Techno-socio-economic energy system optimization: A pareto-based approach

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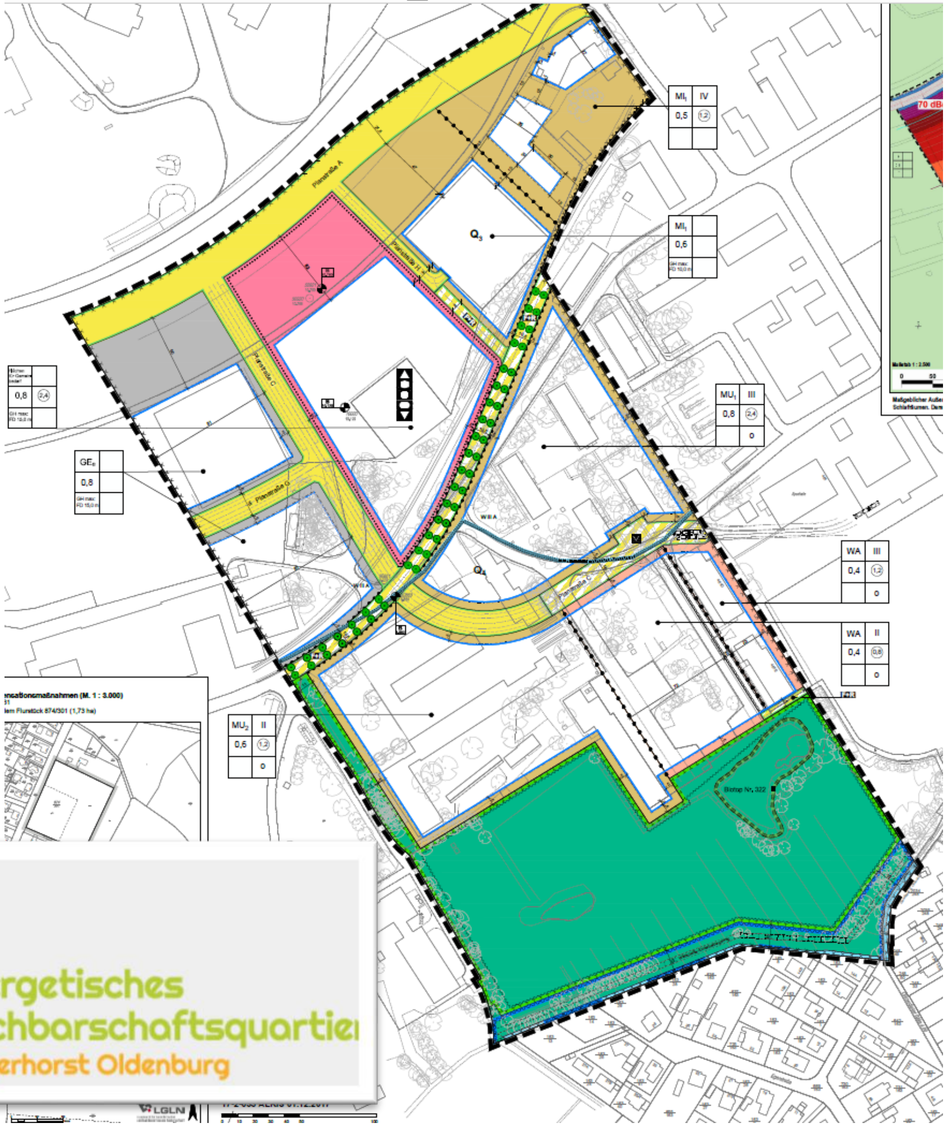
ENaQ – Energetisches Nachbarschaftsquartier Oldenburg

Development plan

- > Former military airbase in Oldenburg
- > Combination of living and working
- > 50% of roofs for energy generation, storage, or conversion
- > 50 % social housing
- > District car park and reduced car traffic

Task:

