GIS data
- + Grids will use similar paths
- - Buildings GIS data base
- - Node size => clustering

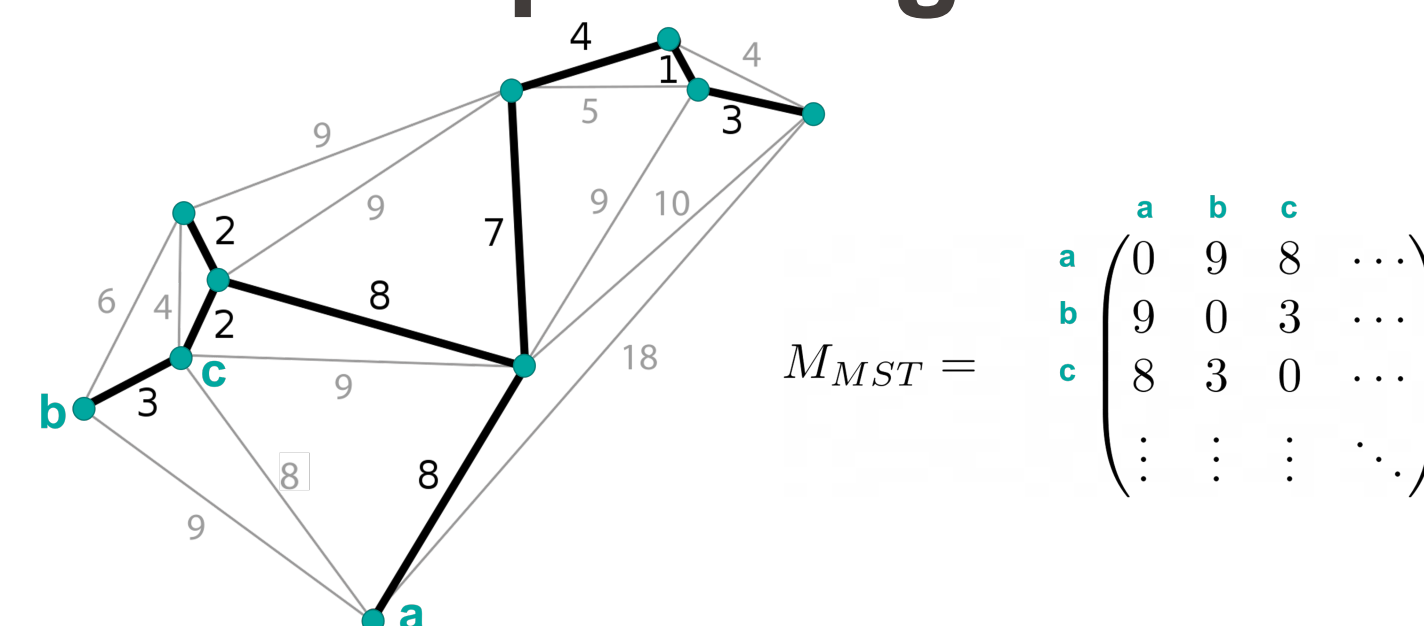
L'estimation de la longueur est calibrée grâce au réseau de gaz, représenté en rouge. La couleur indique l'erreur entre l'estimation et la longueur du réseau de gaz.





Représentation du réseau de chauffage qui fournit chacun des quartiers sélectionnés.

■ Minimum Spanning Tree



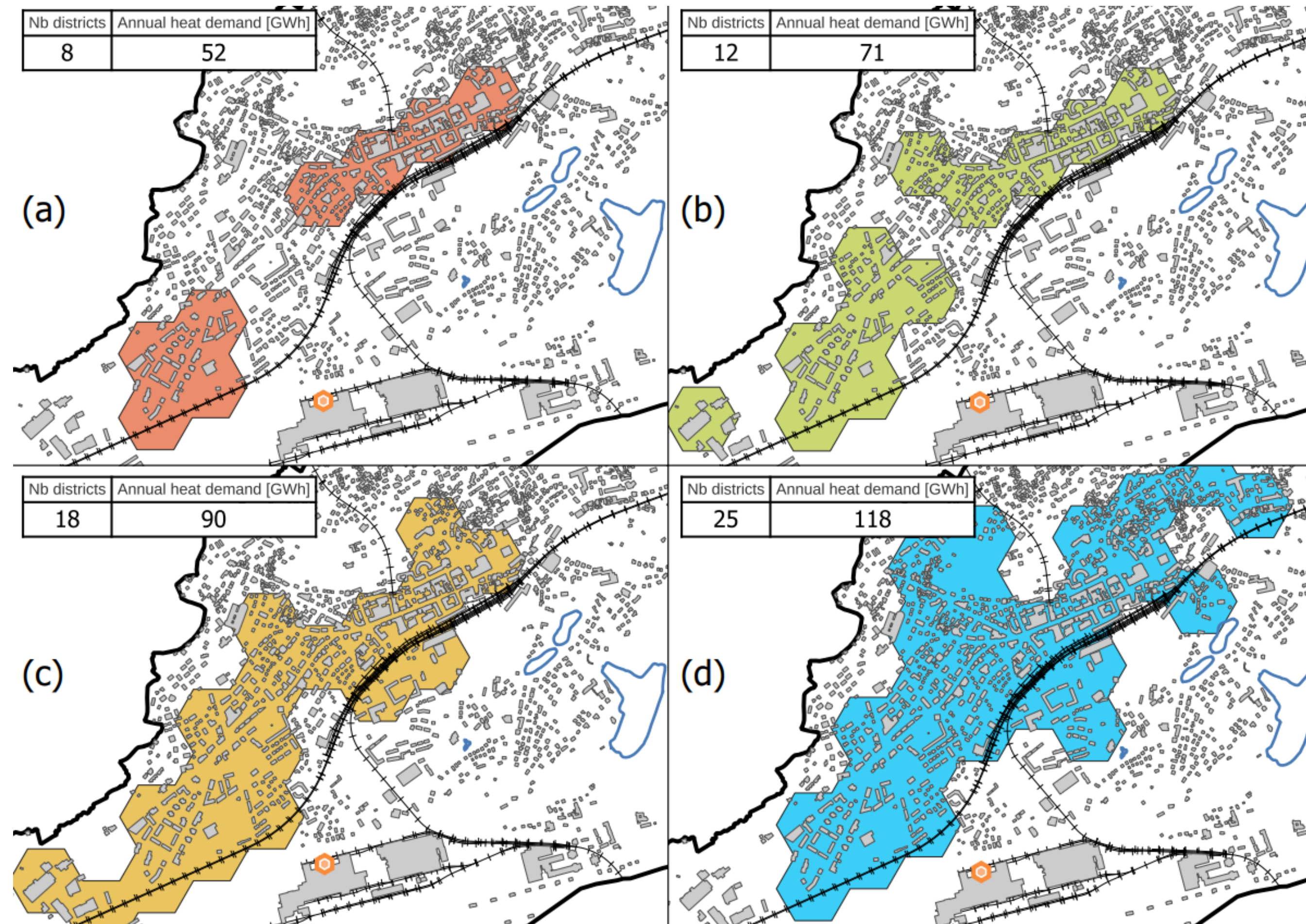
■ *OpenStreet Map* : routing algorithms

- + Existing path (walking paths) : e.g. bridges, tunnels, roads
- + Constraints
- Computing time
- no size constraints (only length)

$$d^{dn} = \sqrt{\frac{4 \cdot \dot{m}^{dn}}{\pi \cdot v_s \cdot \rho}} \quad [\text{m}]$$

$$I_C^{dn} = (c_1 \cdot d^{dn} + c_2) \cdot L^{dn} \quad [\text{CHF}]$$



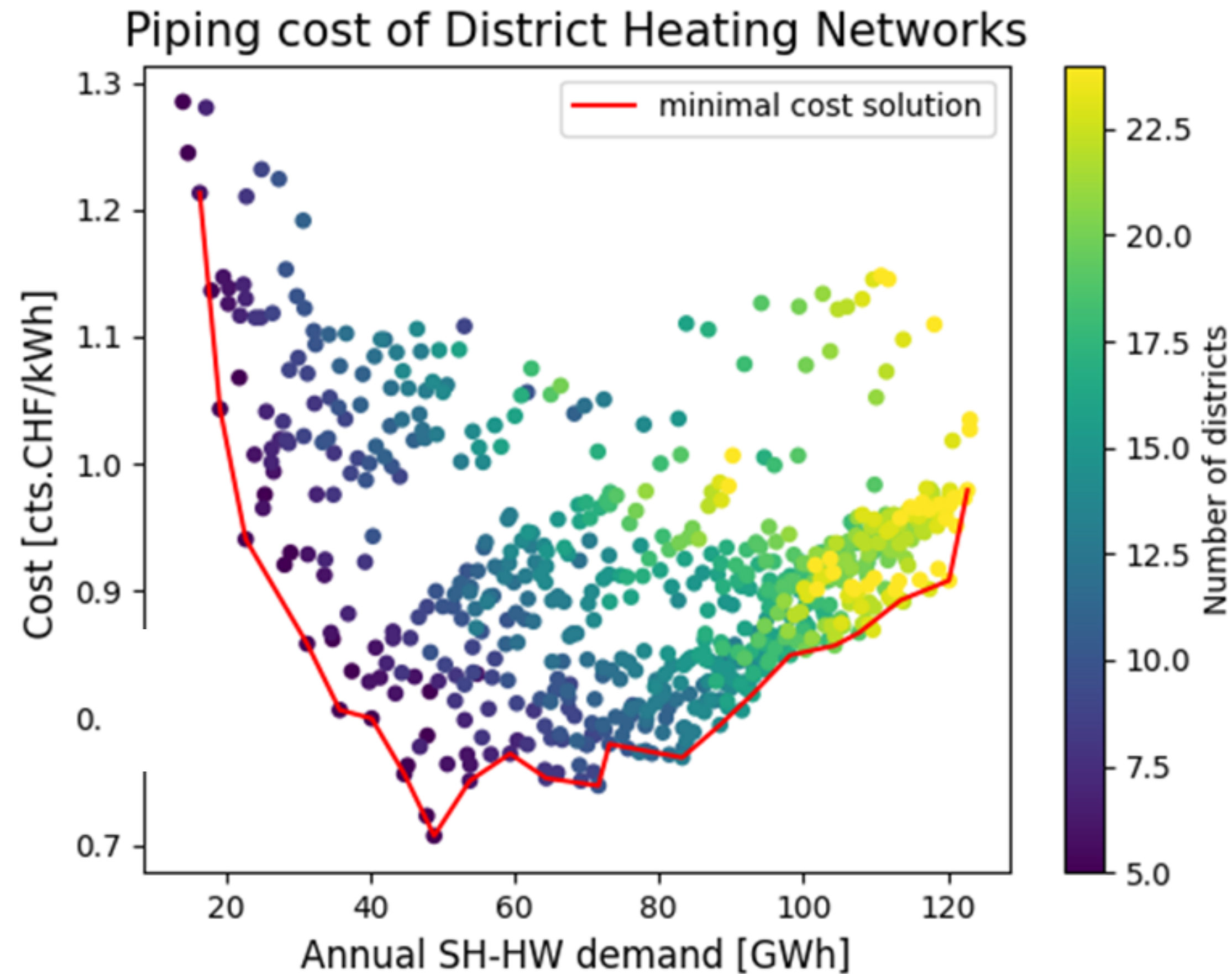


- (a) from a source point
- (b) sequence of priority
- (c) priorities based on densities

Représentation de l'expansion du réseau.

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Coût de l'énergie pour différentes configurations. Chaque point représente une configuration de réseau. La ligne rouge indique, pour une taille donnée, la solution la moins coûteuse.

For each network:

- Multi-objective optimisation

for $\pi \in \{0 \dots max\}$ by $\Delta\pi$

$$\min_{pipes, size, flows} Total_{cost}(pipes, size, flows)$$

$$\text{s.t. } pipes_{investment} \leq \pi$$



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10 %



CO₂

Heat Sources

Heat pumps

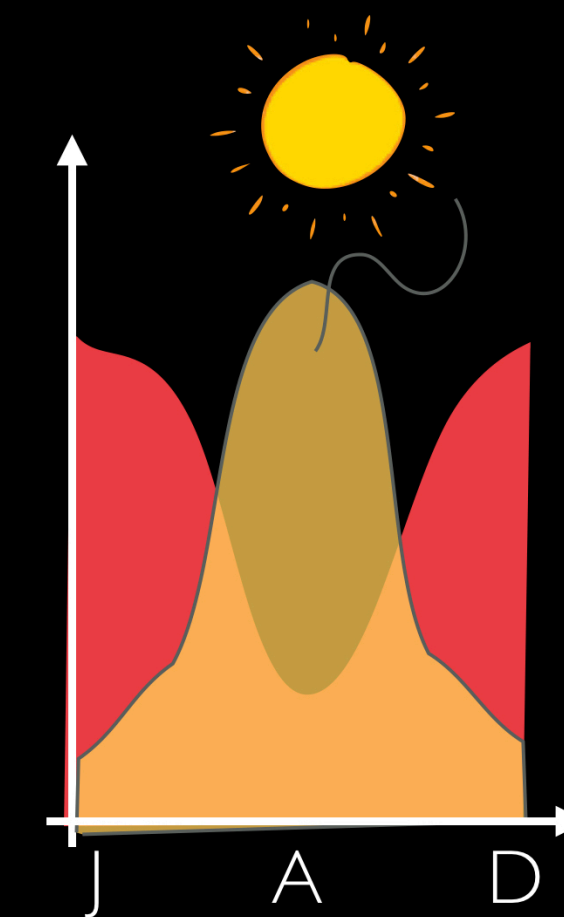
PV panels

Free cooling/refrigeration Data centers

Environment



Electrical grid

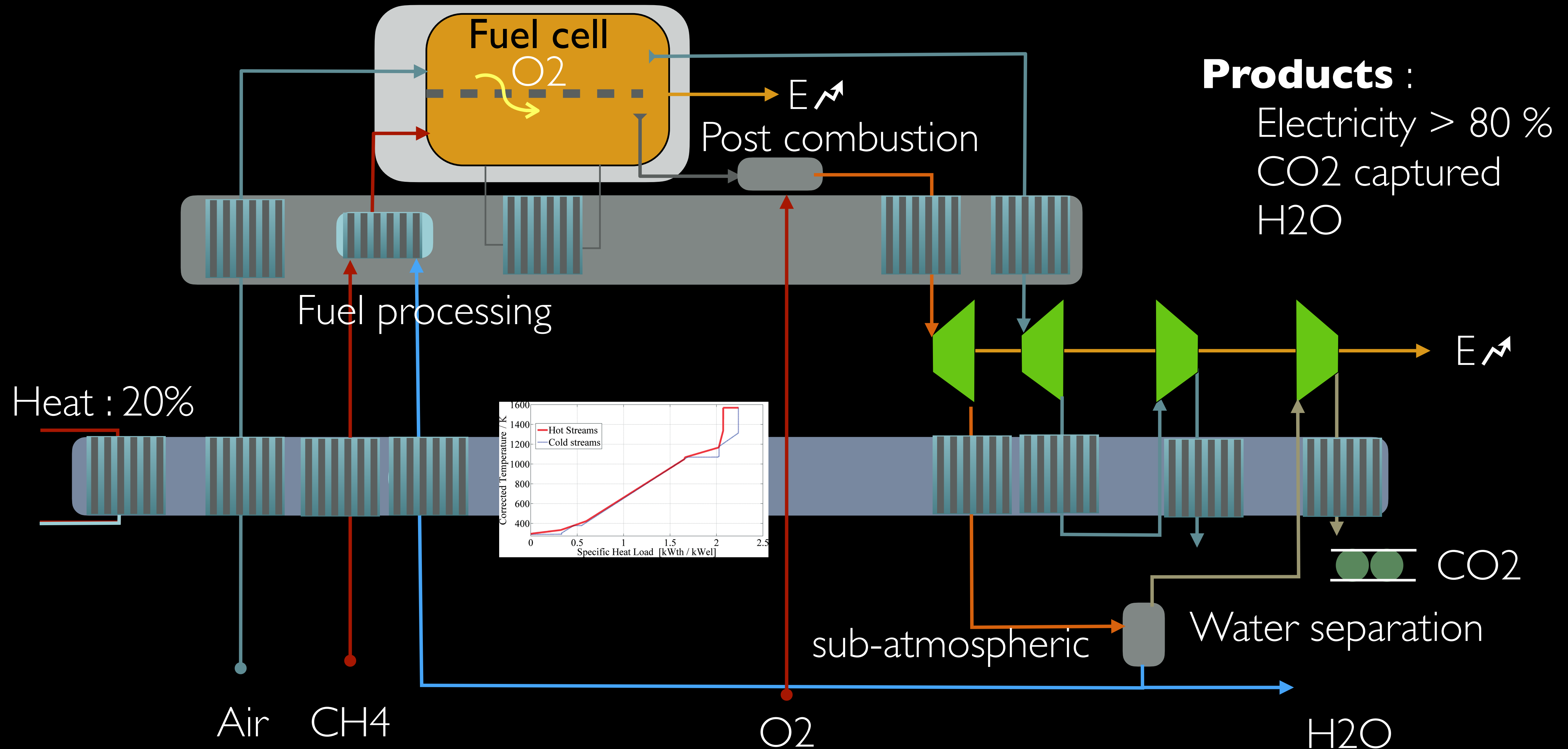


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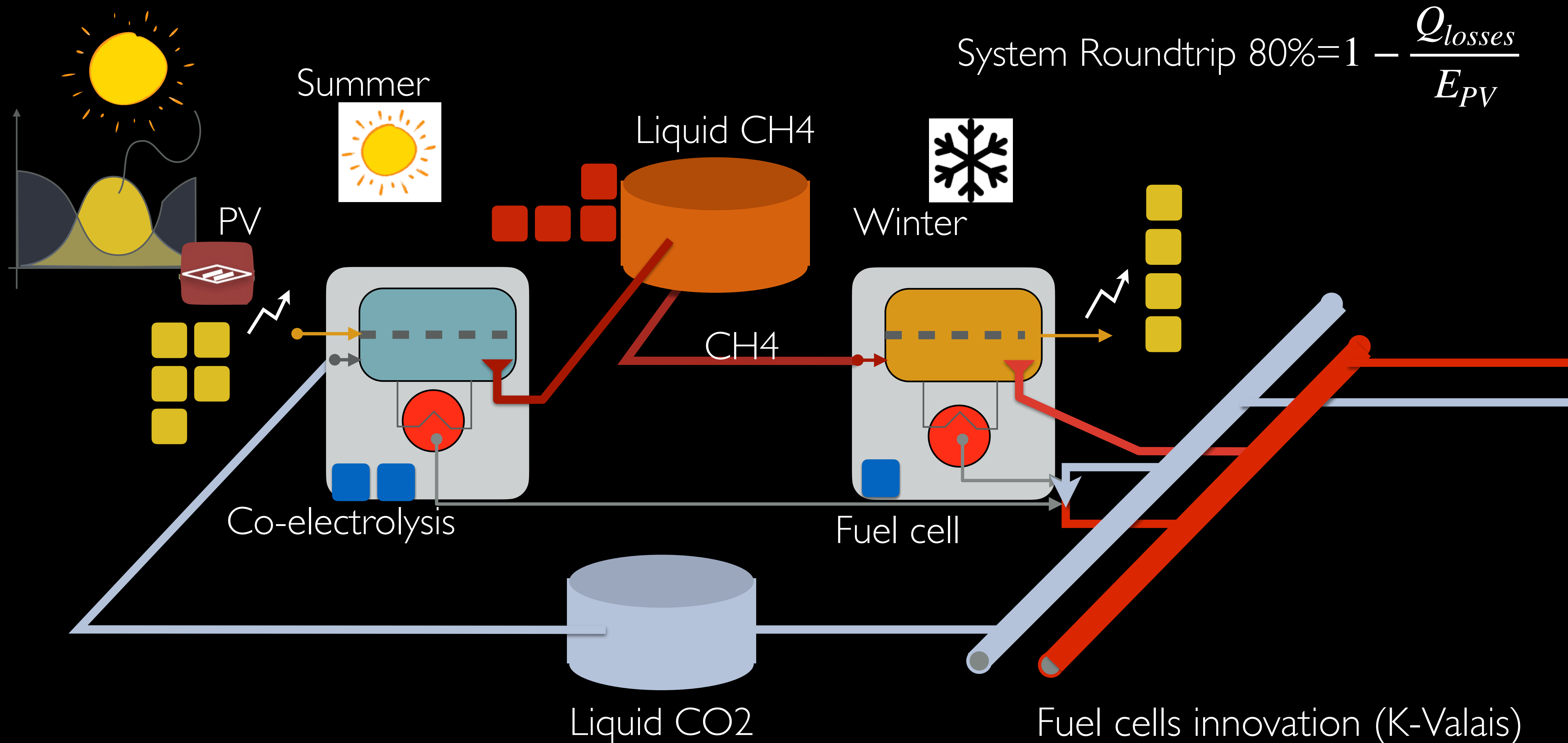
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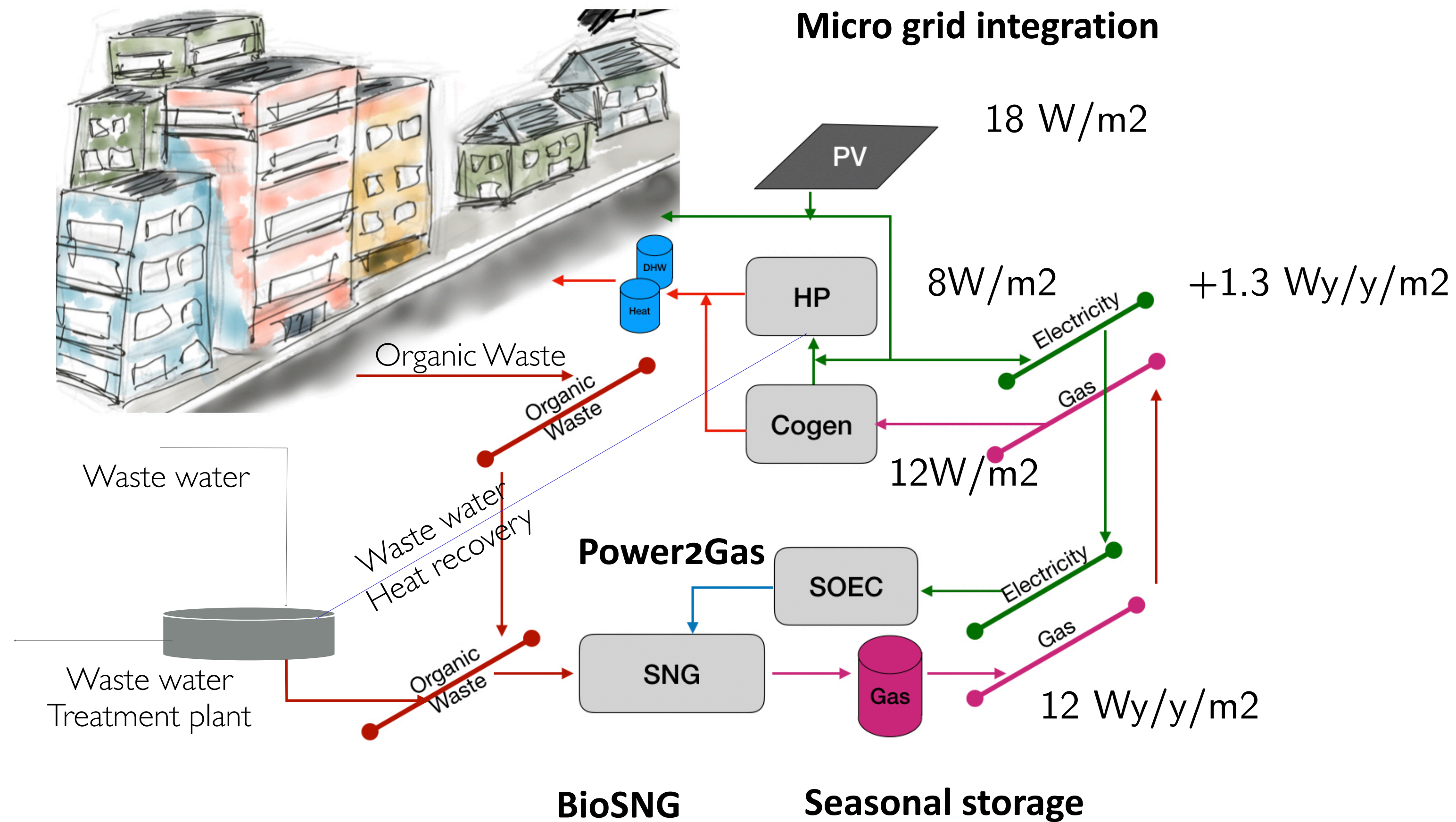
PRODUCING ELECTRICITY WITH ADVANCED FUEL CELL SYSTEM