- > Create “ecological” district



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Techno-socio-economic goals

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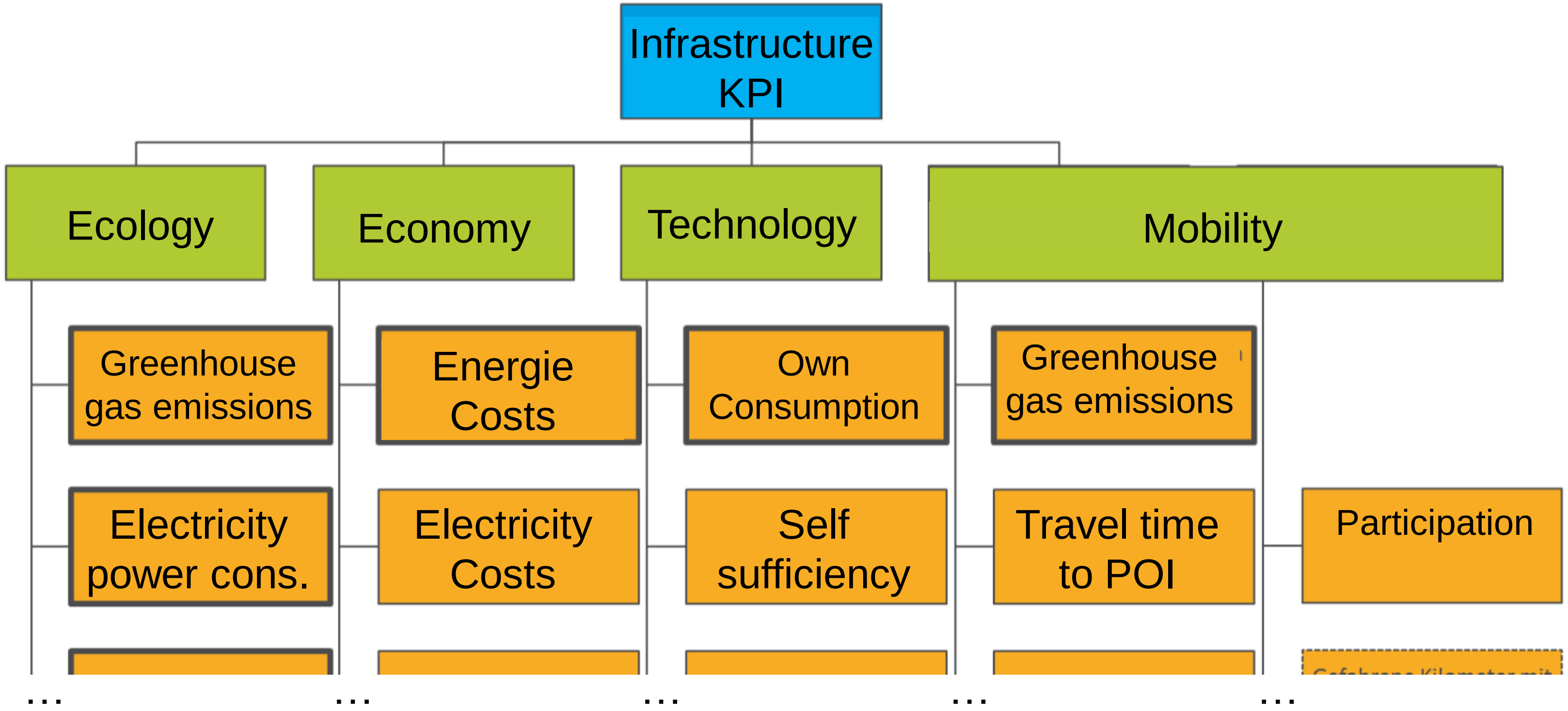
Stakeholders

- Municipality
- Housing cooperative
- Energy supplier
- Network operator
- Researchers

Stakeholder panel

- Early in the project
- Agreement on goals
- Formulation of indicators



Pareto-based approach

What to optimise for?

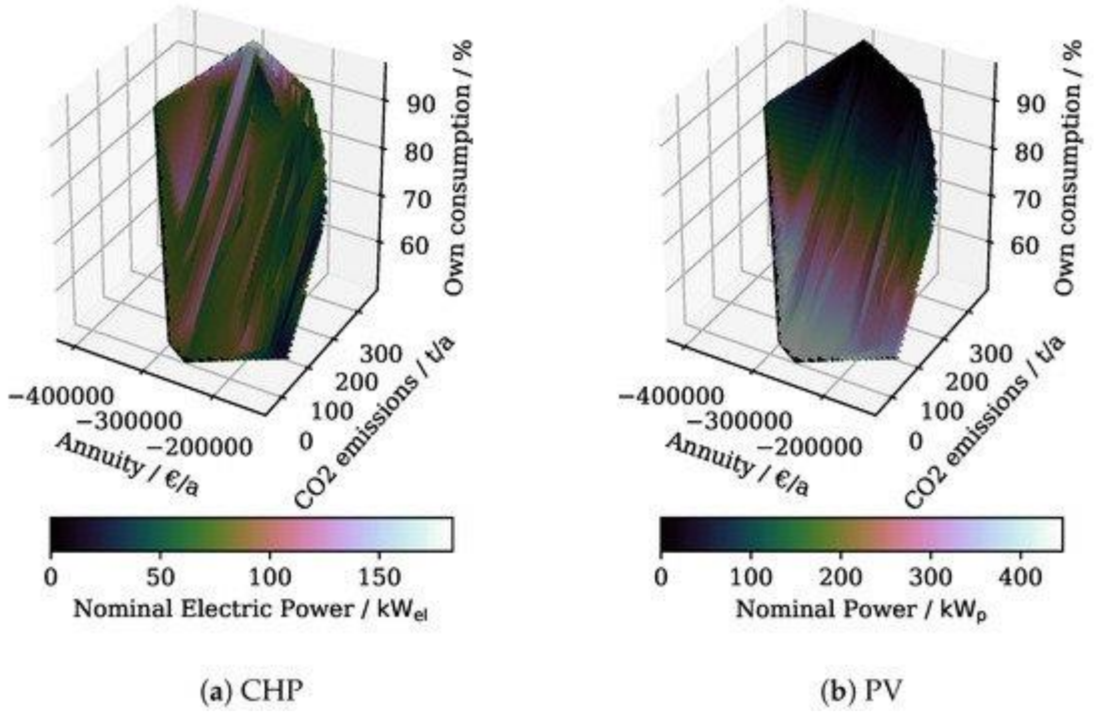
> Pick one KPI

> Create new compound KPI

→ Example: Virtual carbon price

> Multiple KPI at once

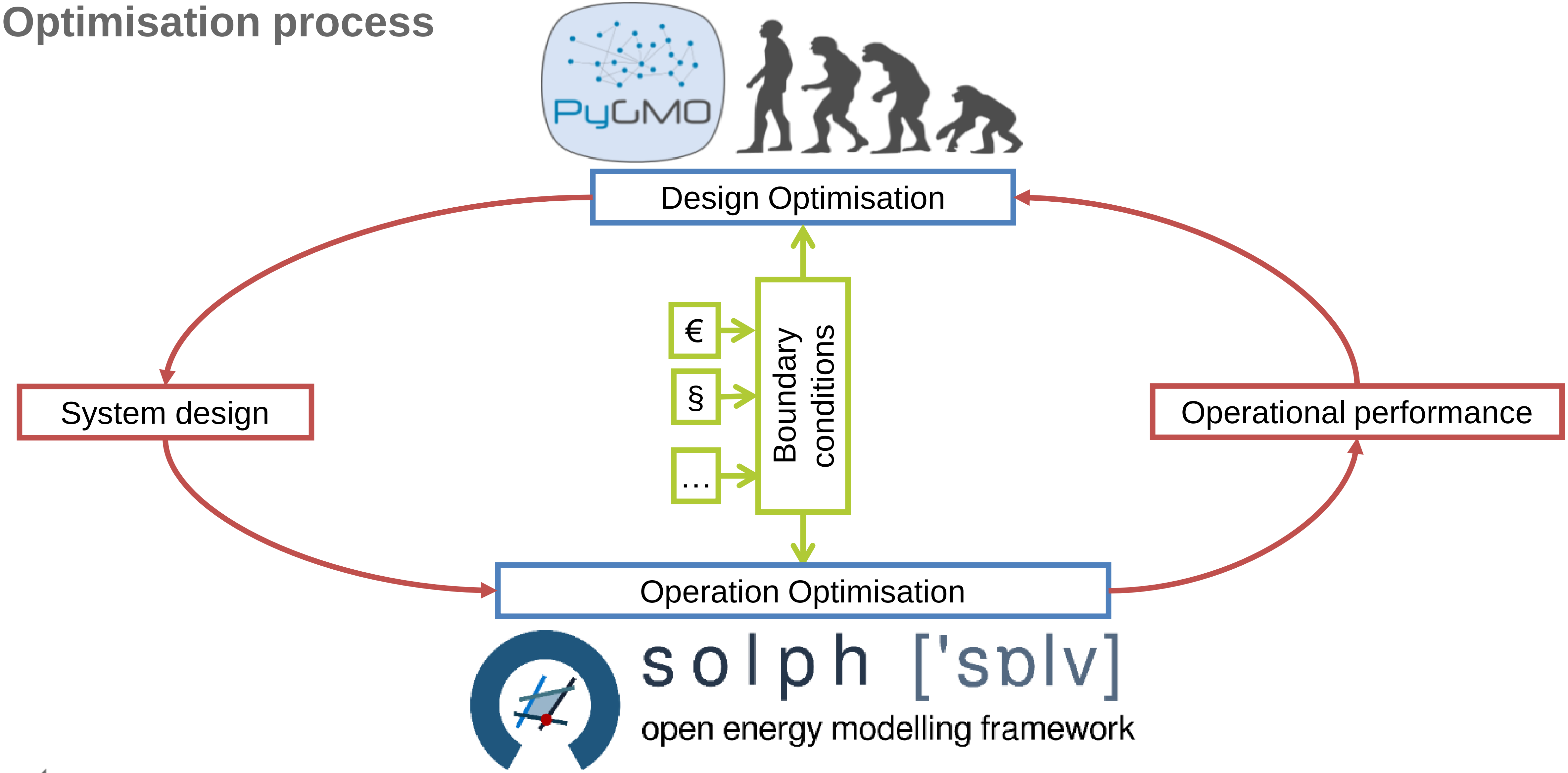
→ Allows to weight later



(a) CHP (b) PV

L. Schmeling et al. Development of a Decision-Making Framework for Distributed Energy Systems in a German District. *Energies* **2020**, *13*, 552. https://doi.org/10.3390/en13030552