INTEGRATED ENERGY MANAGEMENT

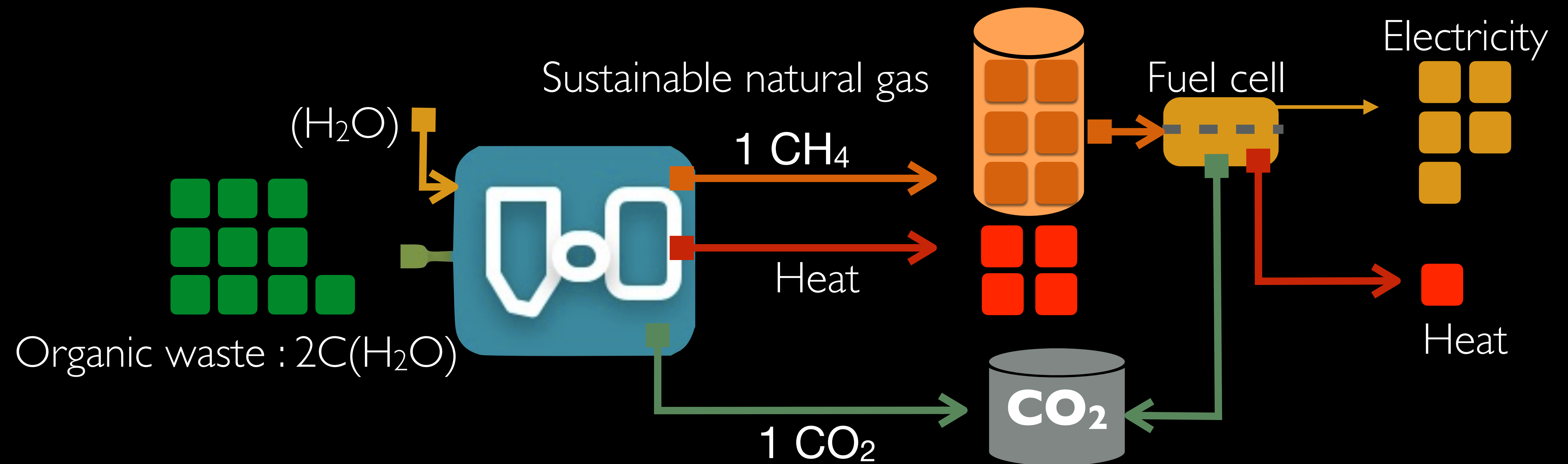


- District scale => Exploring options



m² = heated surface

ORGANIC WASTE TO CLOSE THE ENERGY BALANCE



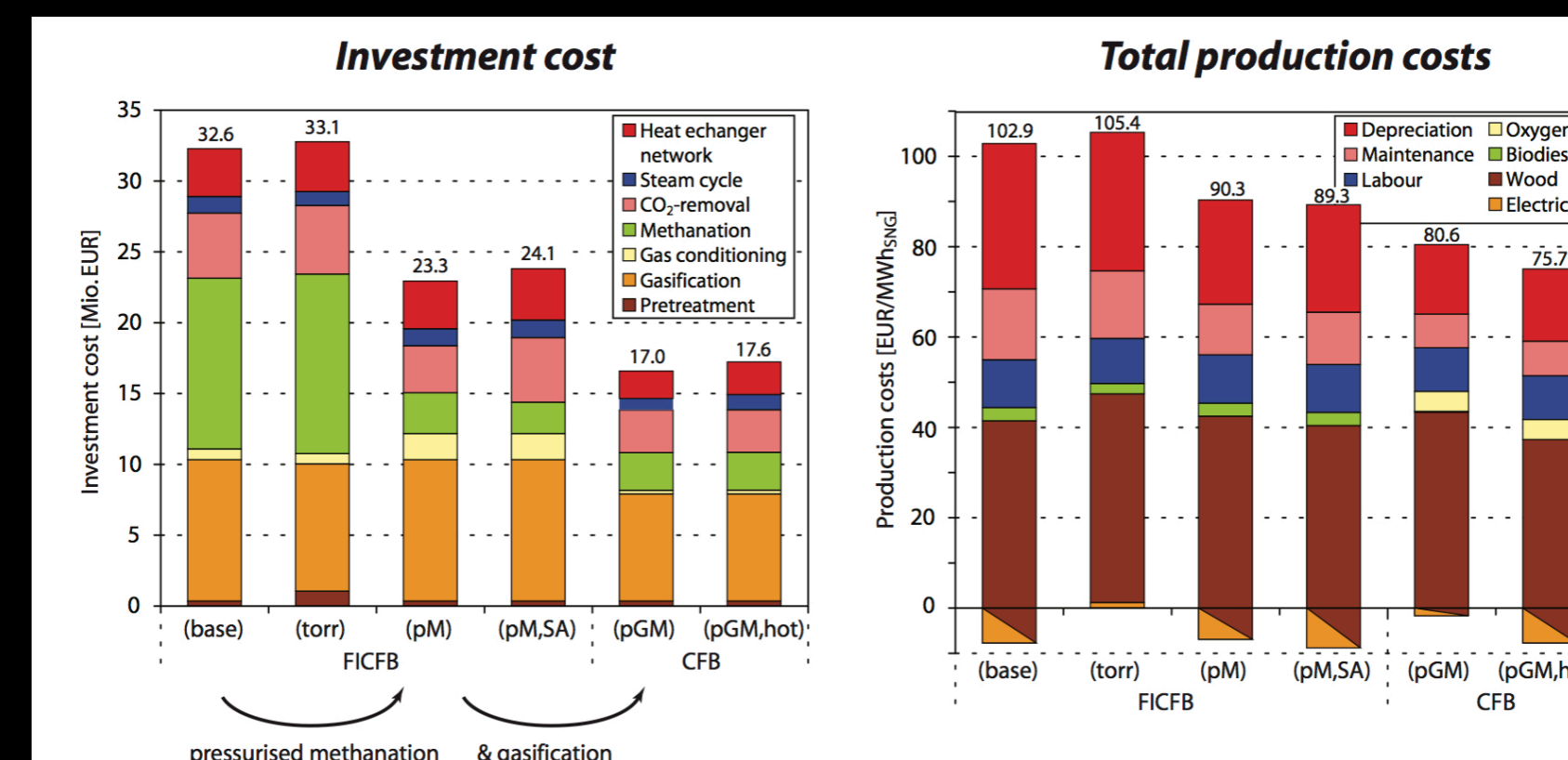
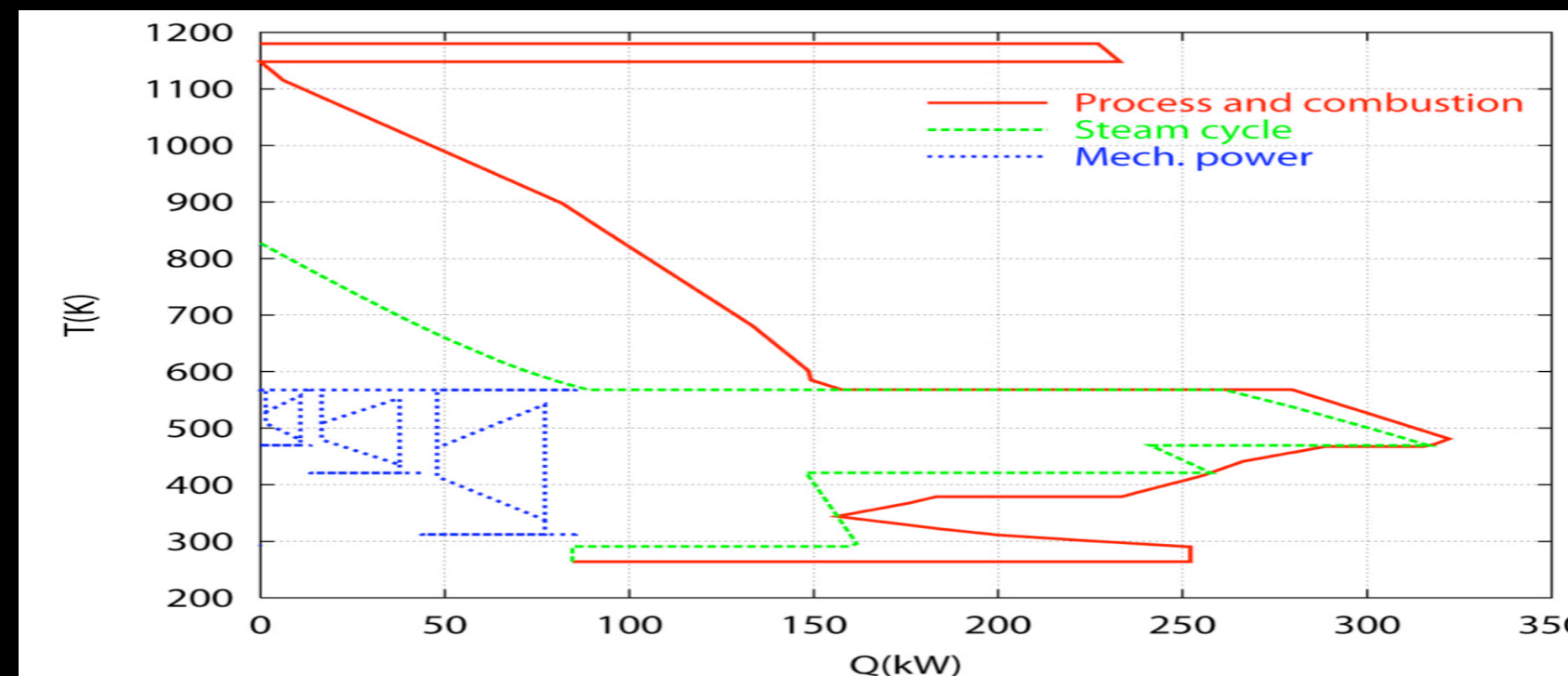
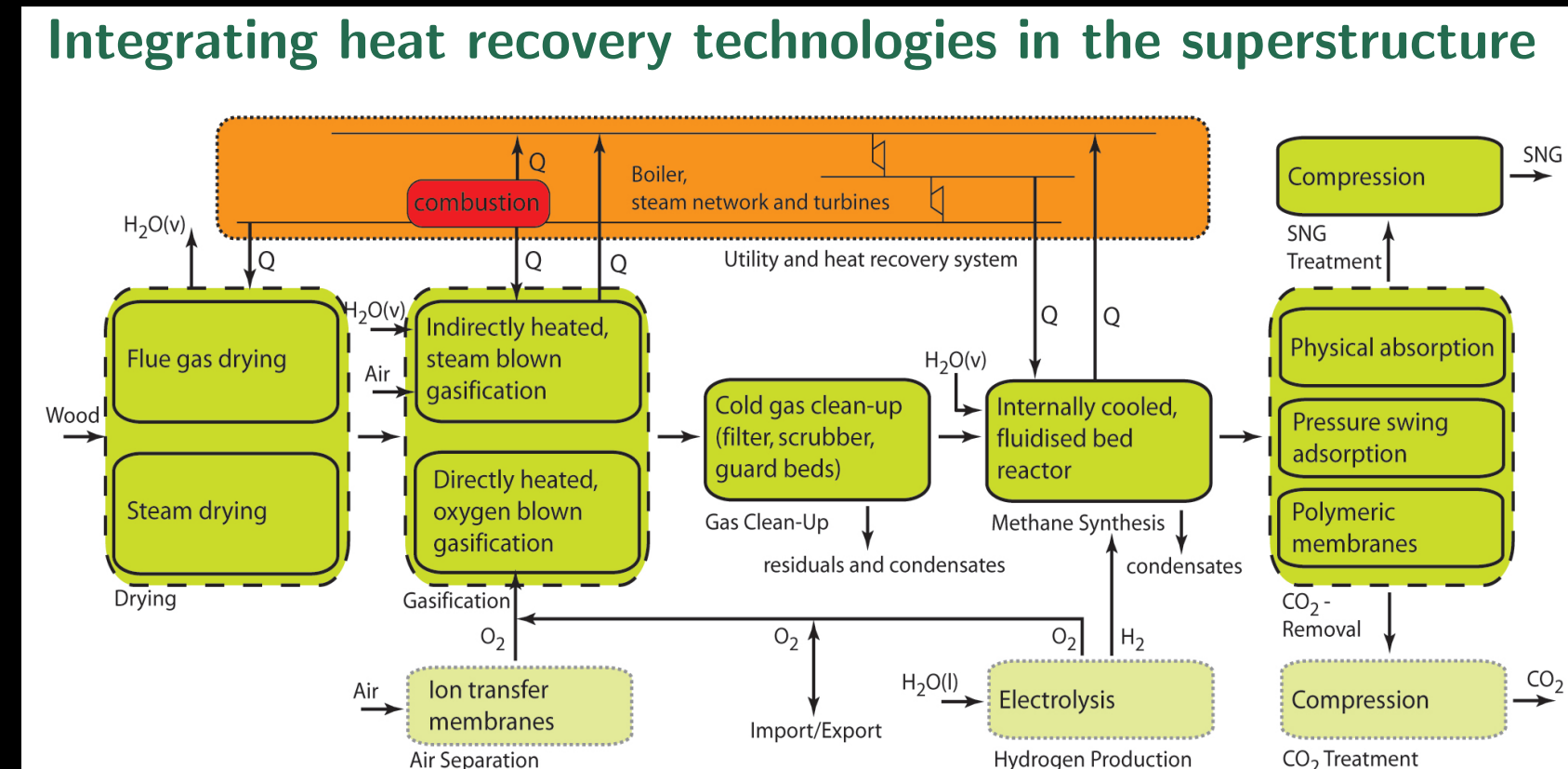
■ ■ ■ 30% : Biomethanisation
■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ 70% : Hydrothermal gasification (<http://trea-tech.com>)
■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ 70% : Synthetic Natural Gas



- Flowsheeting models
- Process unit model data base

- Heat recovery
- Energy conversion
- Waste + Water

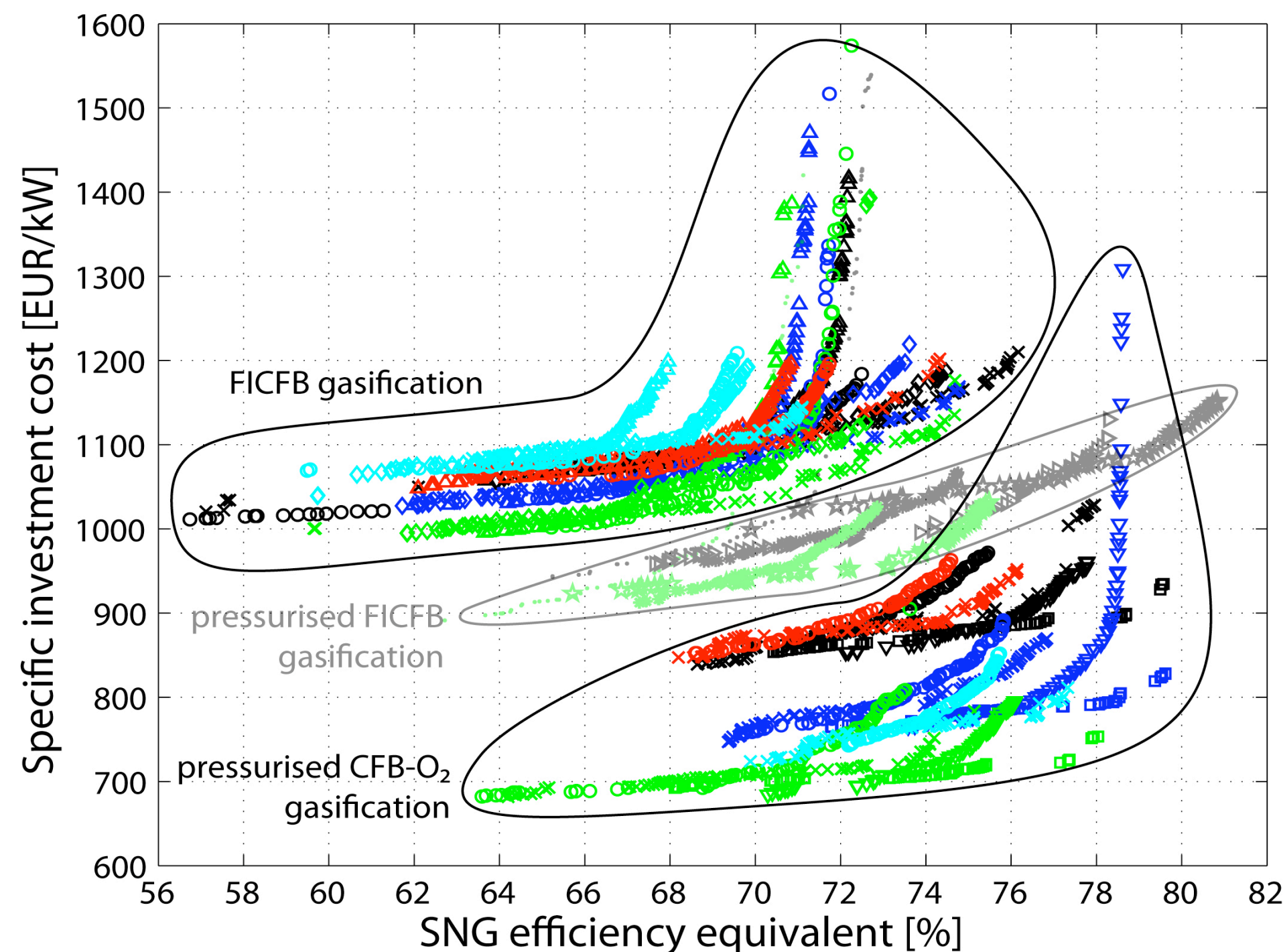
- OPEX
- CAPEX
- LCA
- Thermodynamic



Gassner, M.; Maréchal, F. Thermo-Economic Optimisation of the Polygeneration of Synthetic Natural Gas (SNG), Power and Heat from Lignocellulosic Biomass by Gasification and Methanation. *Energy Environ. Sci.* **2012**, *5* (2), 5768–5789. <https://doi.org/10.1039/C1EE02867G>.

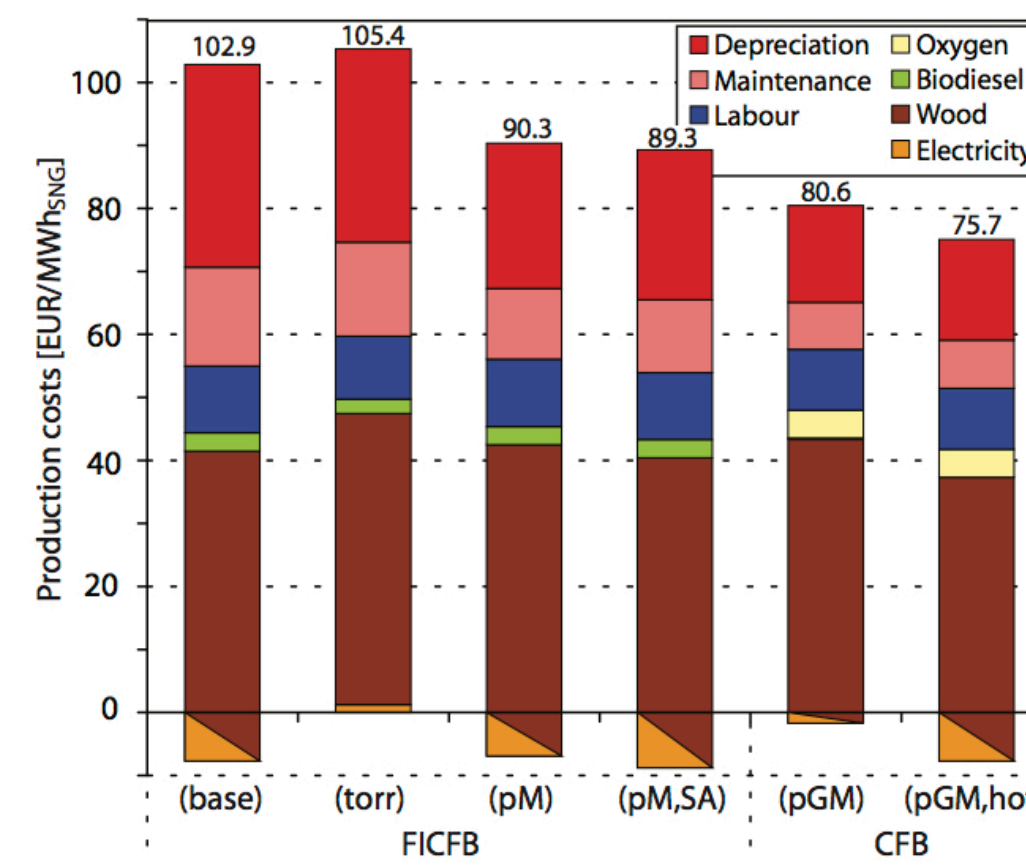
BIOMASS TO SYNTHETIC NATURAL GAS

Thermo-economic Pareto front (cost vs efficiency):

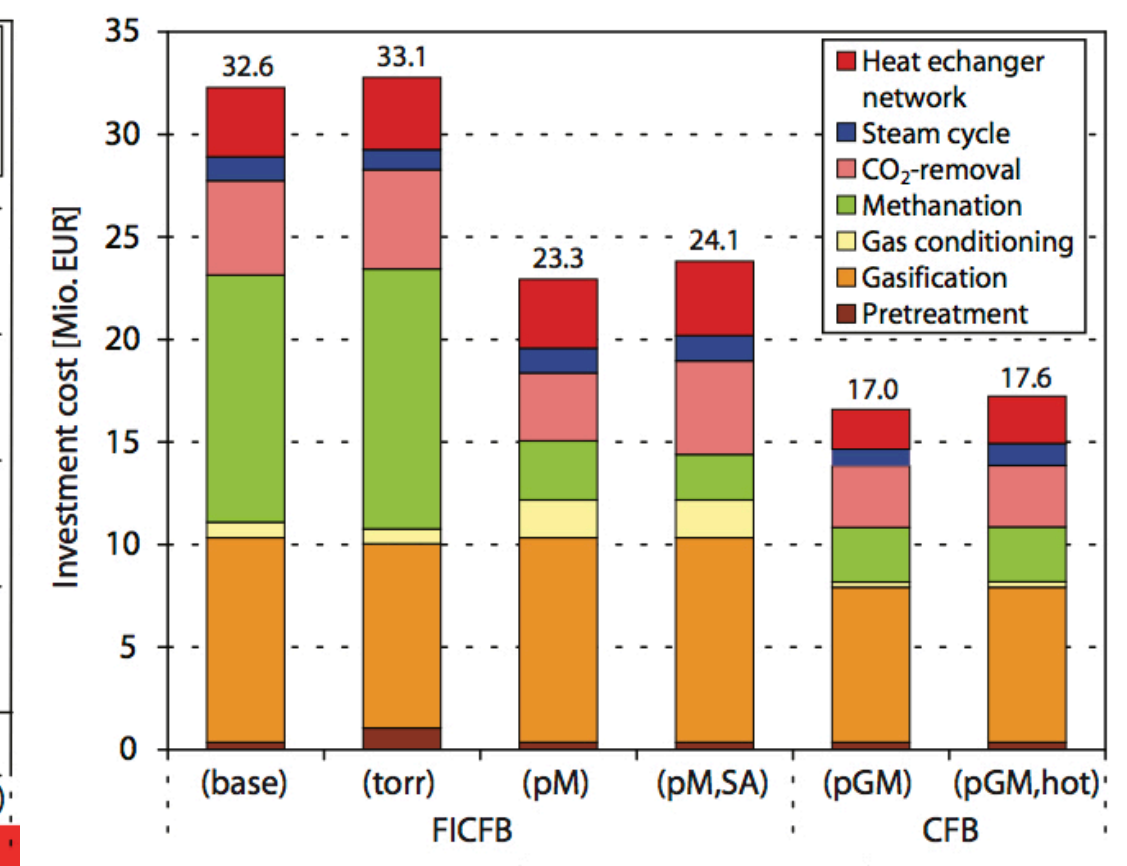


- Gasification:
- FICFB
- air drying
 - △ + torrefaction
 - × steam drying
 - ◇ + torrefaction
- pressurised FICFB
- air drying
 - * air drying, gas turbine
 - ▷ steam drying, gas turbine
 - ★ + hot gas cleaning
- CFB-O₂
- air drying
 - ▽ + hot gas cleaning
 - × steam drying
 - + hot gas cleaning
- Separation:
- PSA
- downstream
 - upstream
 - of methanation
- Phys. abs.
- downstream
 - upstream
 - of methanation
- Membranes
- downstream
 - of methanation