Optimisation process



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Generic energy system model

- Linear, single objective → fast
- All techs sized by parameters
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- Grid assumed fully elastic

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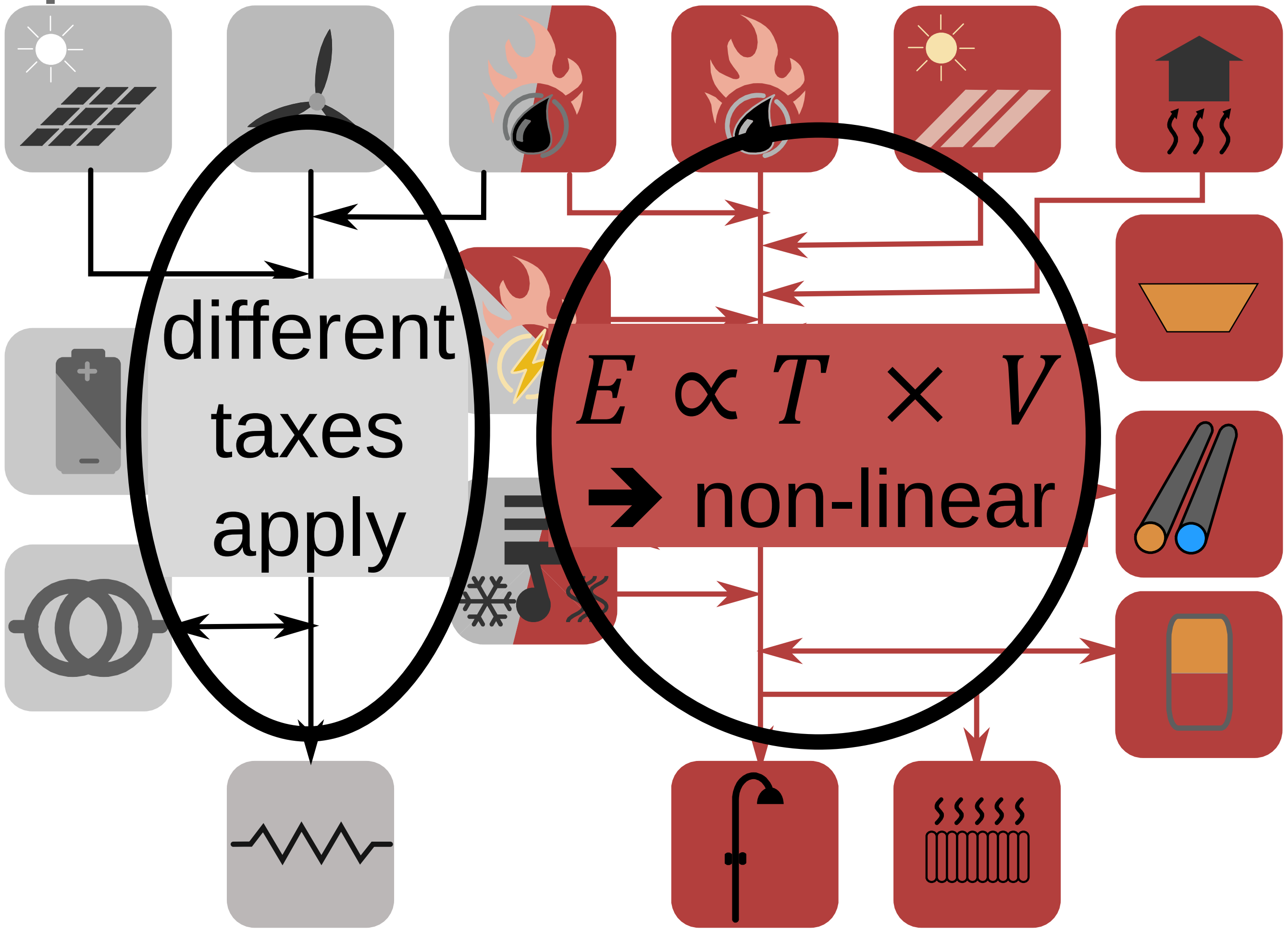
- Demands must be supplied