Total production costs



Investment cost



DEALING WITH UNCERTAINTIES

Taking decision

Generating solutions

What are the most probable best solutions

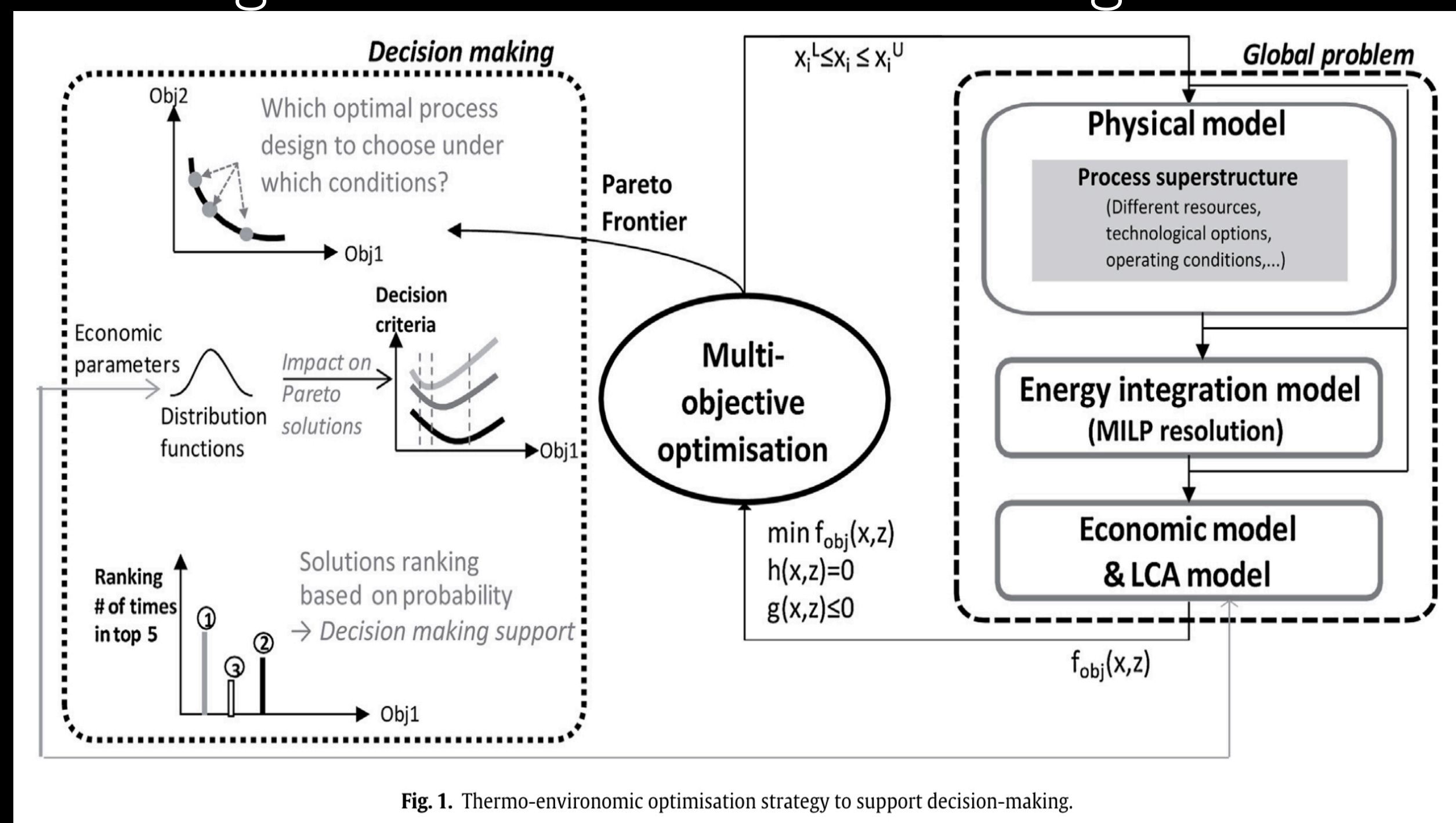
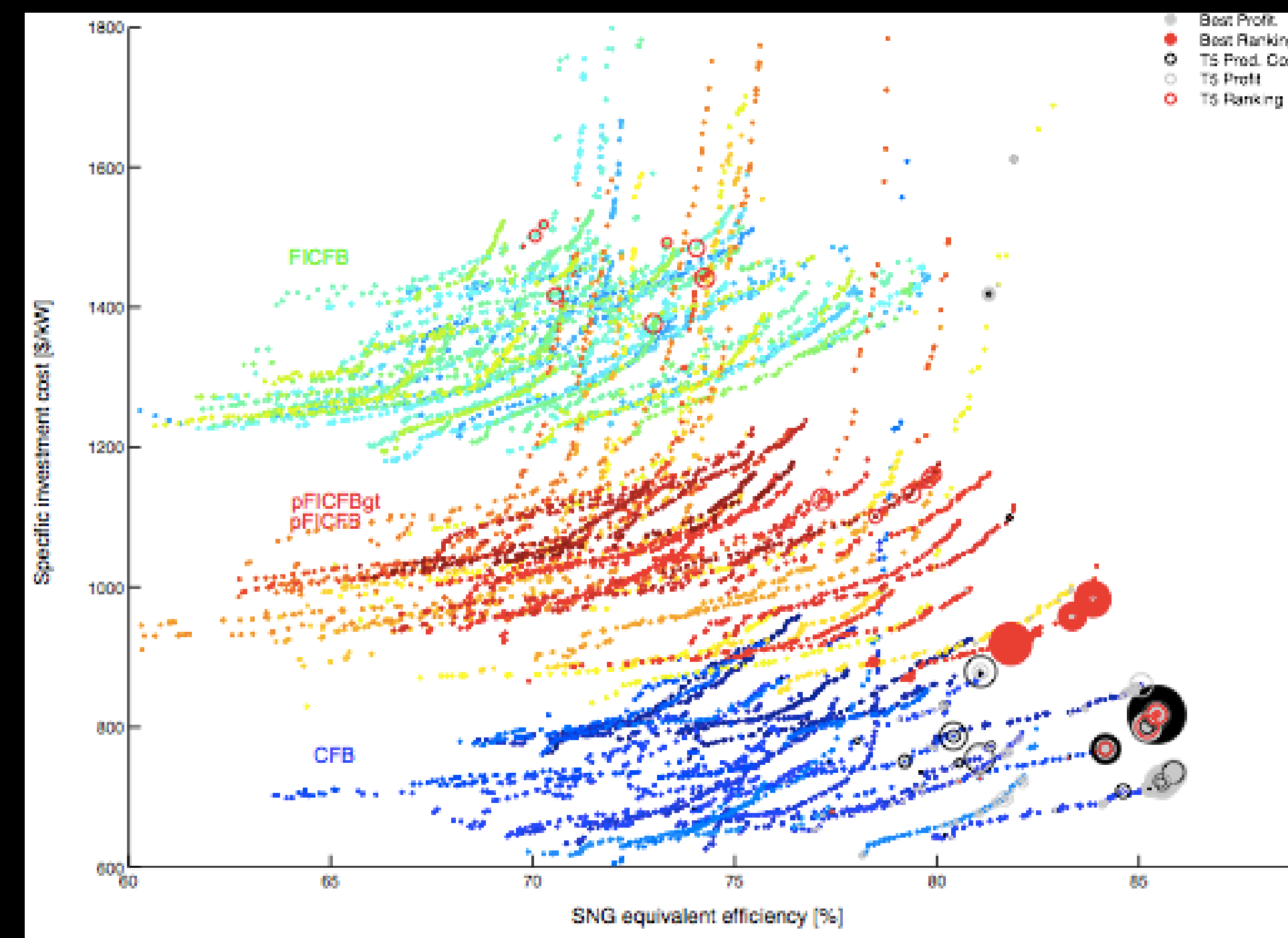
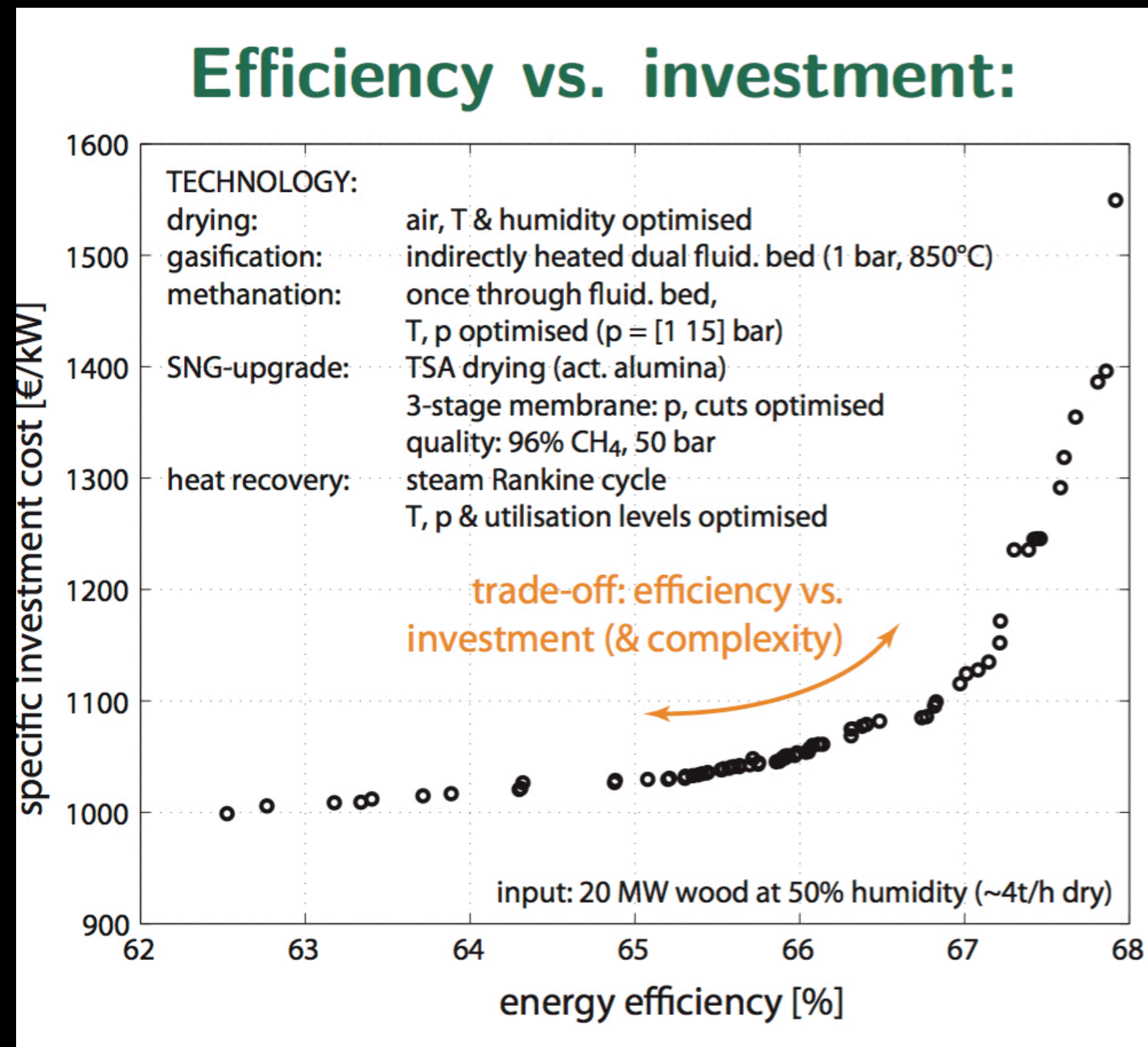


Fig. 1. Thermo-environomic optimisation strategy to support decision-making.

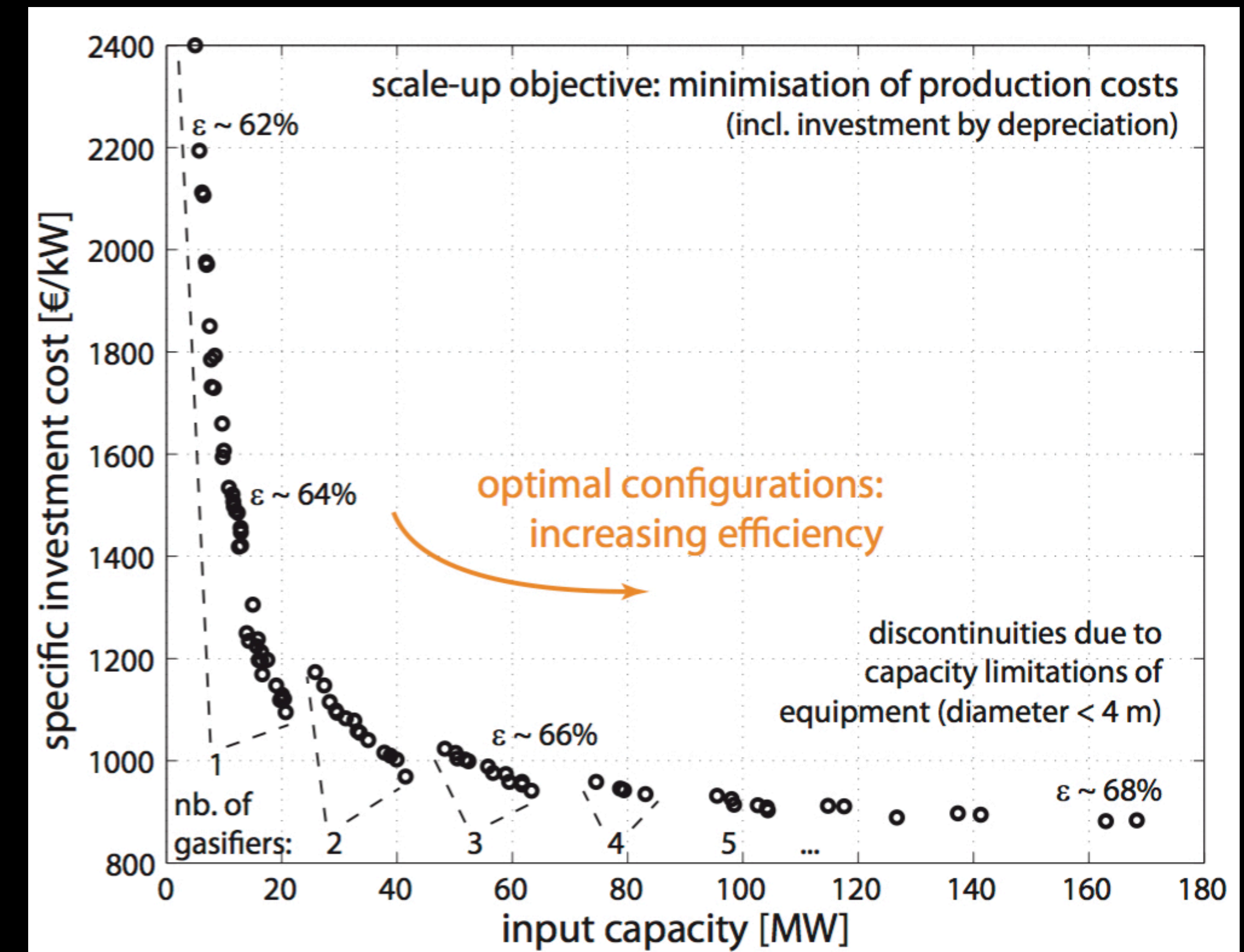


MULTI-OBJECTIVE OPTIMISATION

Thermo-economic trade-off



Process sizes



EPFL Integrating Life Cycle Impact assessment

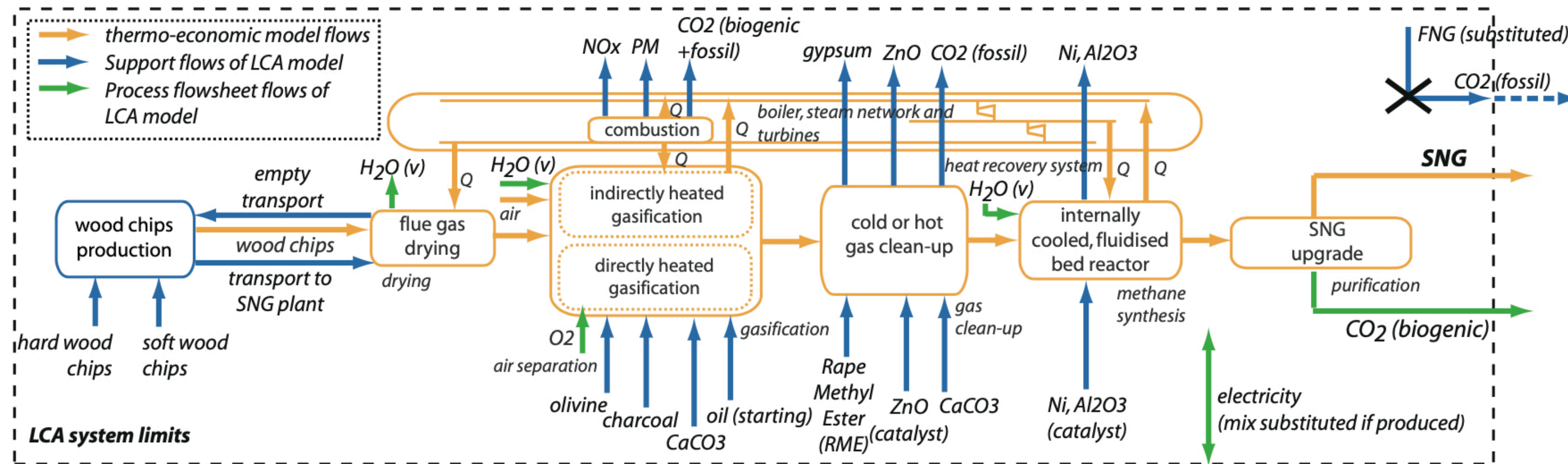
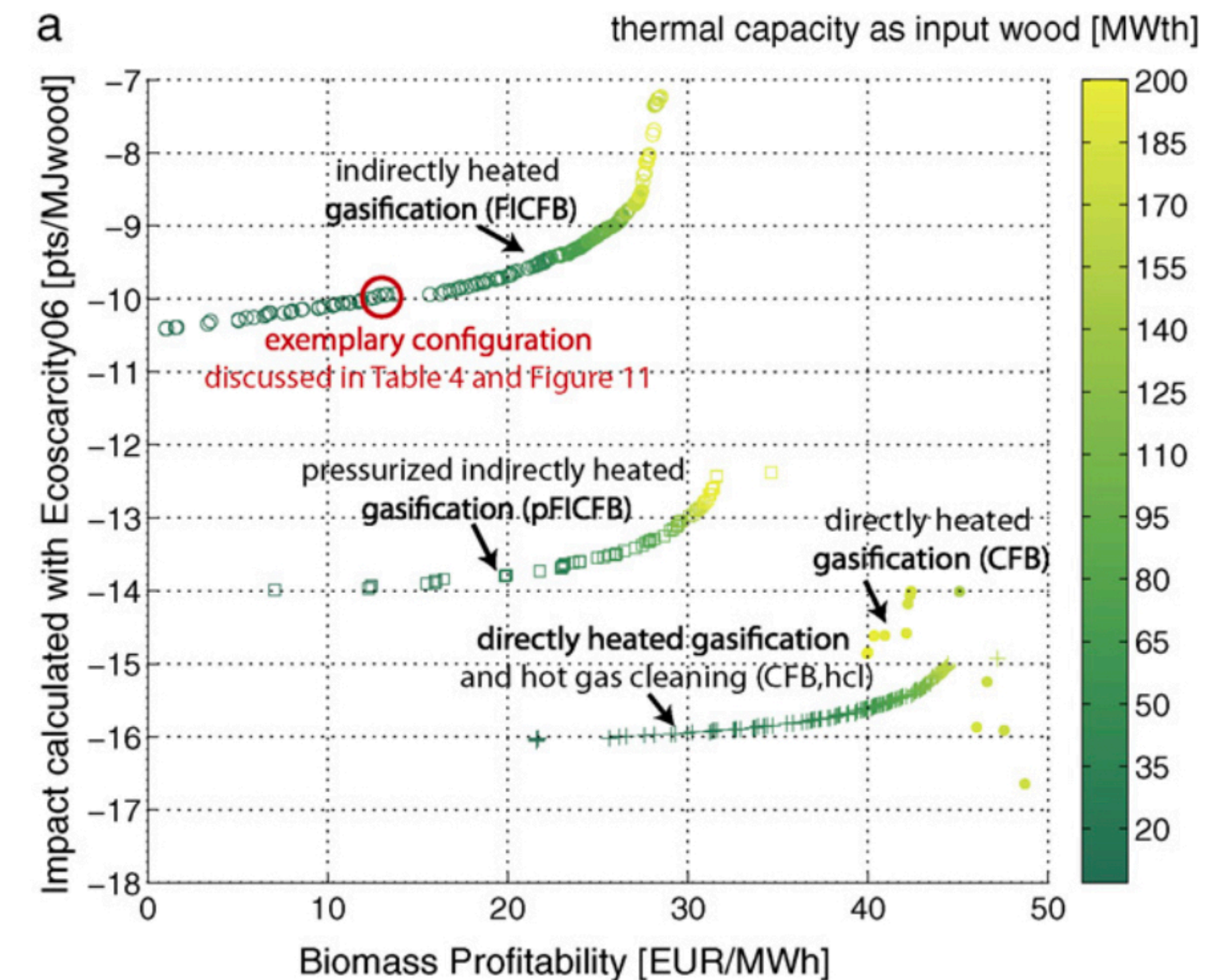
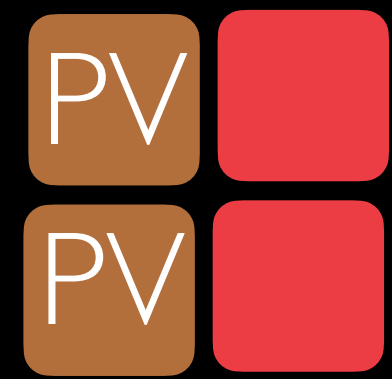


Fig. 3. Flows of environmental concern added to the thermo-economic model.

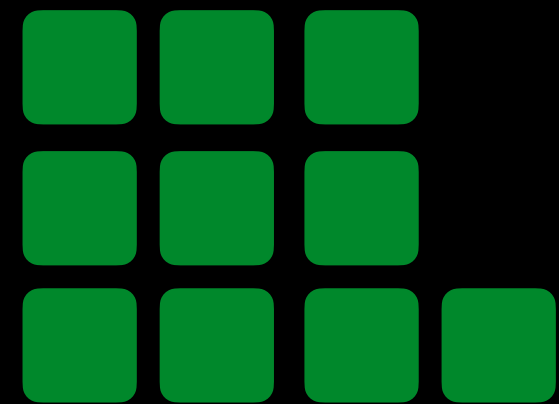
- Multi objective optimisation
- LCIA indicators
- Thermodynamic
- Economic
- Scale effect
- Supply chains



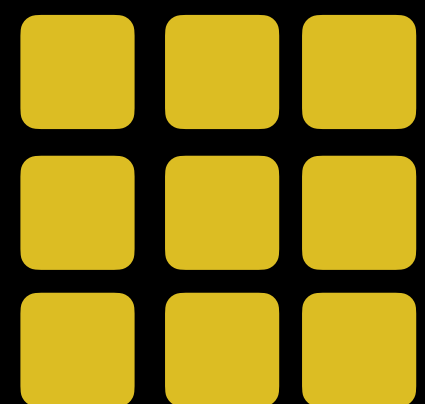


USE OF DISTRICT WASTE BIOMASS AS AN ENERGY SOURCE

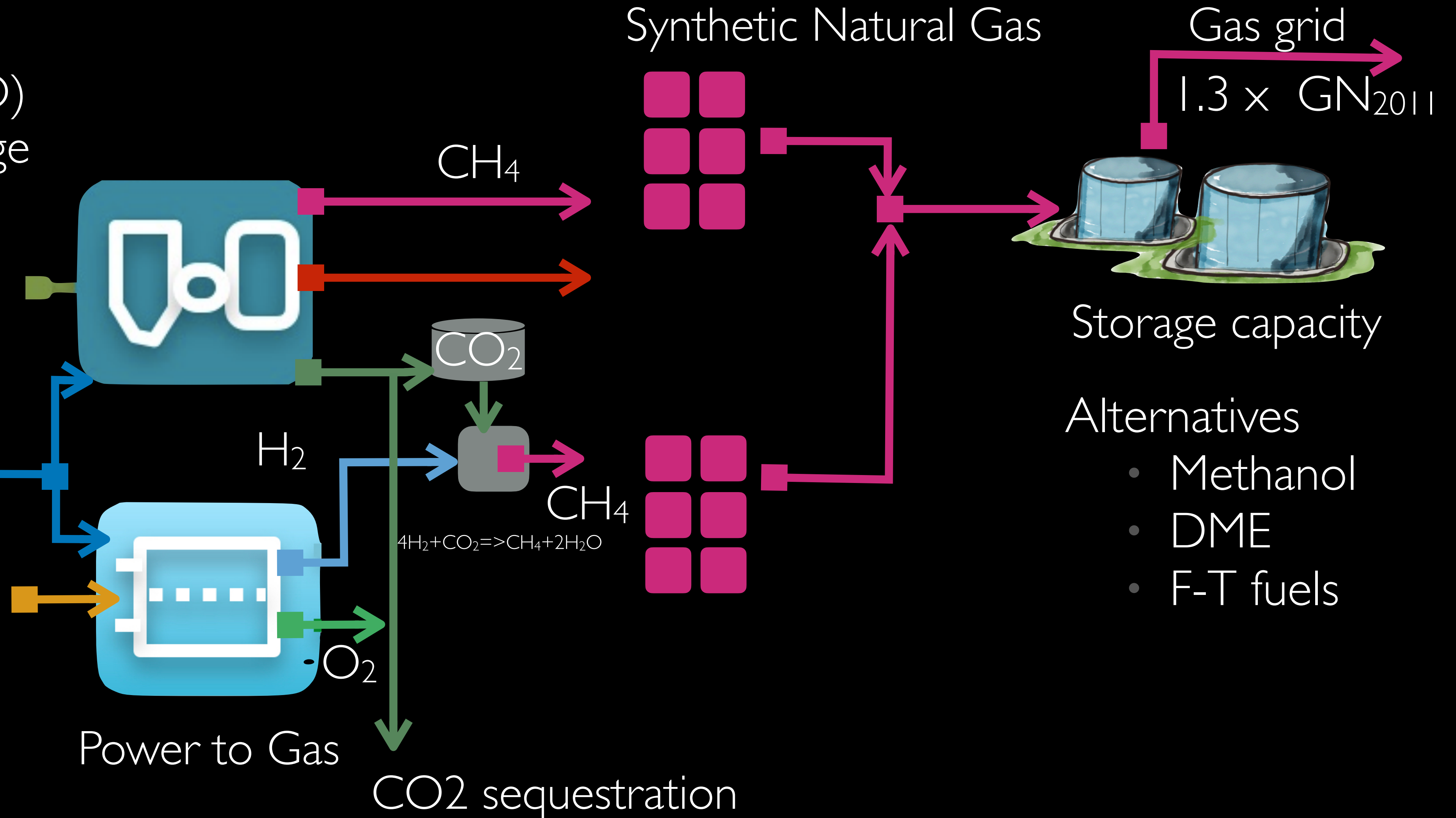
BIOMASS : $C(H_2O)$
From sewage sludge



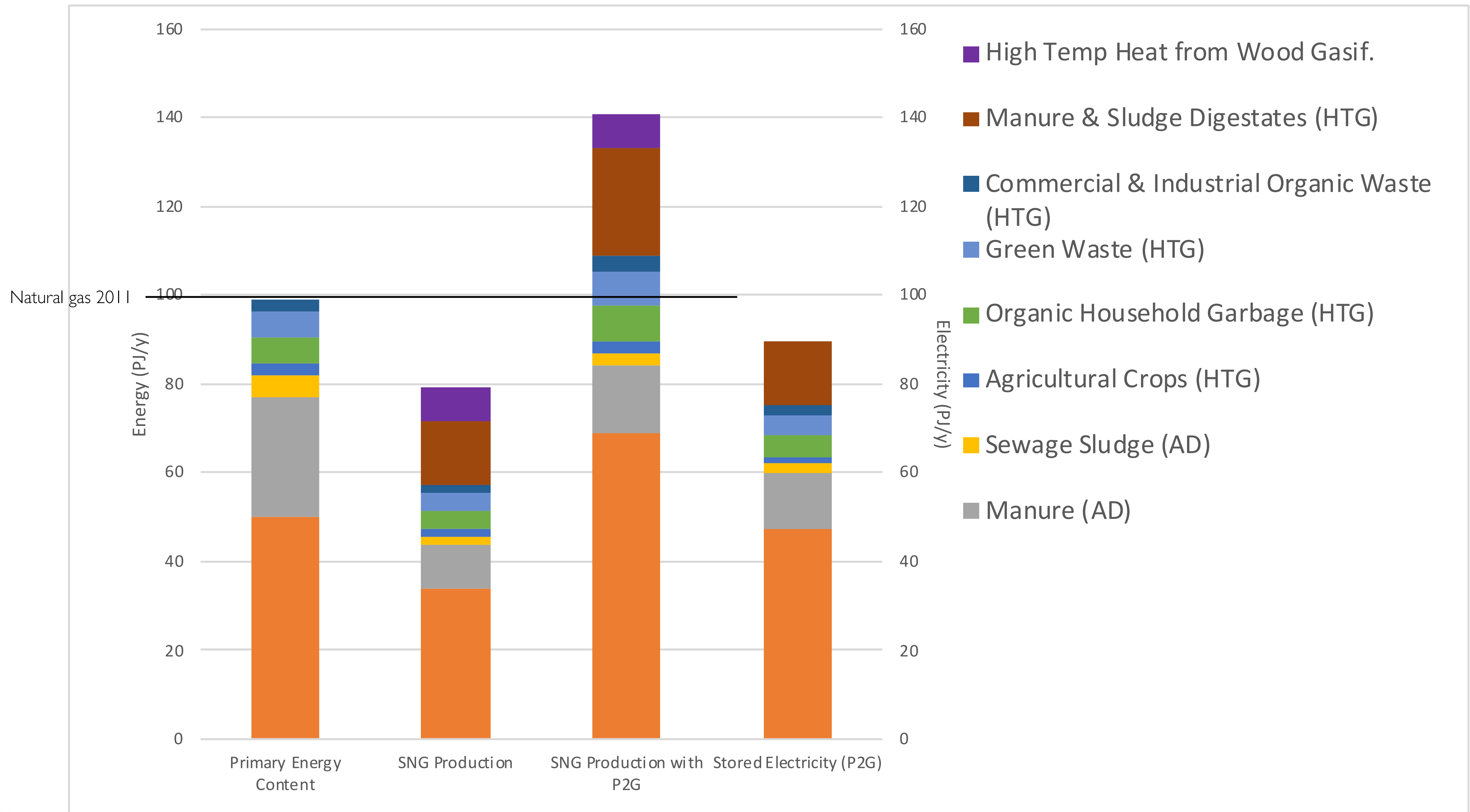
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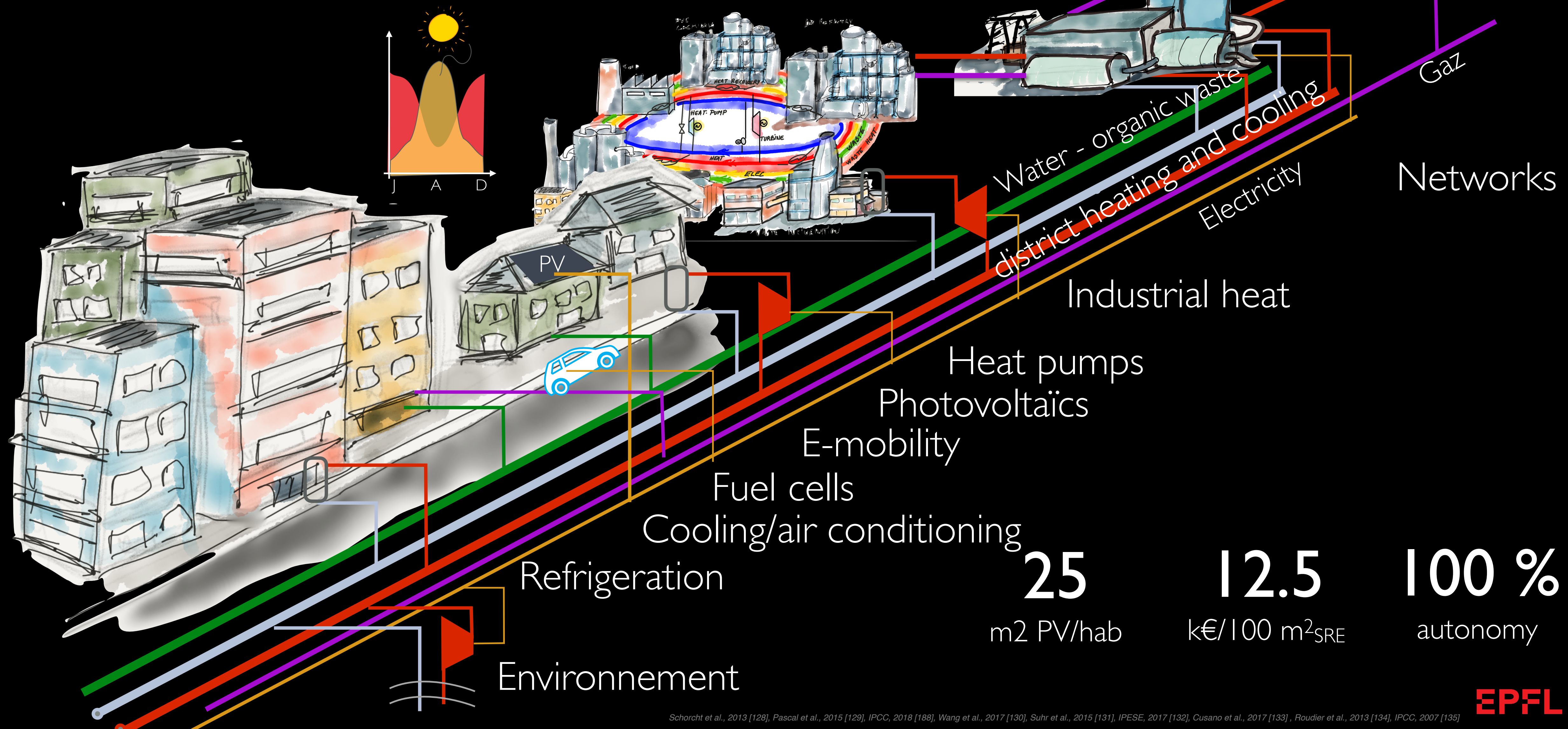
Electricity Grid

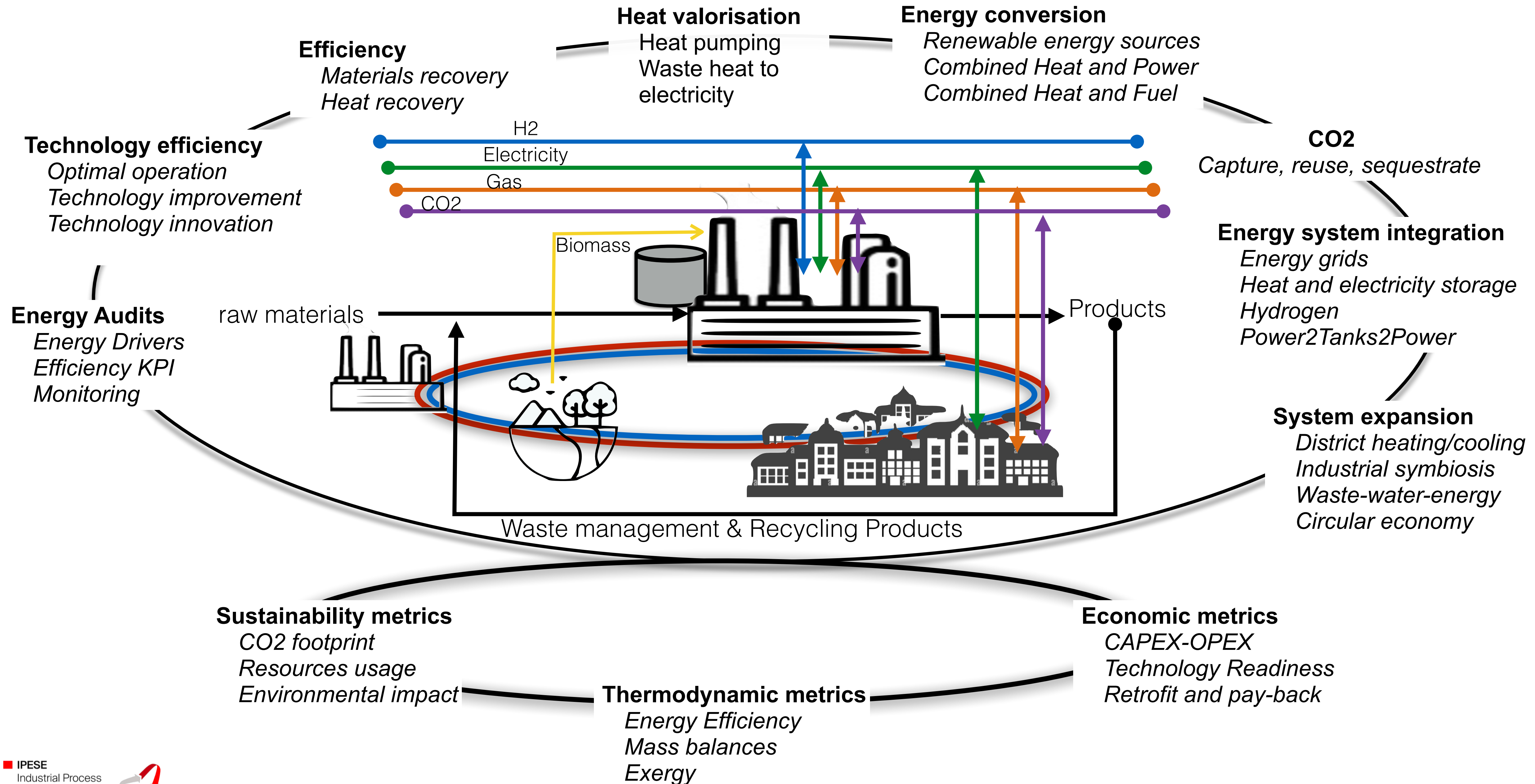


Biomass resource and conversion



AUTONOMOUS CITIES





EPFL Defining decarbonisation routes for the industry

Blueprint models per sector
Decarbonisation options

- Process models
- Integration models

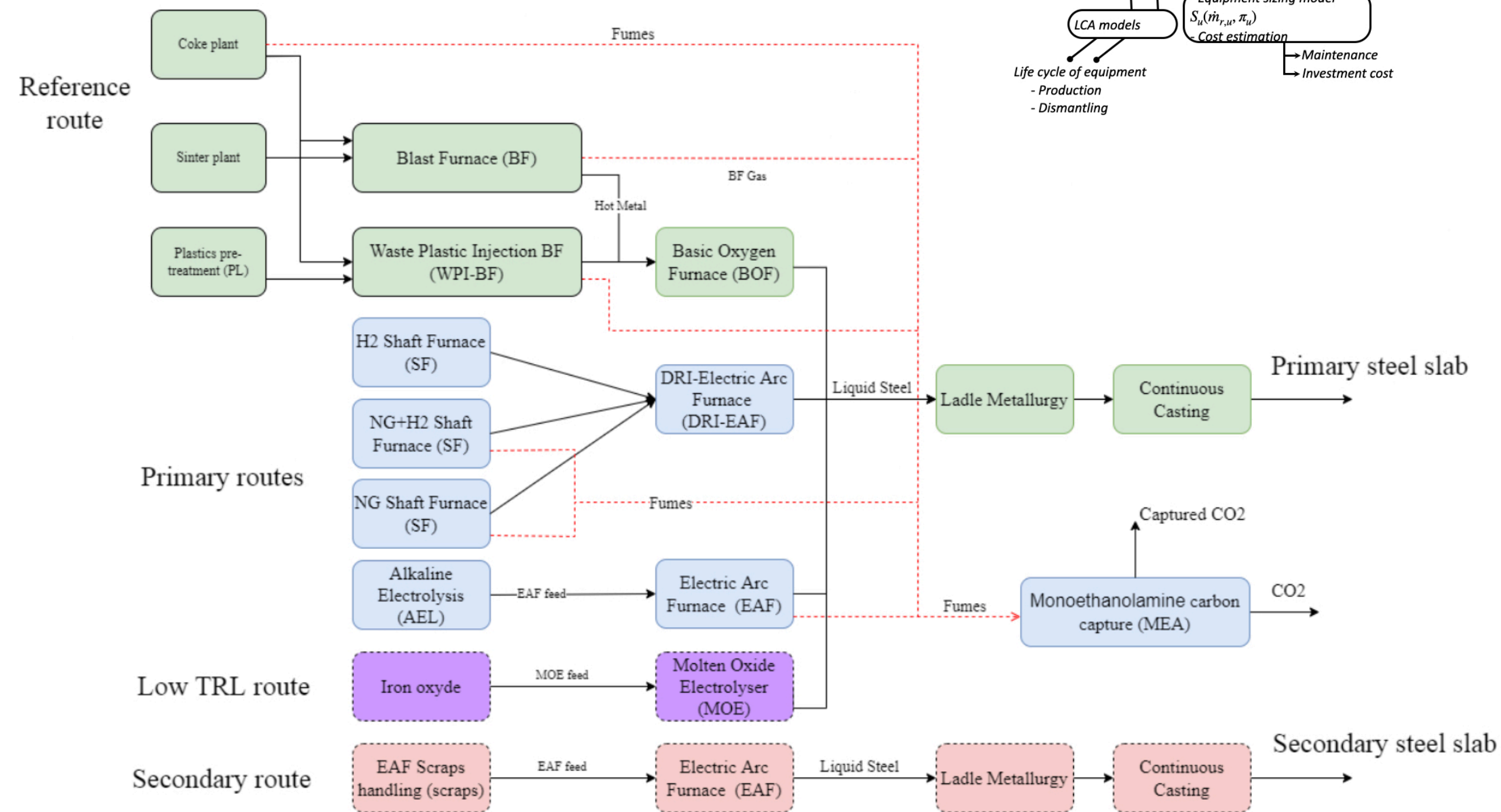


Figure 2.3: steel production routes schematic.

Decarbonisation Pathways

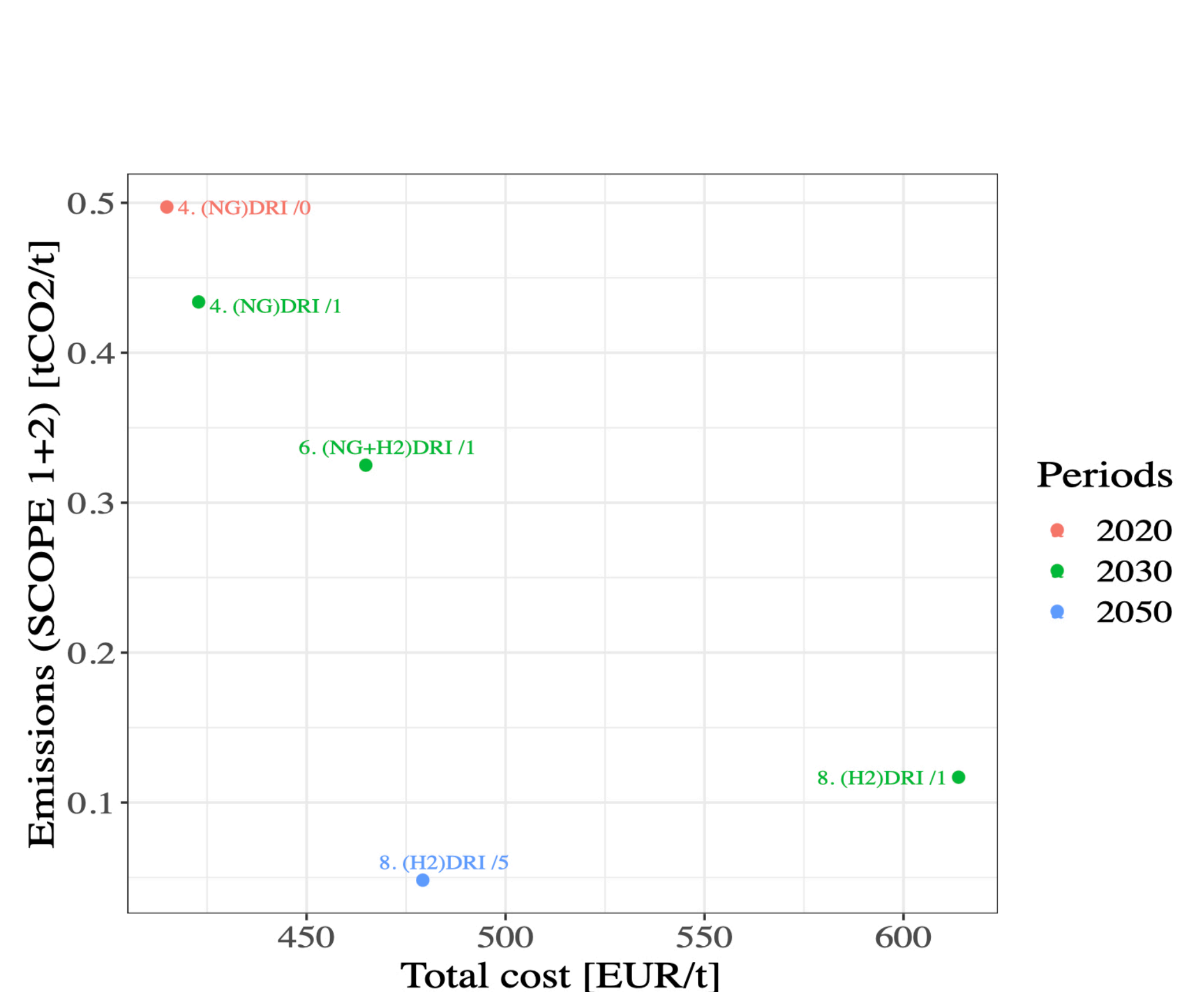
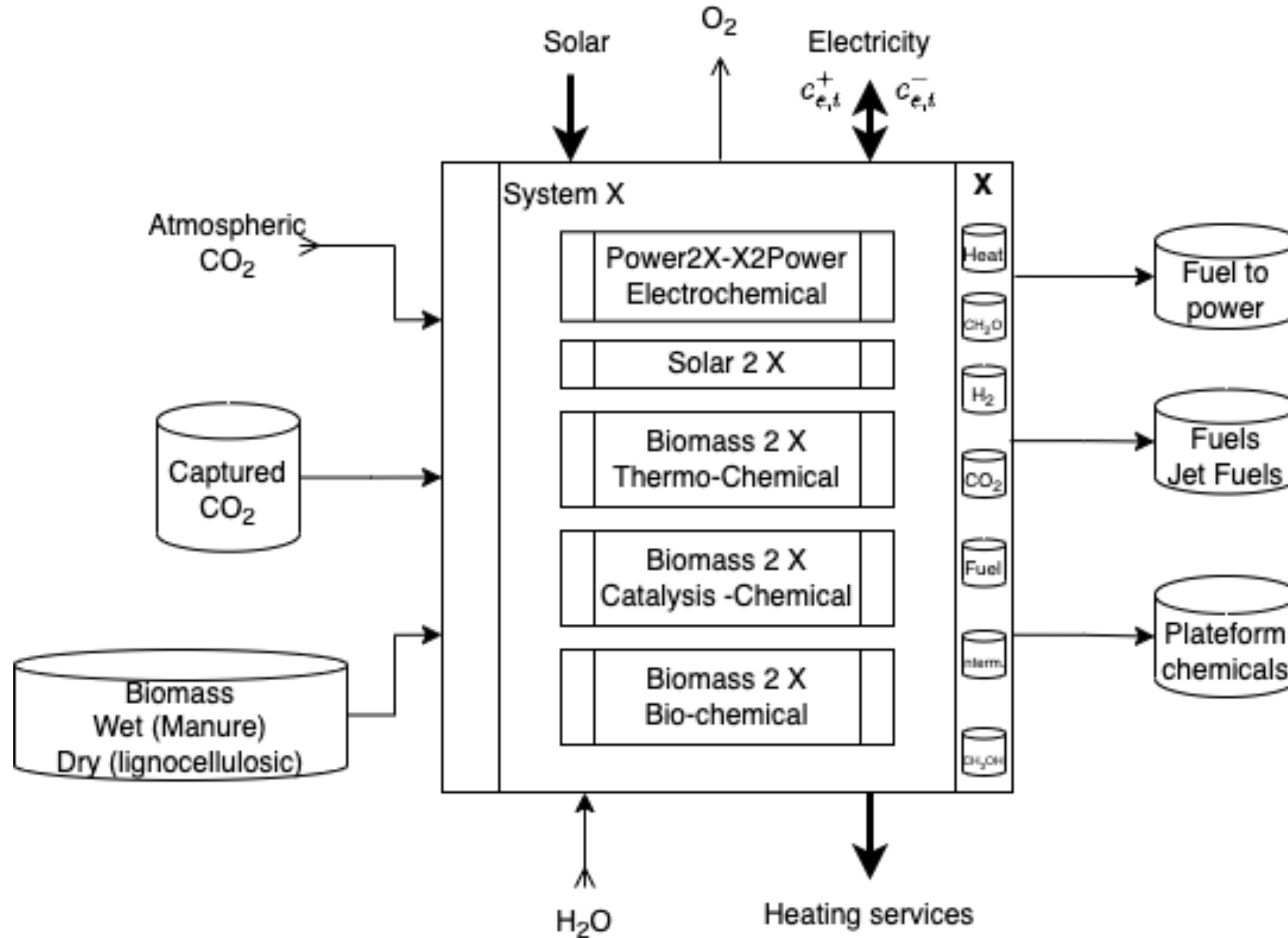
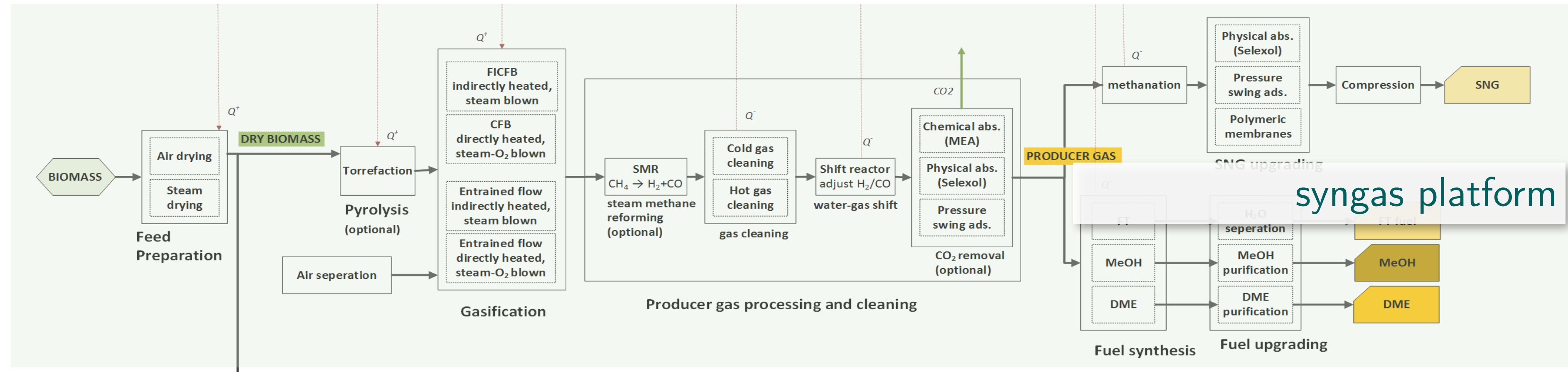
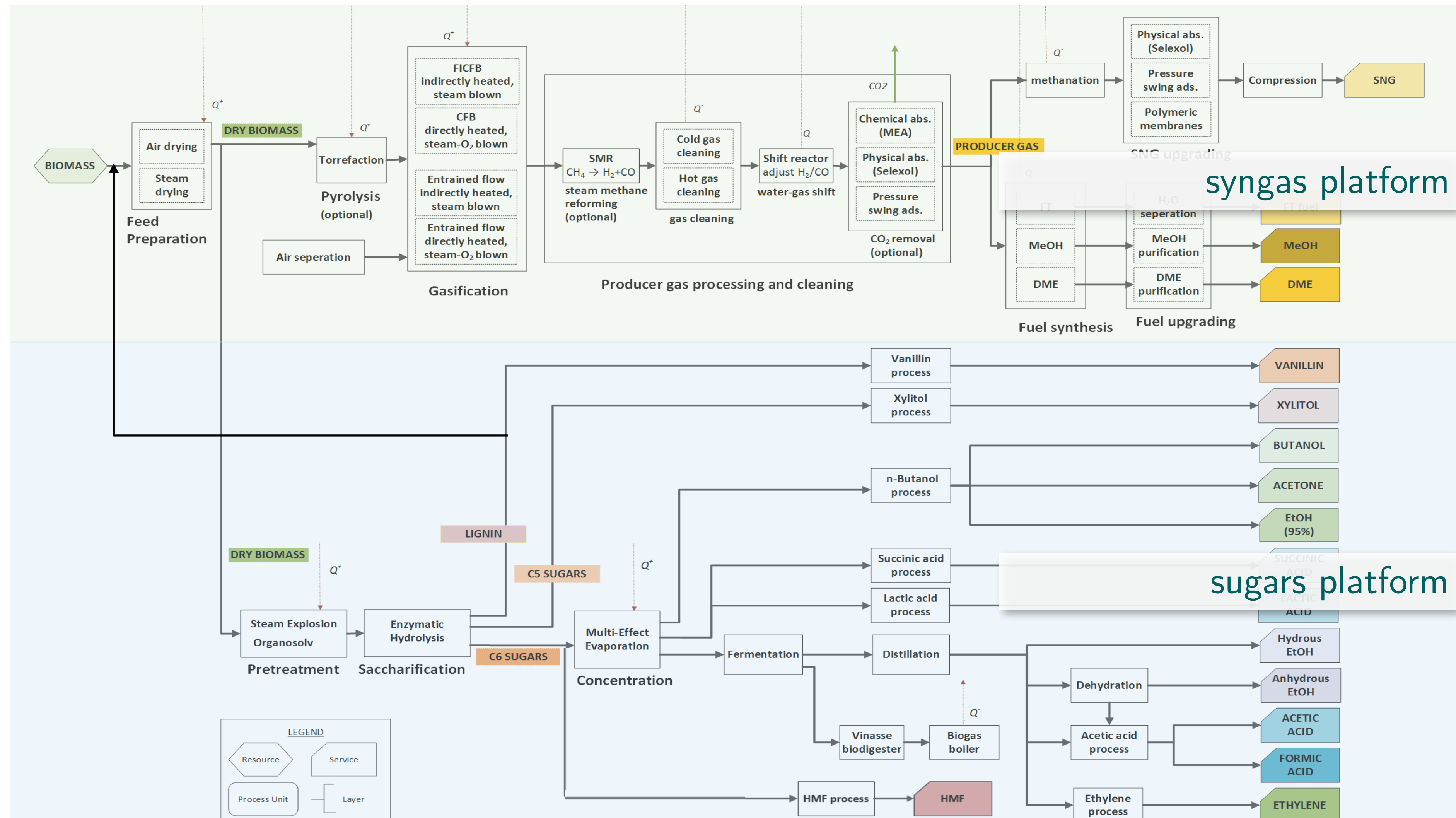


Figure 2.1: Pareto front of total cost and SCOPE 1+2 emissions for primary steel production.



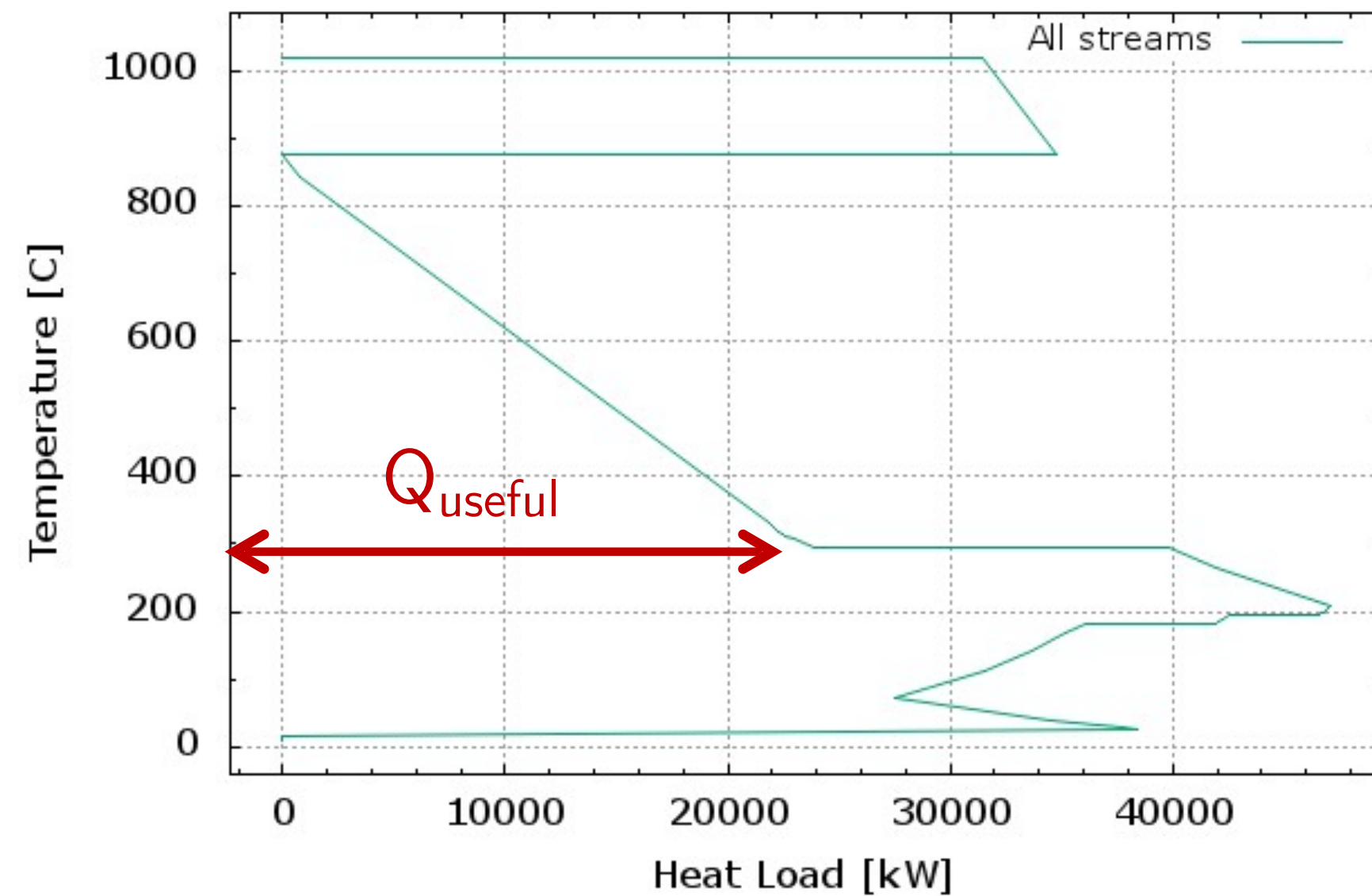


Fuels
Basic chemicals

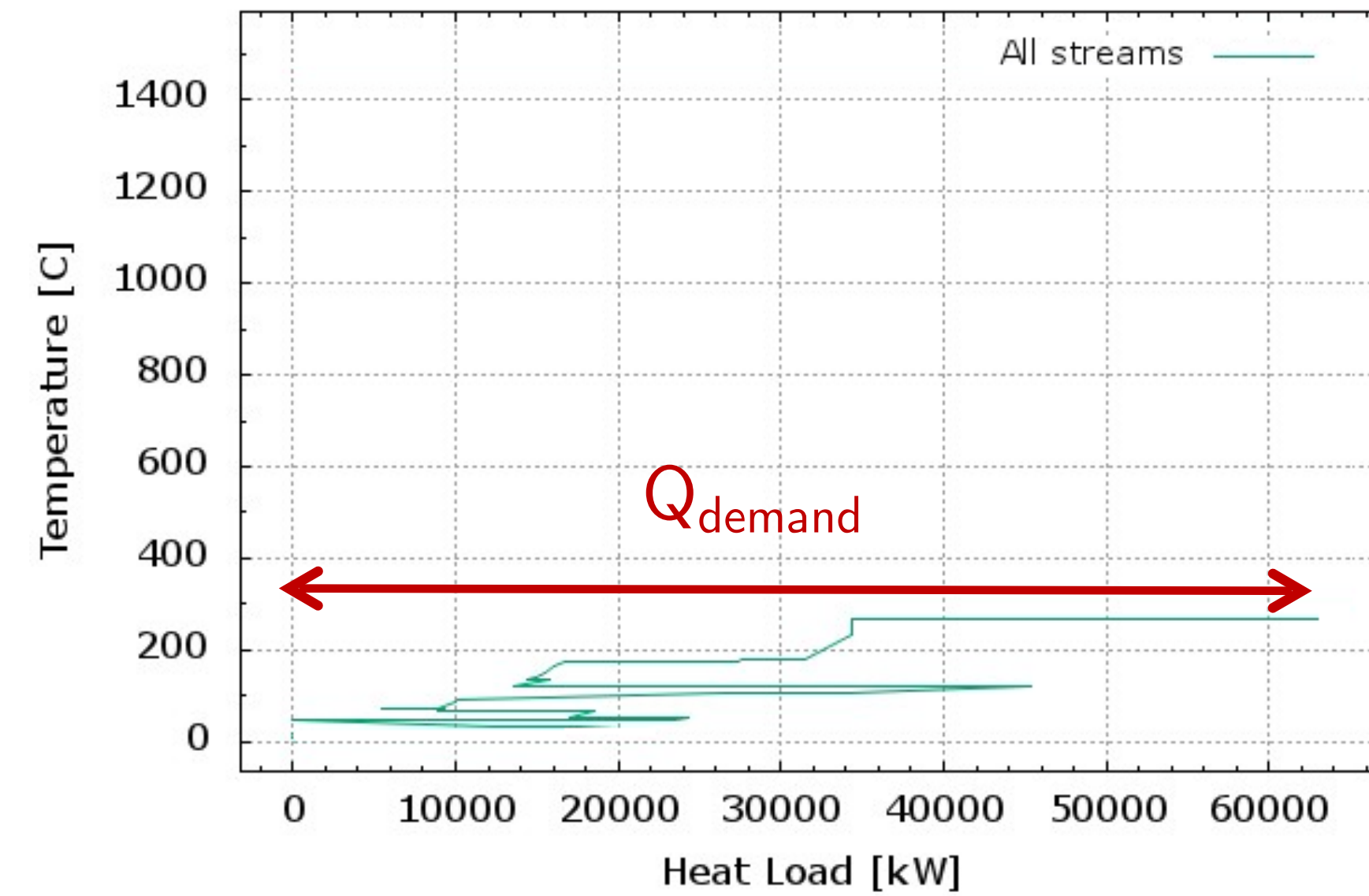


Fuels
Base chemicals

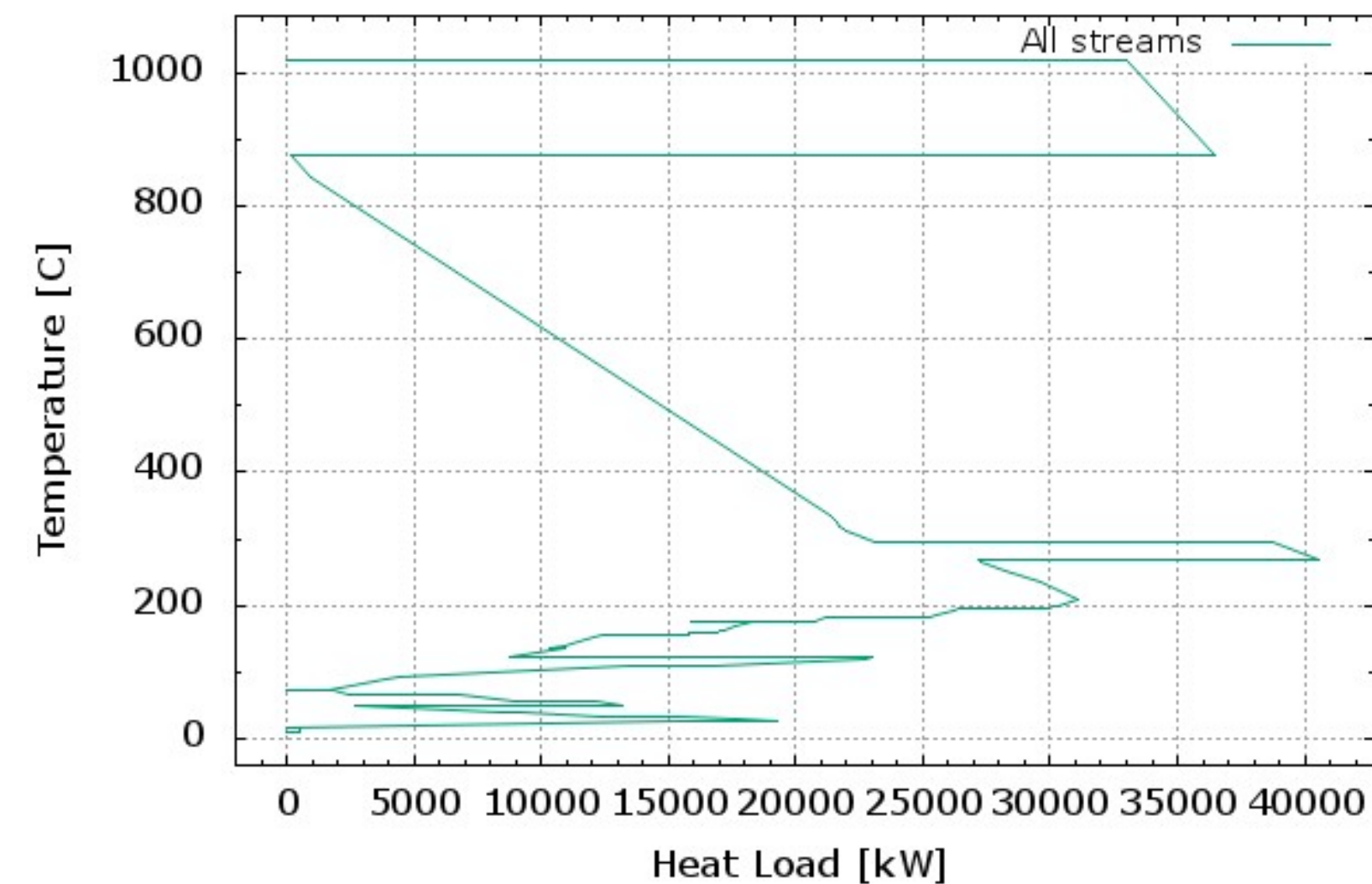
Bio products
Base chemicals



GCC of SNG production

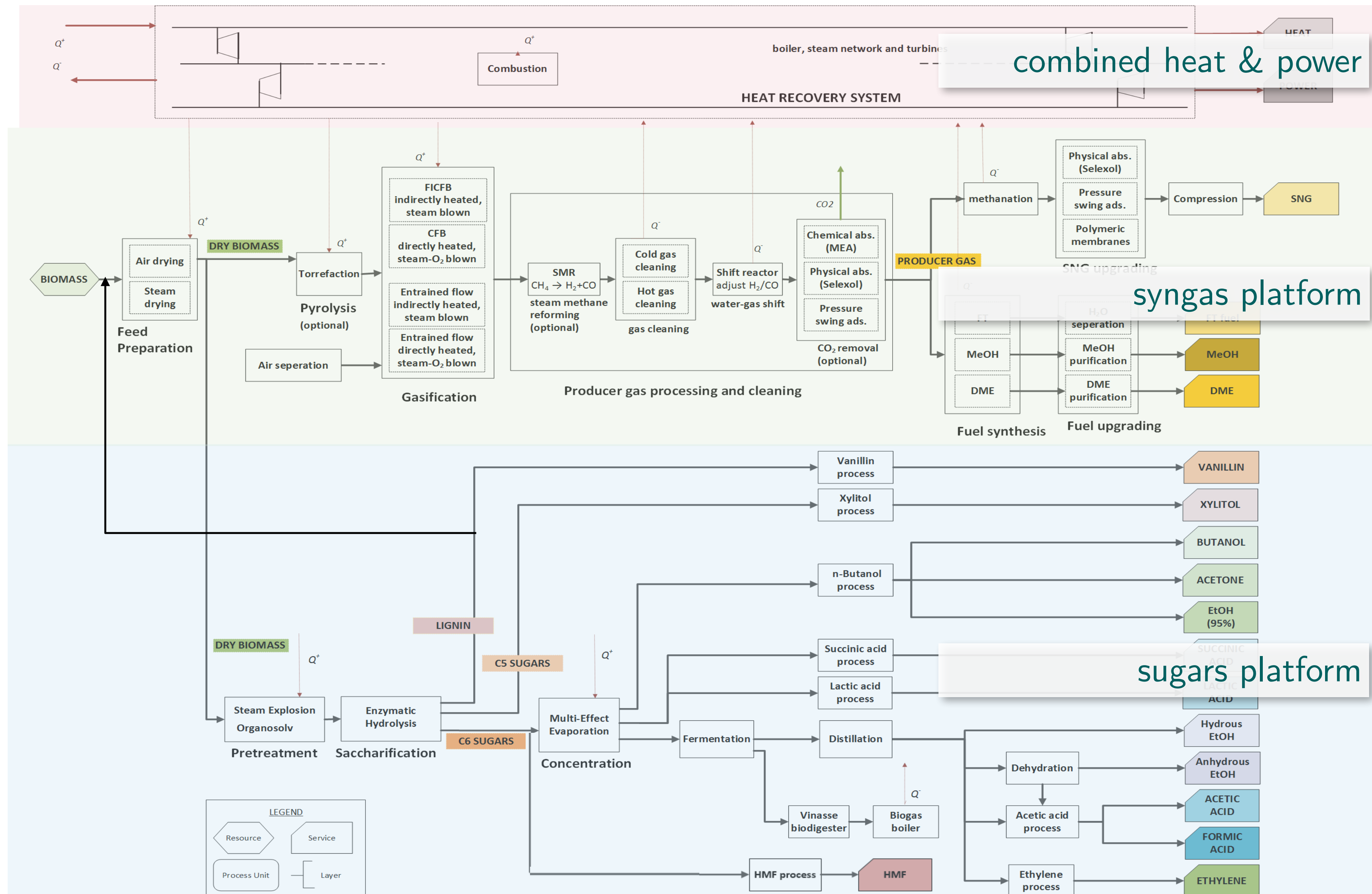


GCC of lactic acid production



GCC of SNG and lactic acid production

wood allocation:
45 % lactic acid
55 % SNG



Energy system

District system

Fuels

Base chemicals

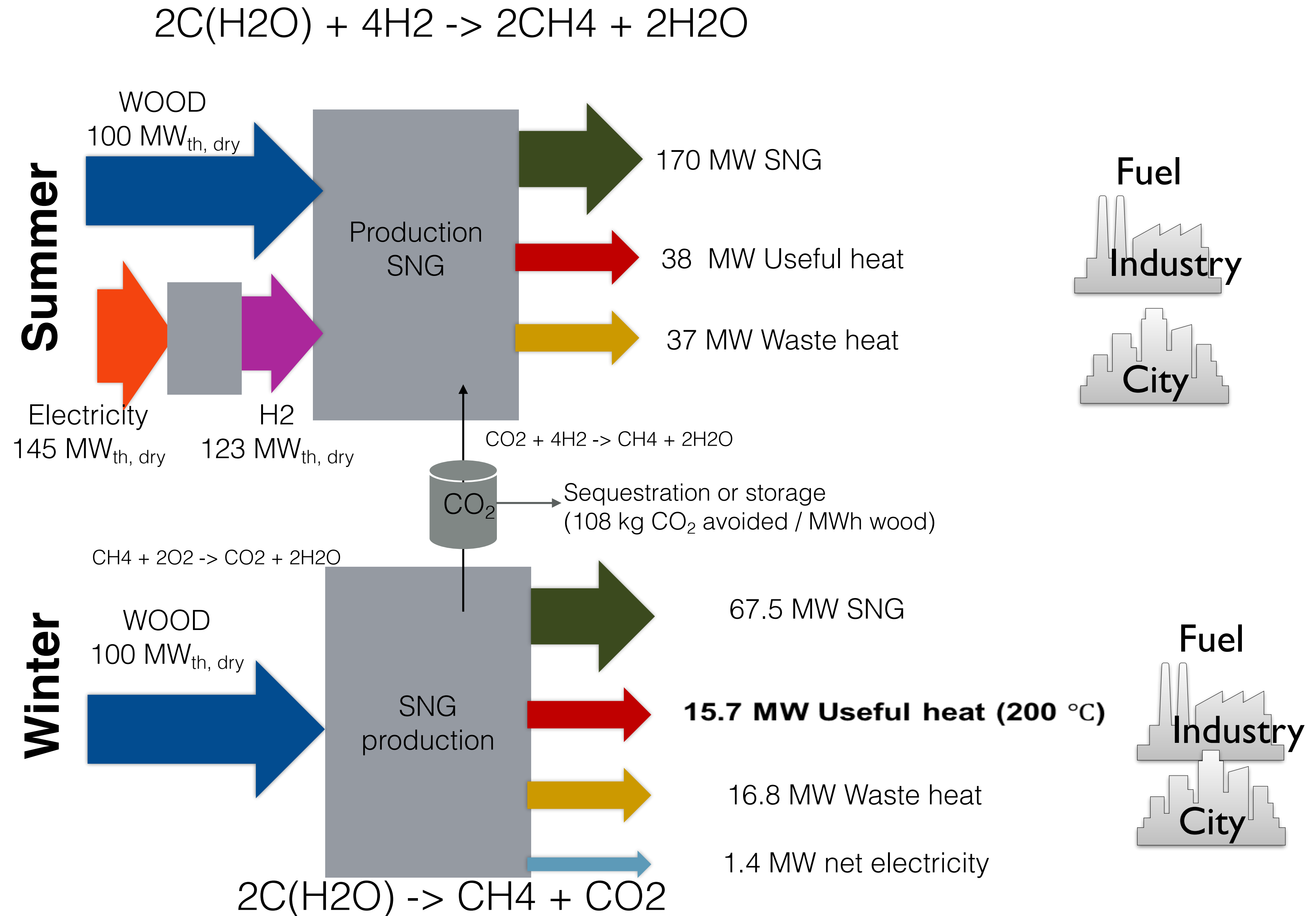
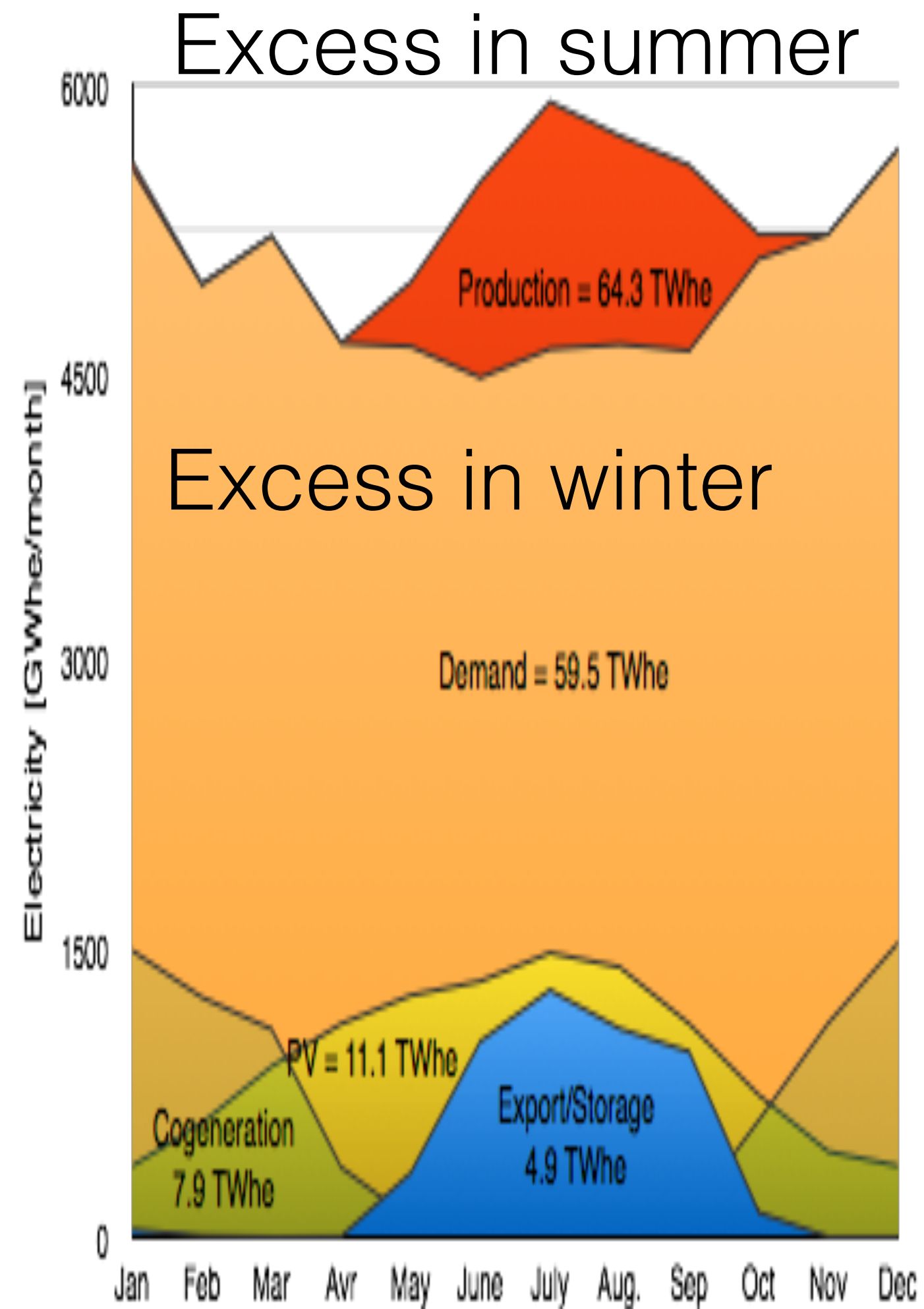
Bio products

Base chemicals



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Storage
Cogeneration
Photovoltaic
Demand
Total Production

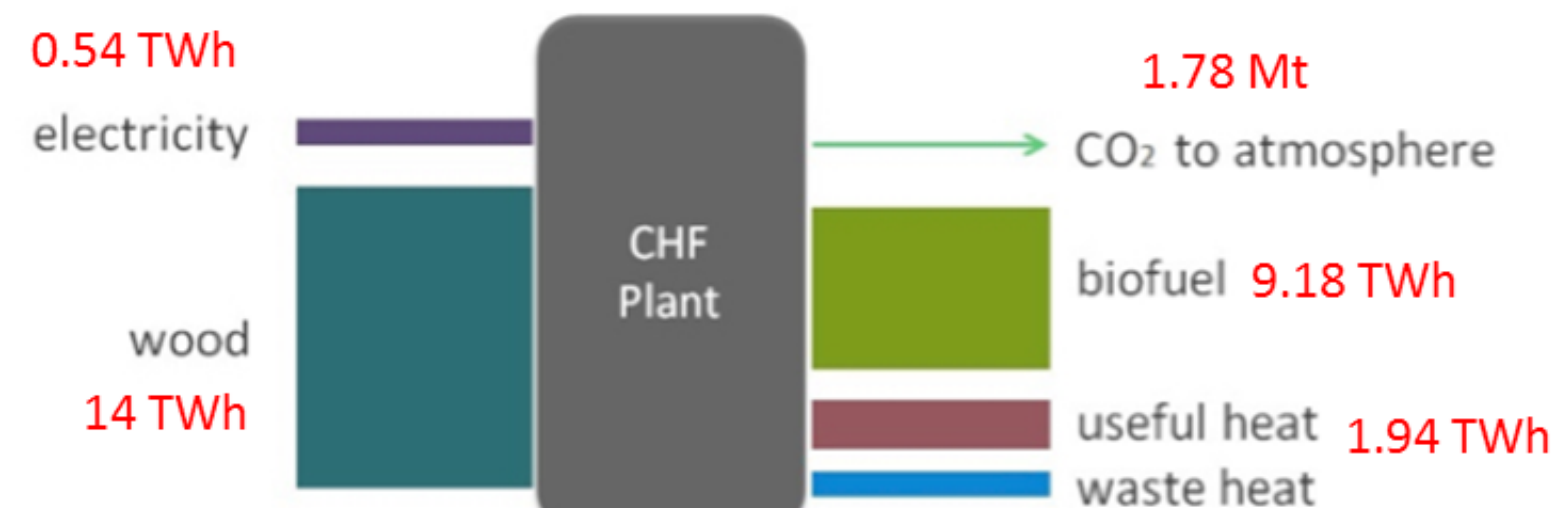


Combined Heat and Fuel (CHF) production

Substituted fossil carbon per unit of biogenic carbon in wood

1.6

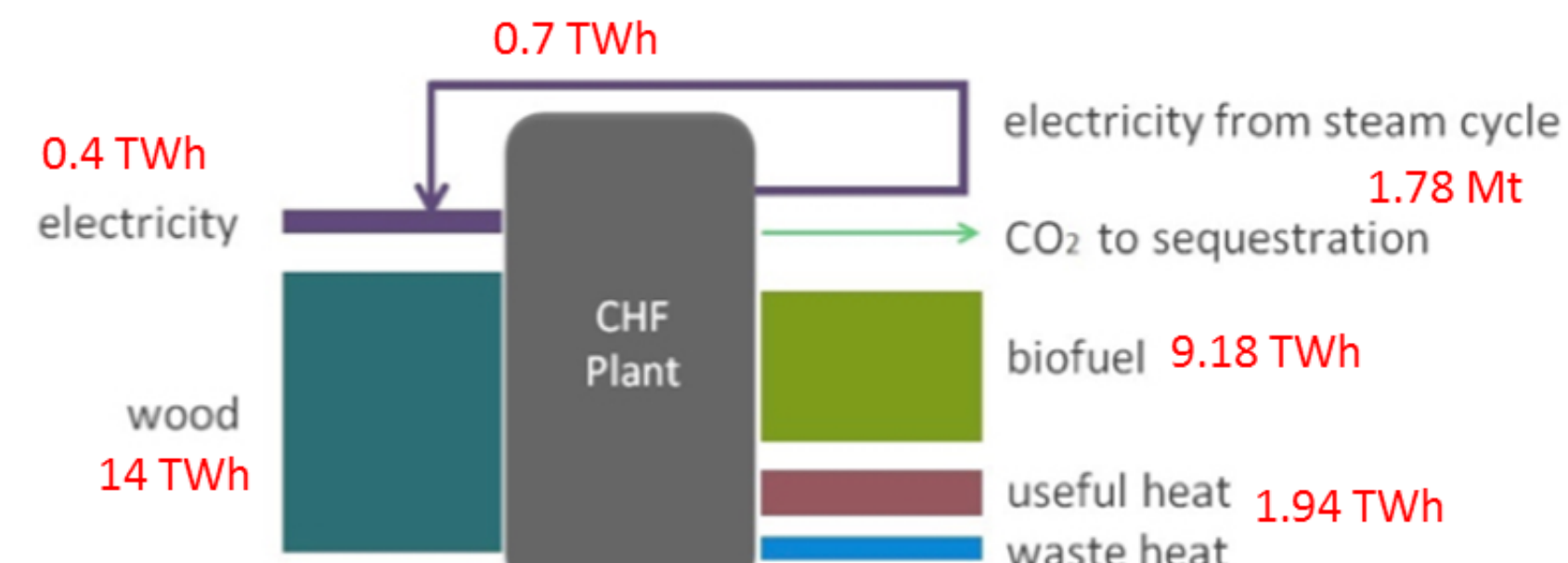
wood boiler



CHF

2.8

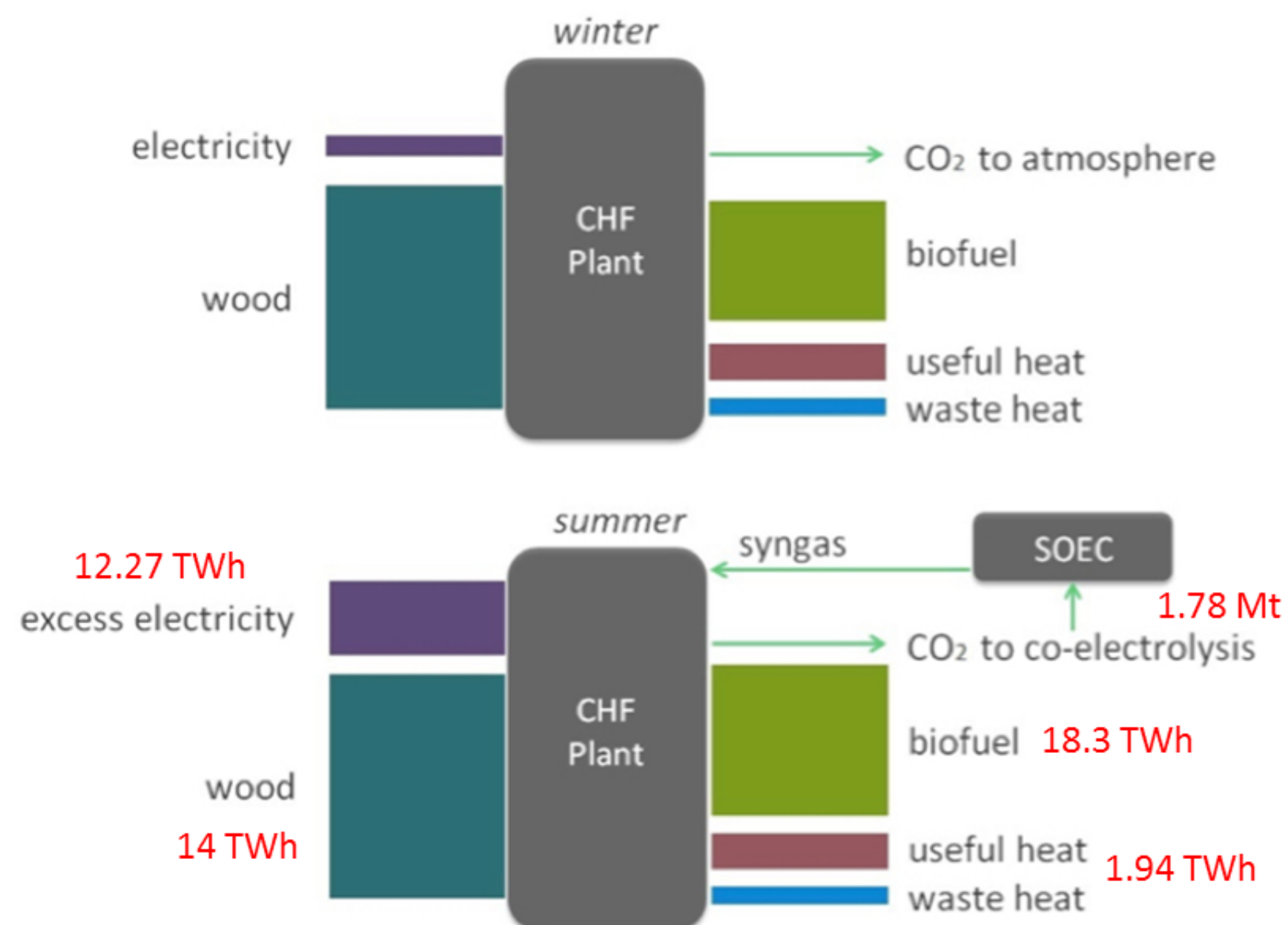
wood boiler



CHF + Carbon sequestration

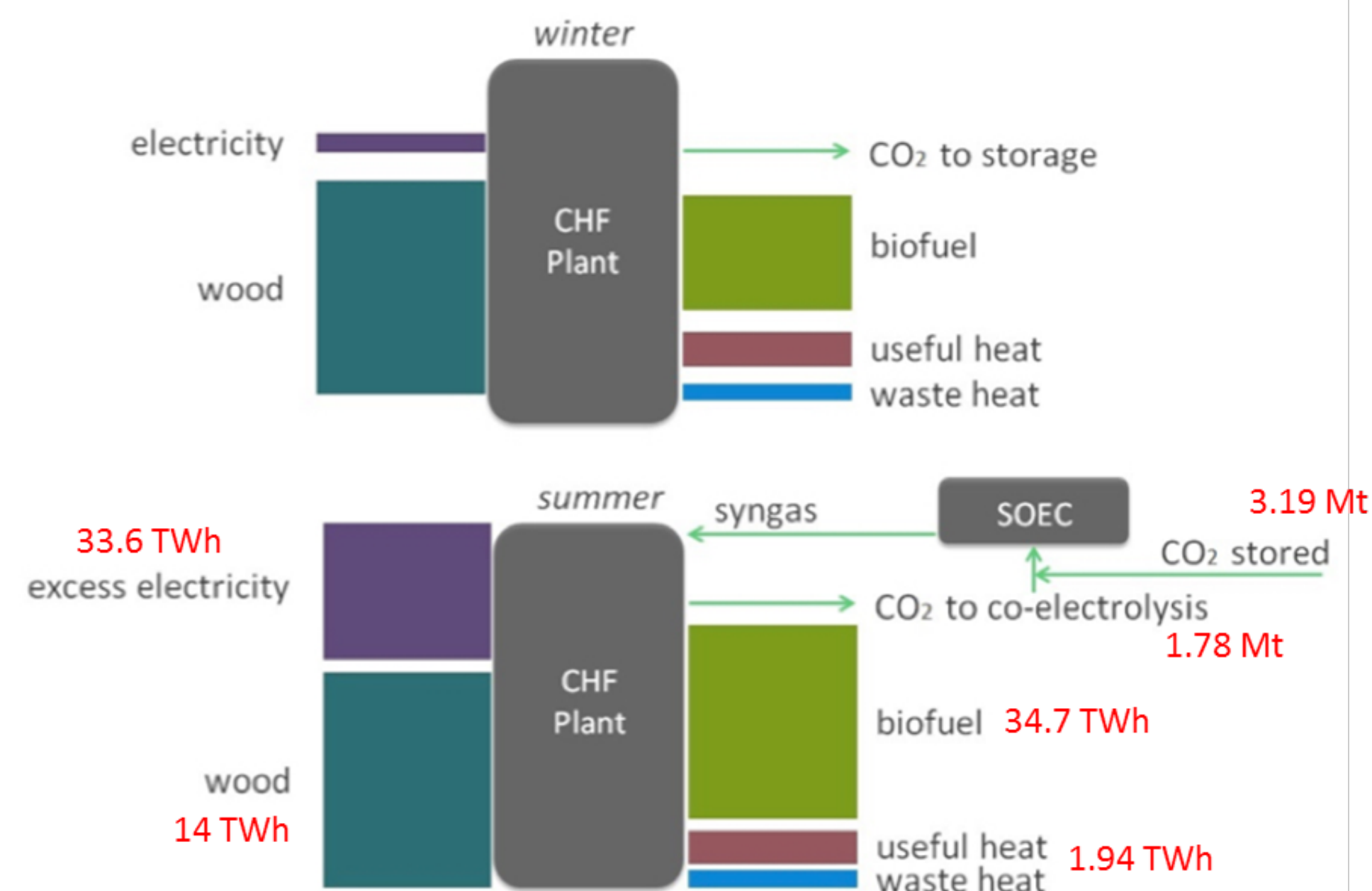
2.1

wood boiler

CHF + P2G without CO₂ storage

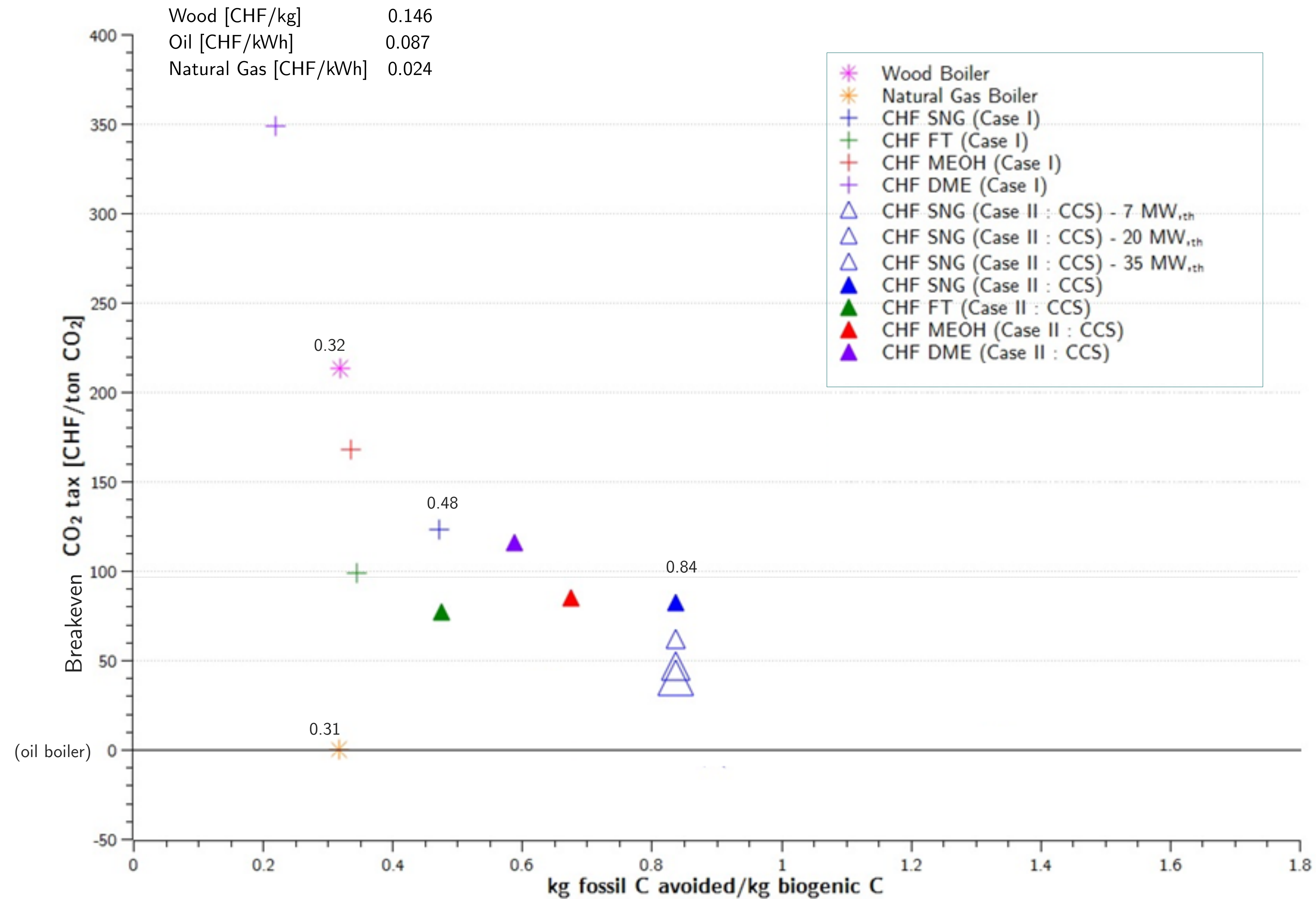
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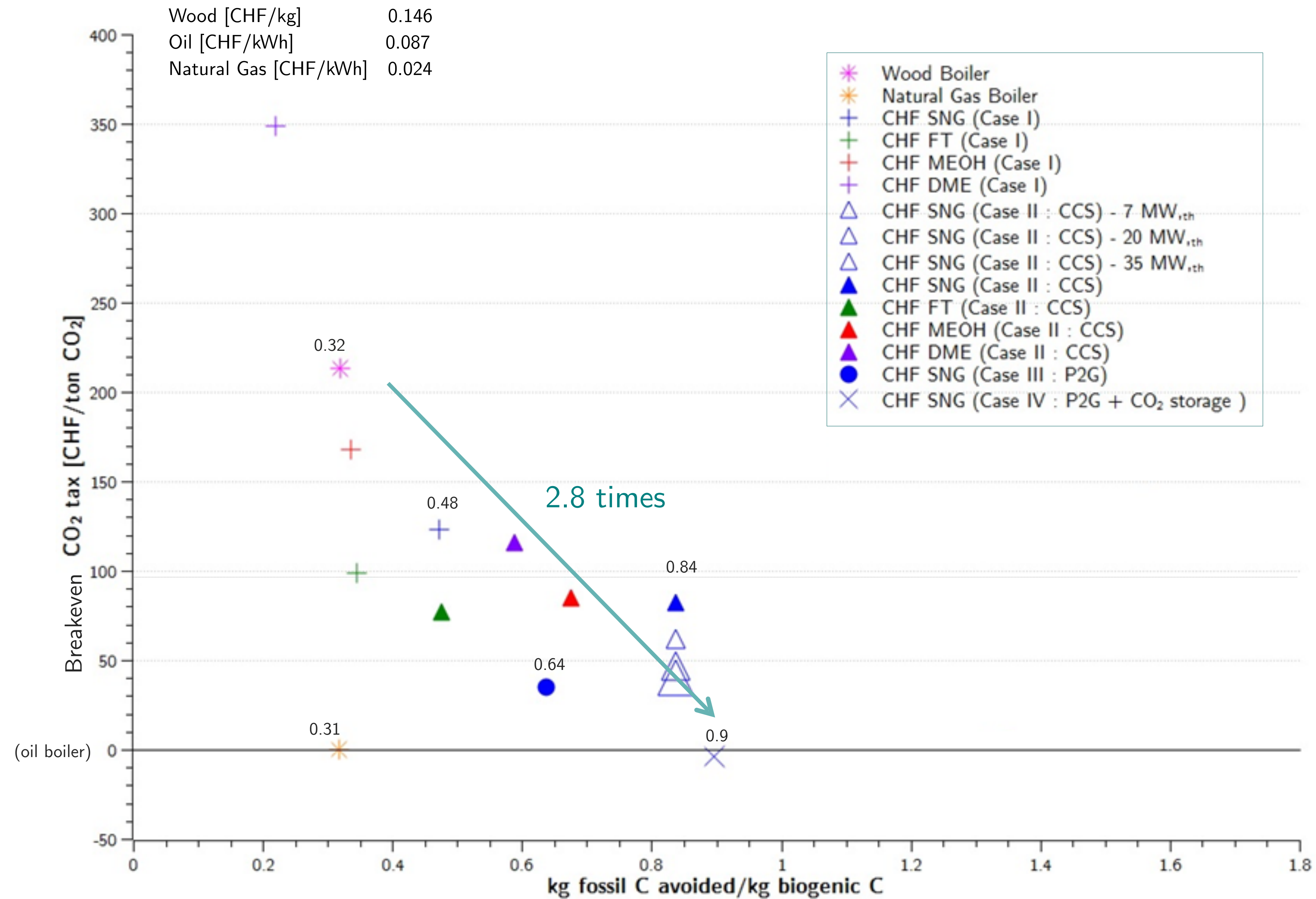
wood boiler

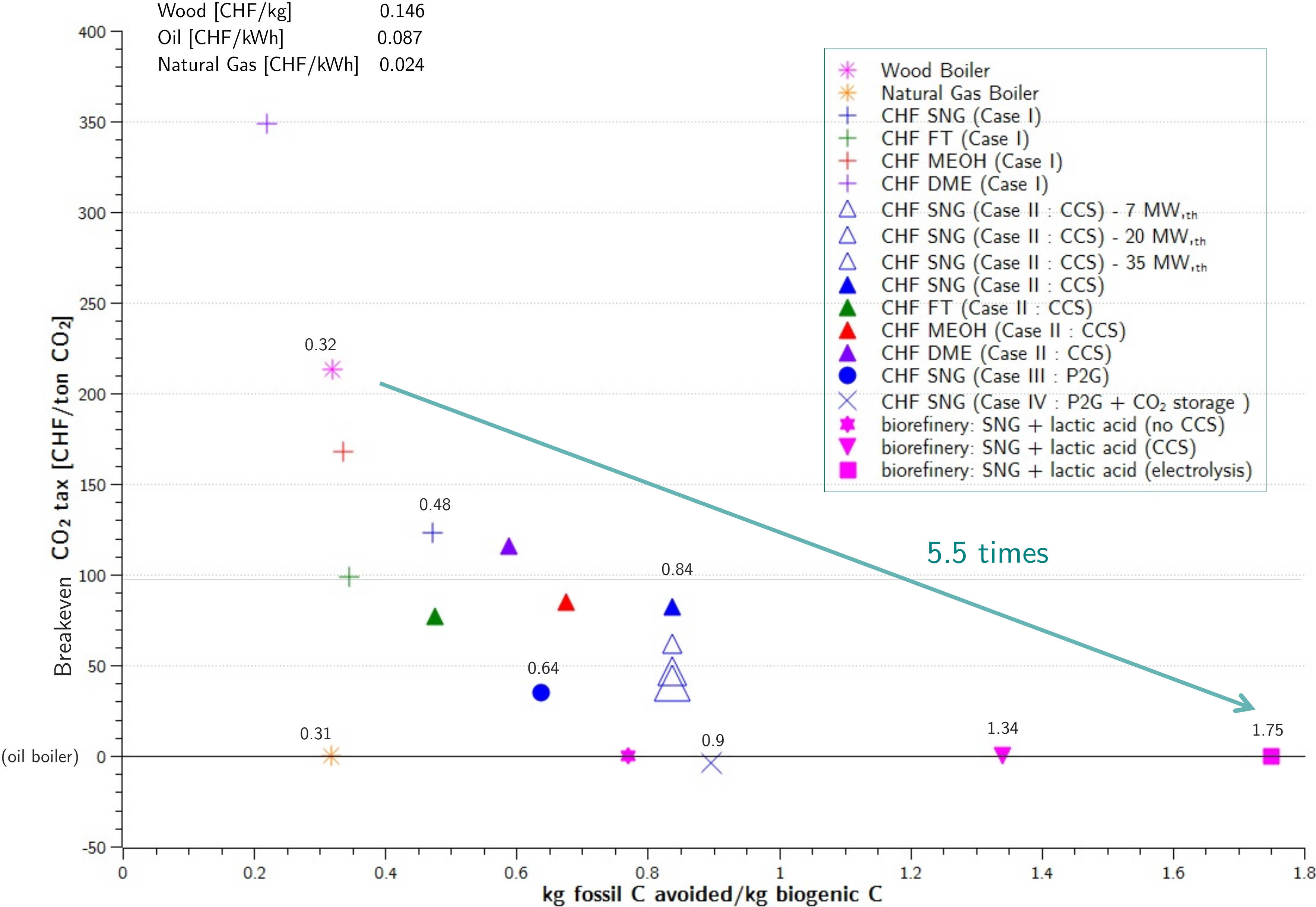
CHF + P2G with CO₂ storage

For wood boiler (WB) 0.3 kg of fossil carbon are substituted per kg of biogenic carbon

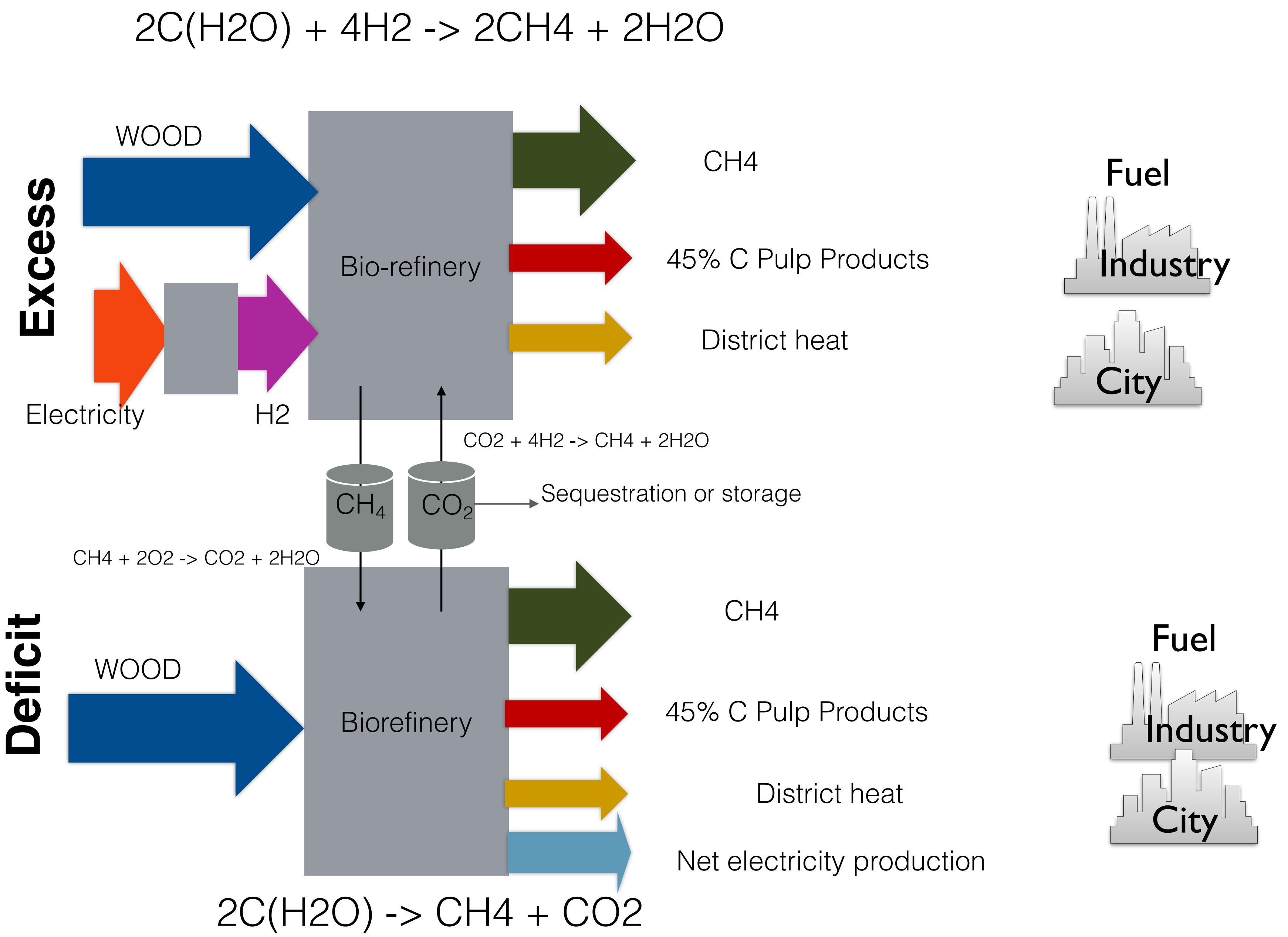
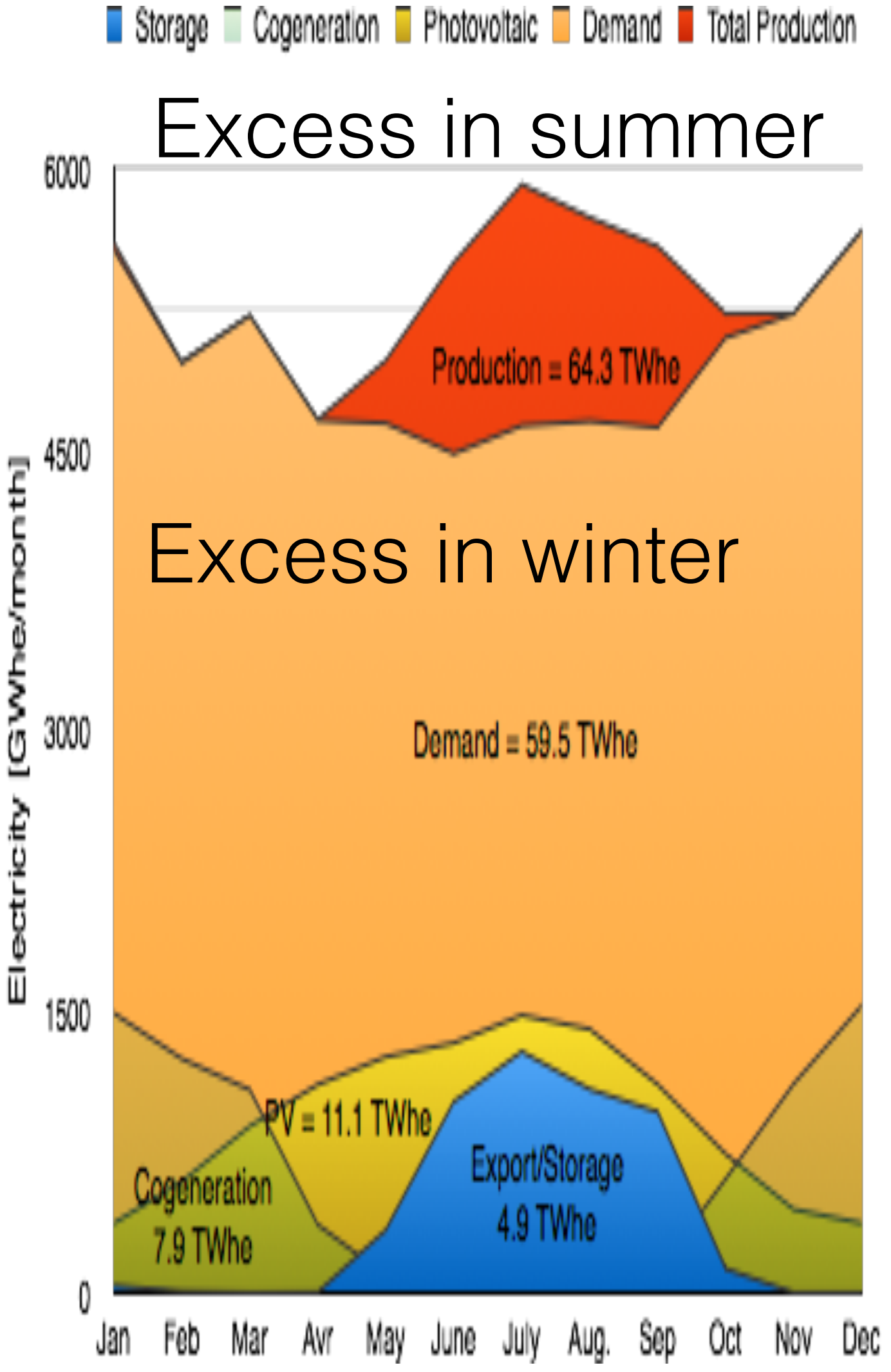
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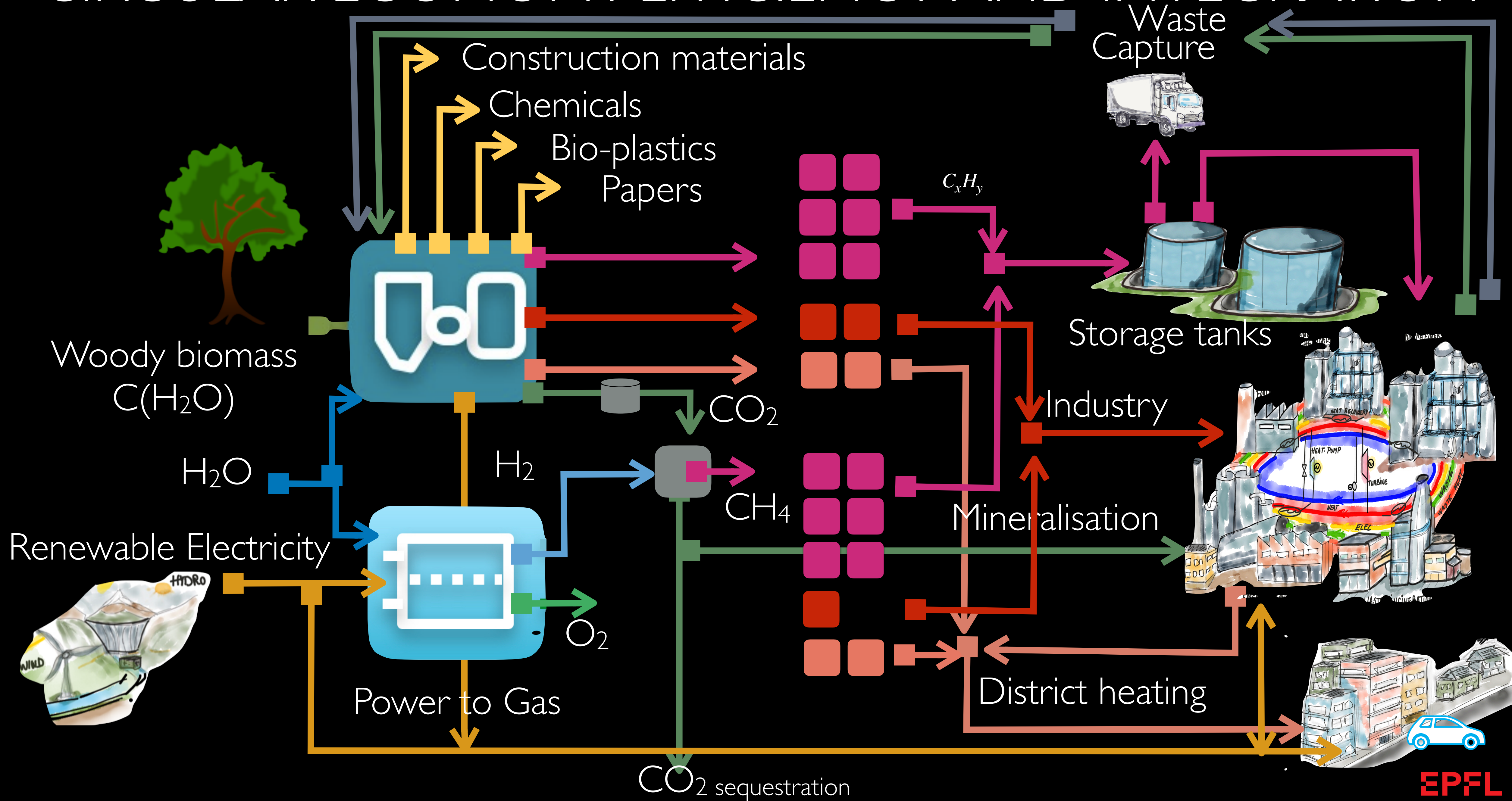




Swiss Energy System



CIRCULAR ECONOMY-EFFICIENCY AND INTEGRATION

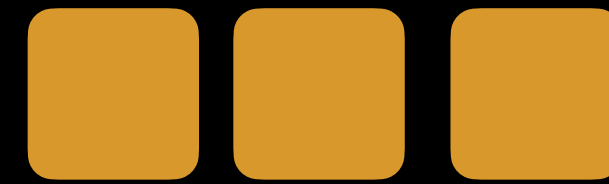


MOBILITY



36%

Efficacité



Soft Mobility

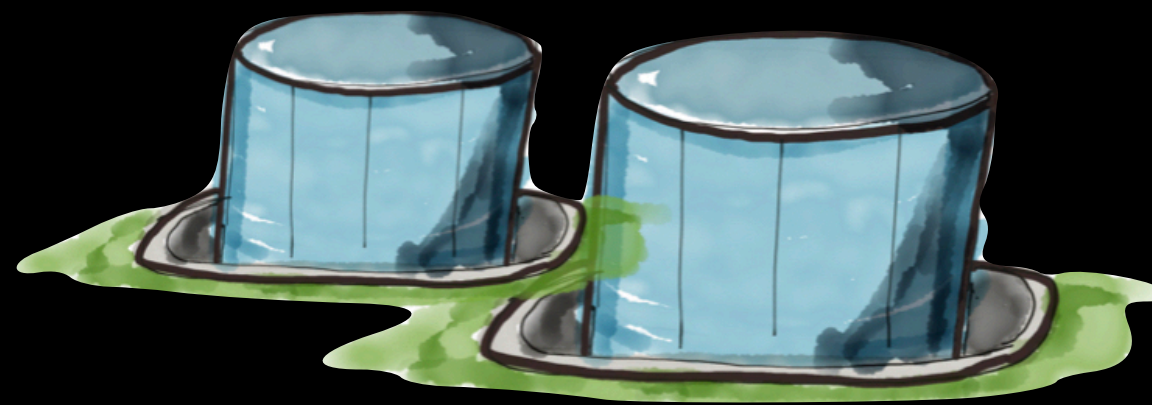
Public transport : électric/hybrid (mobilitylab.ch)

Electric vehicles : 400 km

Fast charge (WattAnyWhere)

Range extenders vehicules (H2, CH4)

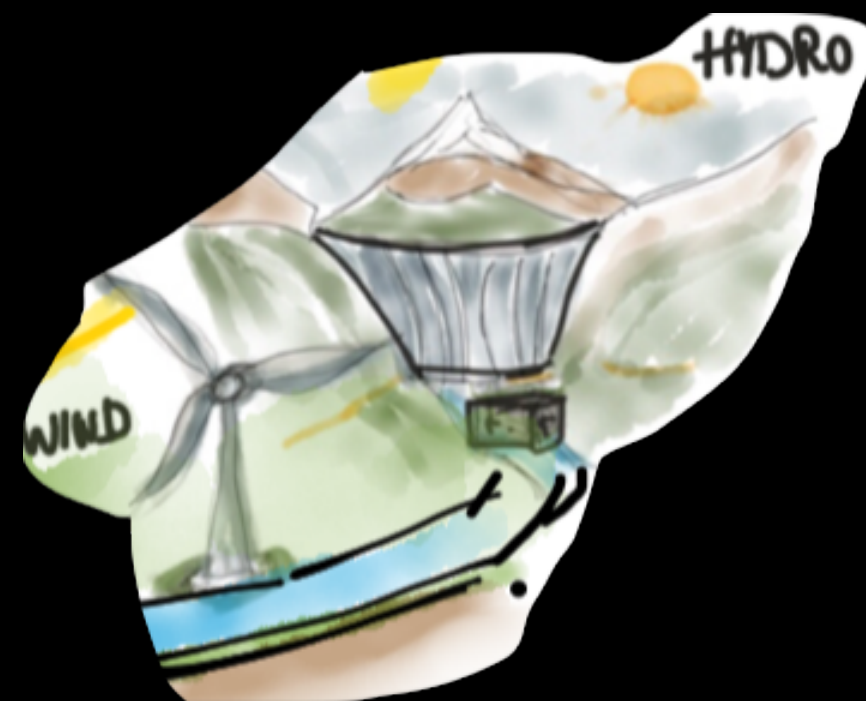
CO2 capture on board



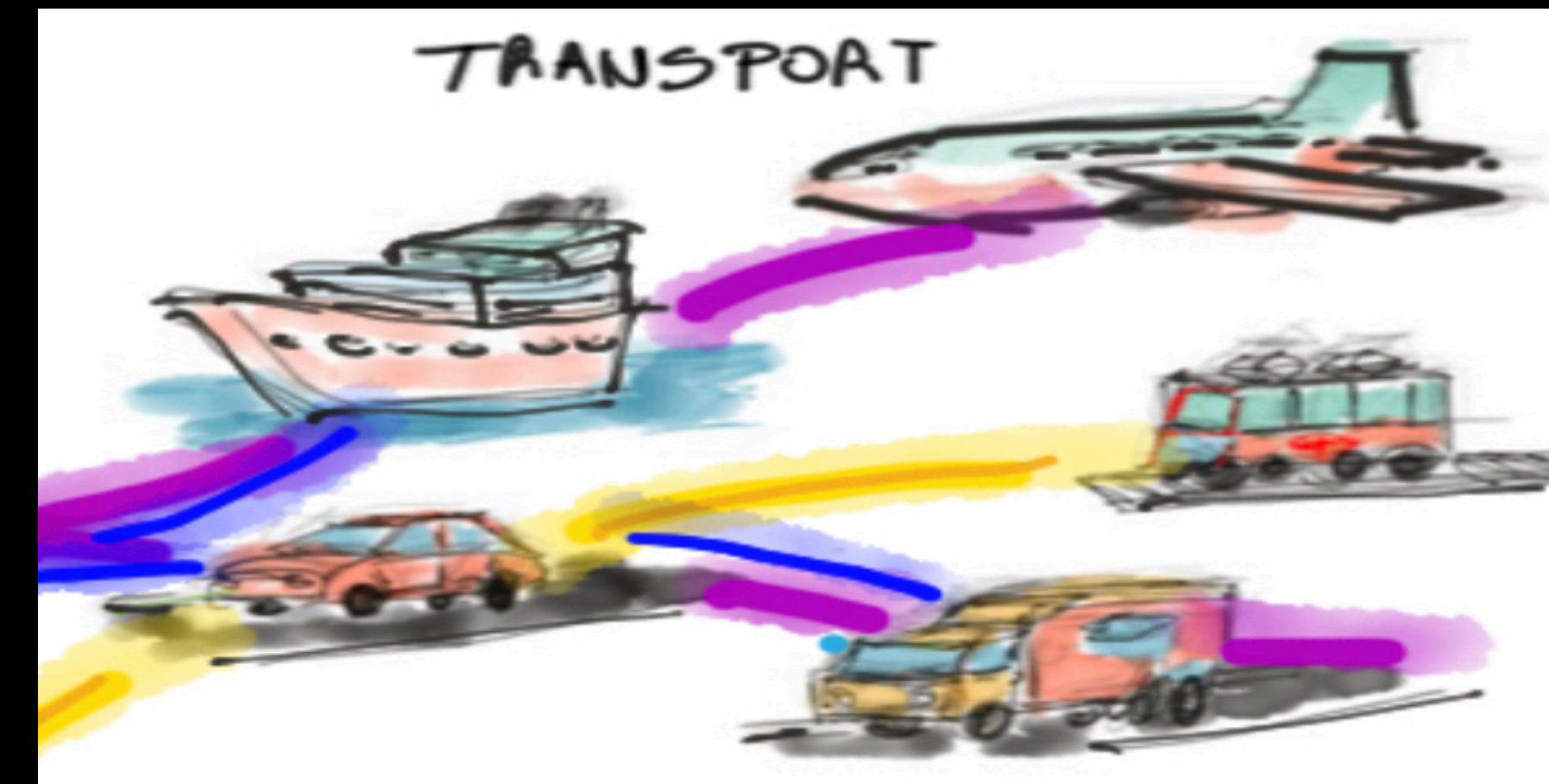
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Wind and Hydro



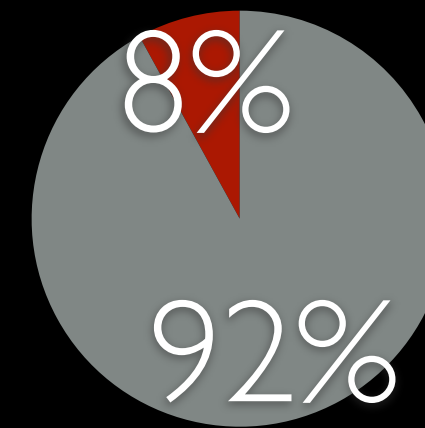
100 l gasoline/hab/year



“RANGE EXTENDERS” VEHICLES

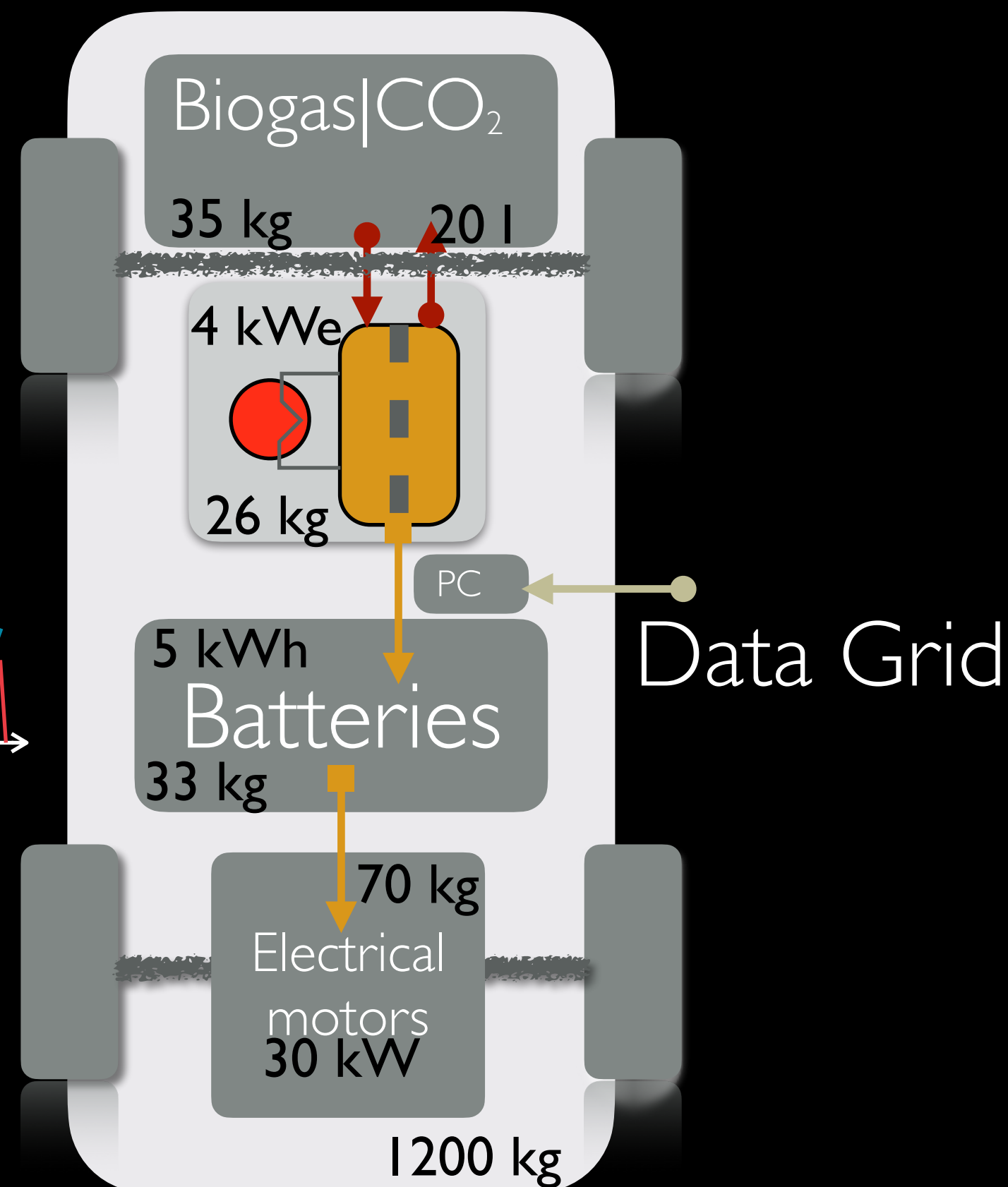
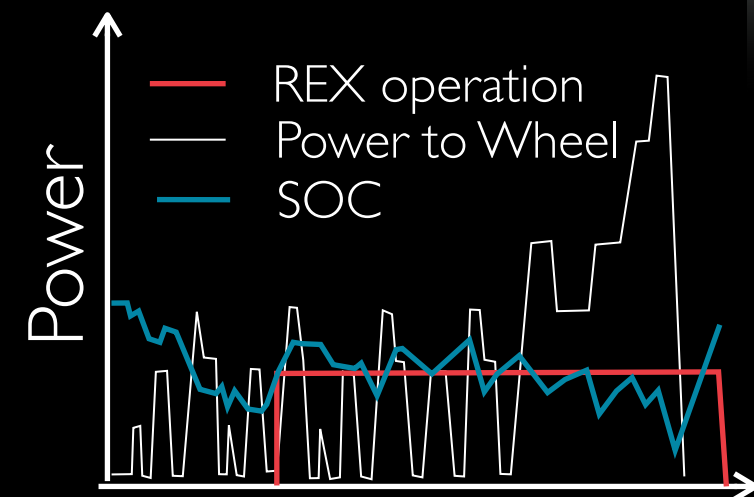
Driving mode

Autonomy : 950 km
Cons : 1.1 l/100 km

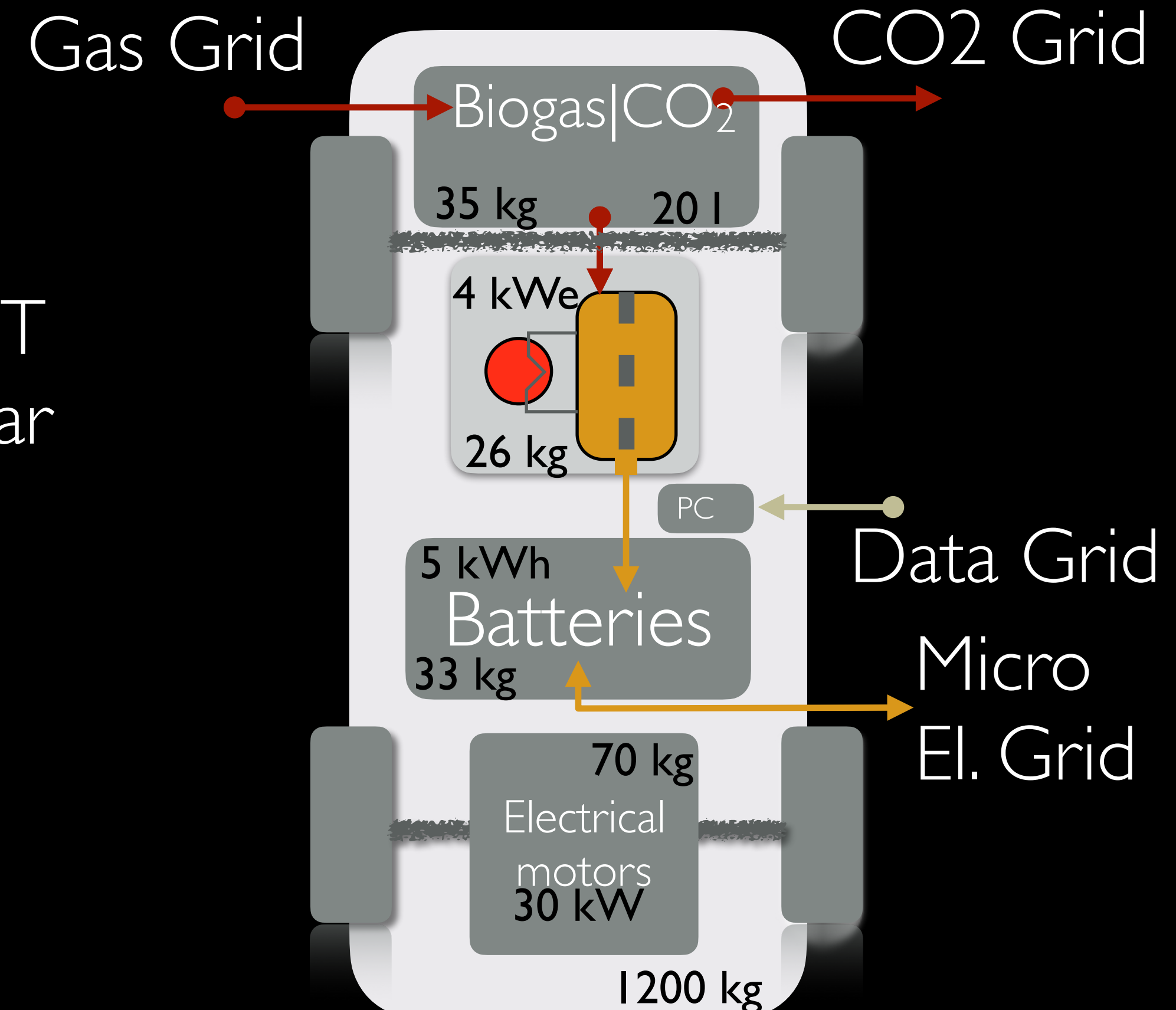


Parking mode

Power plant : 3.5 kWe (eff. >70%)
Battery : 5 kWh



SOFC-GT
Hybrid car



PhD PSA

CAPTURER LE CO₂ SUR LES CAMIONS

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90% CO₂ capture

3

l CO₂/l fuel

5%

kg CO₂/kg payload

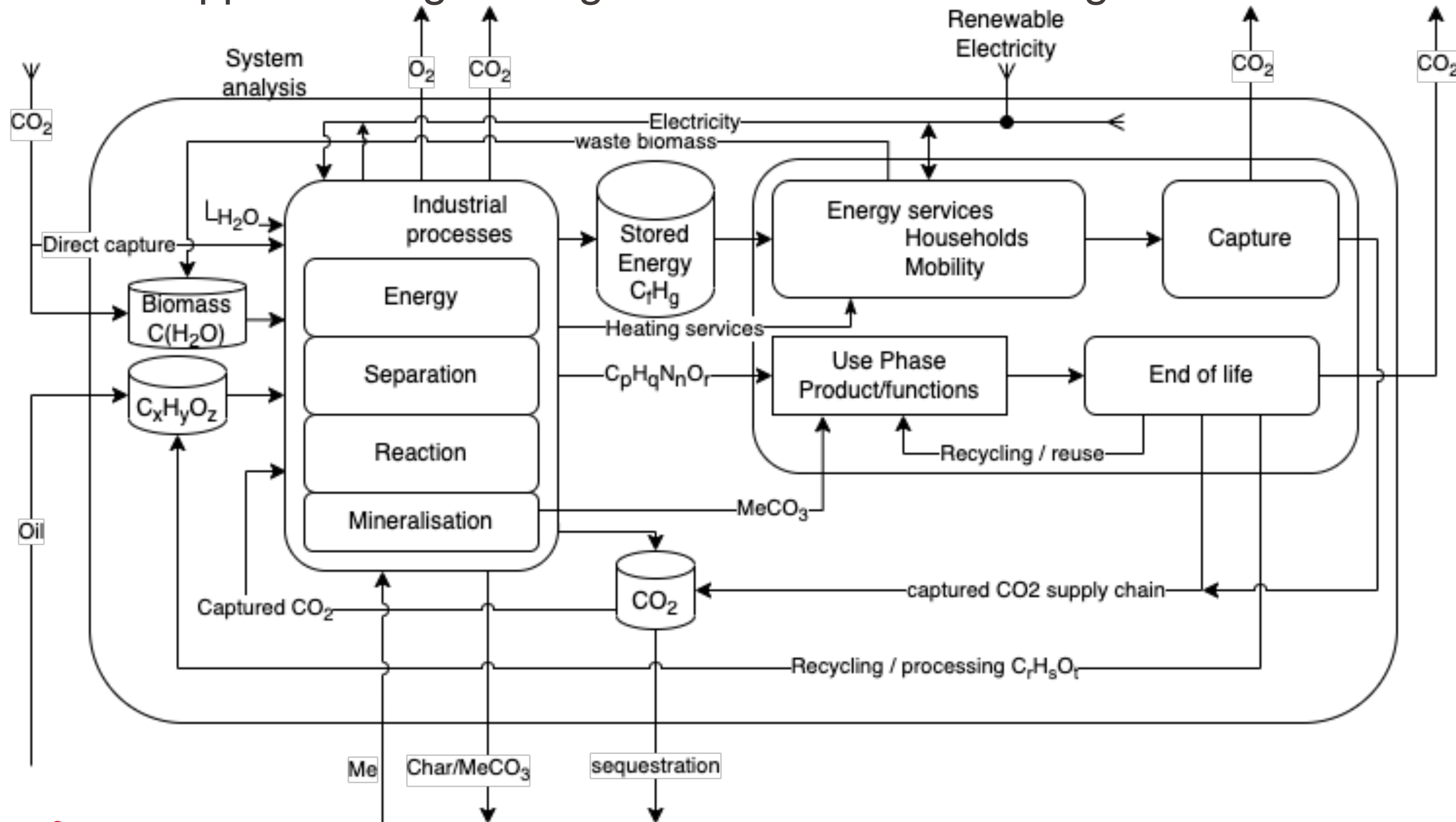
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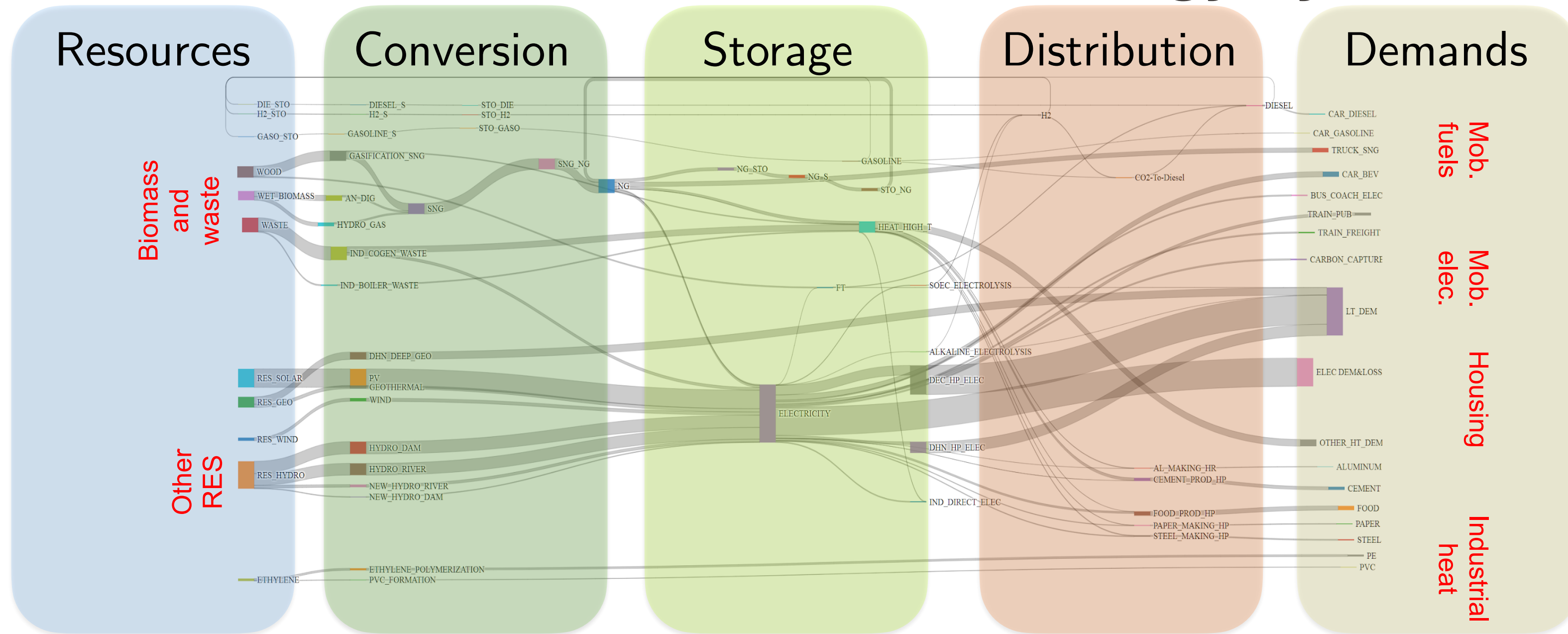
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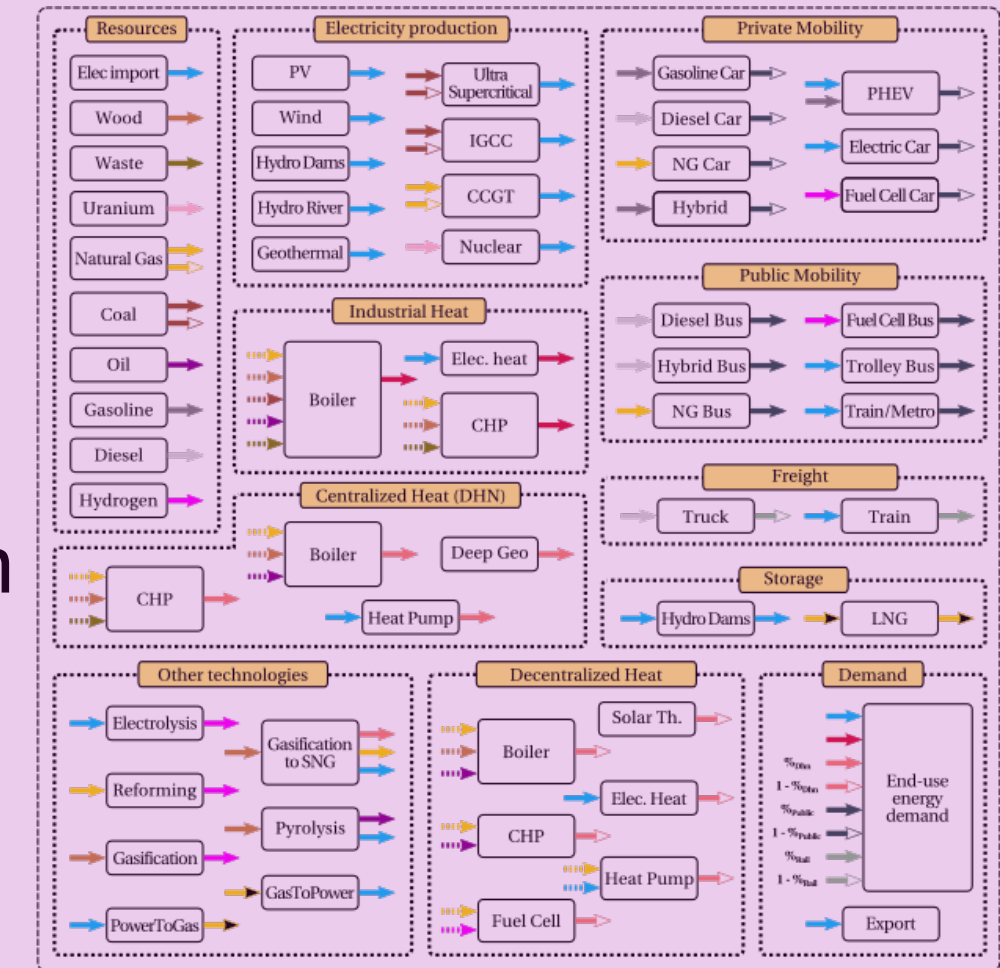
Decision support for engineering the Carbon Flows management in the society



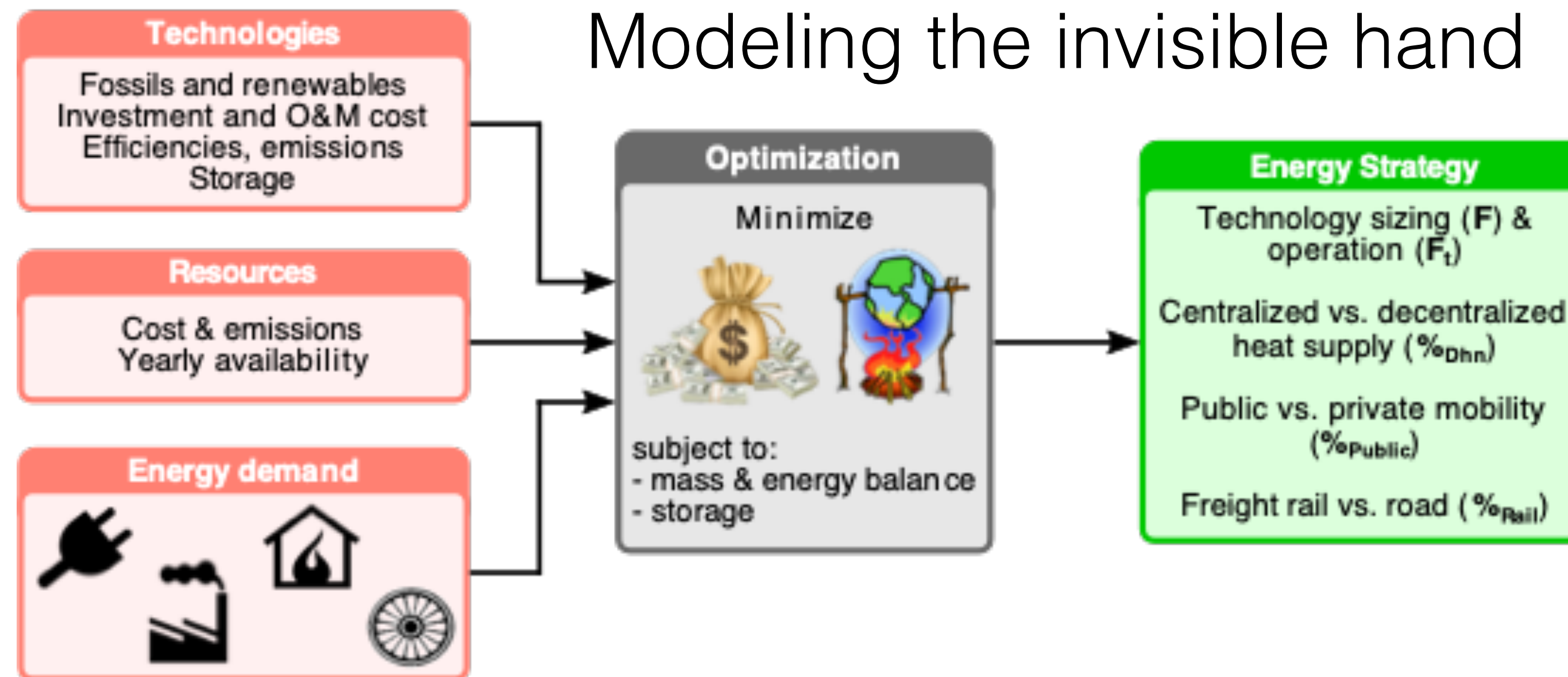


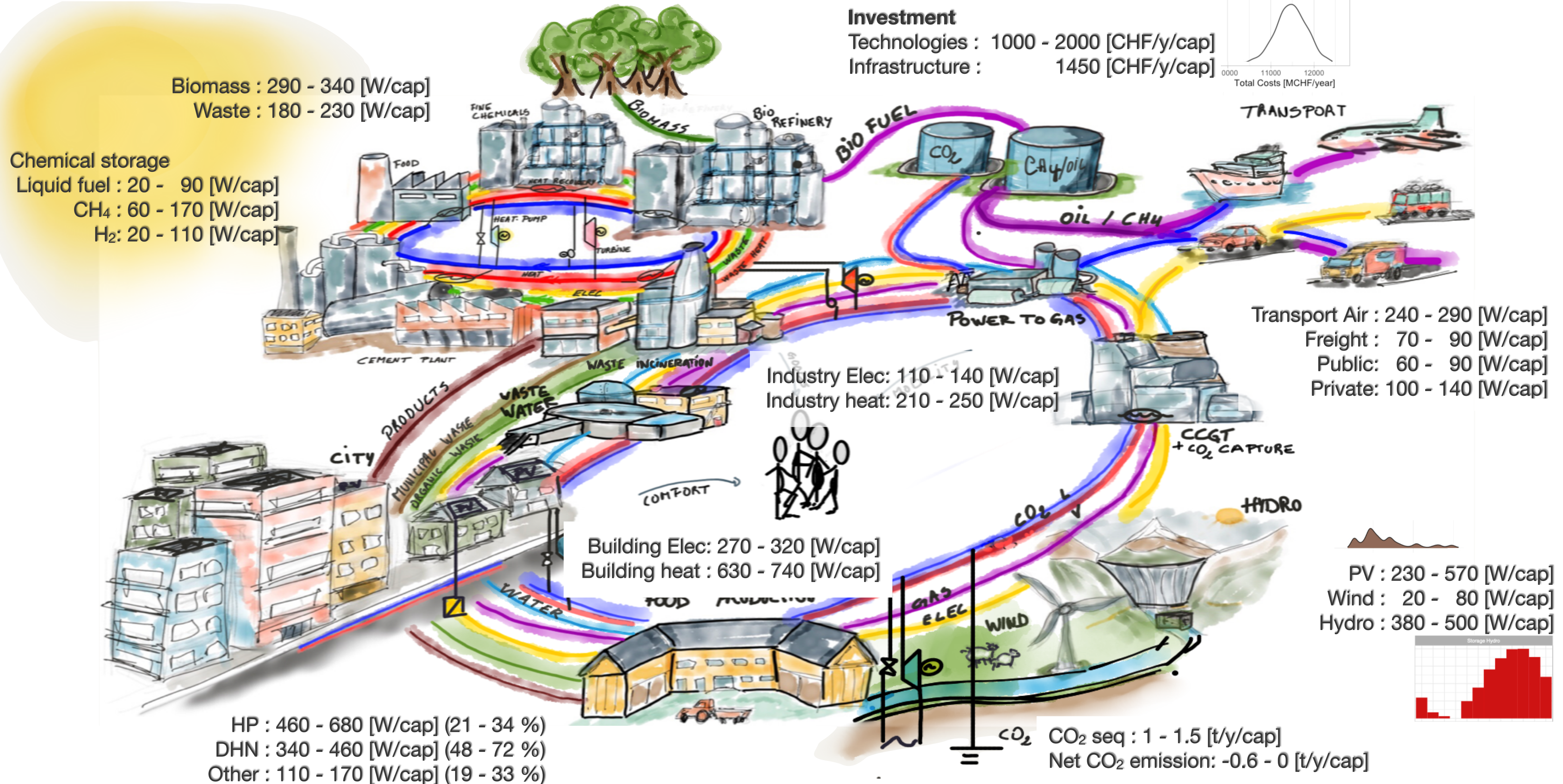
Technologies : Sizes - Operation

Data base
Conversion
Storage
Distribution
Supply



Modeling the invisible hand





ON THE ROLE OF PROCESS SYSTEM ENGINEERING FOR THE ENERGY TRANSITION

- Efficiency in conversion
 - Process design
 - Process integration
- Model predictive control
 - Tanks & units sizes
- System integration
 - CO2 capture
 - Power2tanks2Power for energy grids
 - District heating and cooling
- Multi-scale integration
 - Systems in systems
 - Multi-states & security of supply
 - Uncertainty analysis
- Multi-objective optimisation
 - SDG metrics
 - System's configuration generations

=> Data base of shared blueprint models ?



=> Data base of shared models ?



=> solving methods



=> KPIs multi-criteria decision methods

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- **Mother Nature** : to show us the way to store energy
- **Carnot** : to show us the importance of ambiance and efficiency
- **Research** : to develop the methods and the knowledge to develop new technologies
- **Industry** : to give us the technologies
- **PS Engineers** : to assemble and use the technologies in the right way at the right time
- **Authorities** : to develop education system and the infrastructure
- **Finance** : to ethically use (our) money for the right goals
- **Citizen** : to adopt responsible ways to consume

- Thanks to my team ... and their amazing contributions