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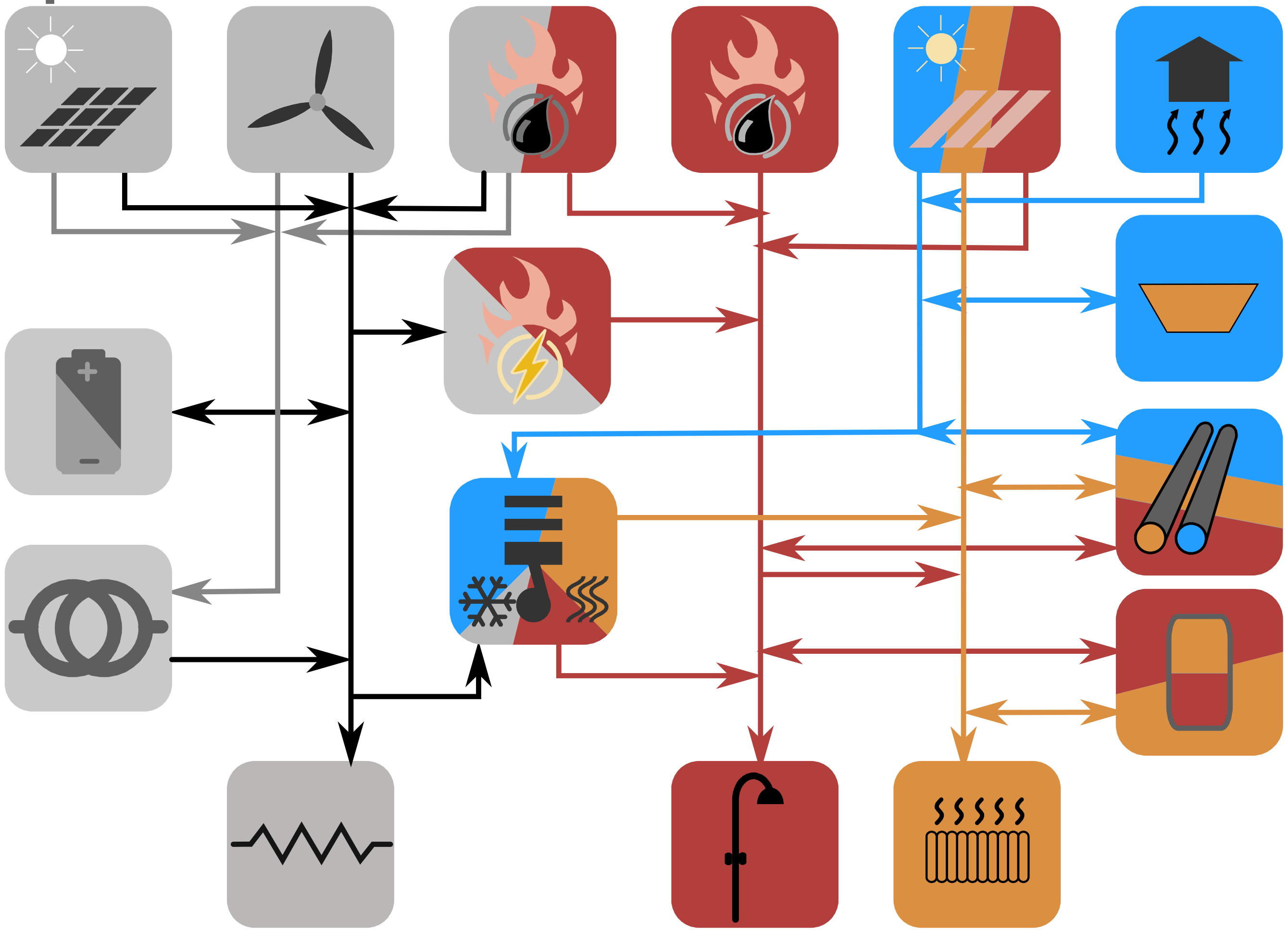

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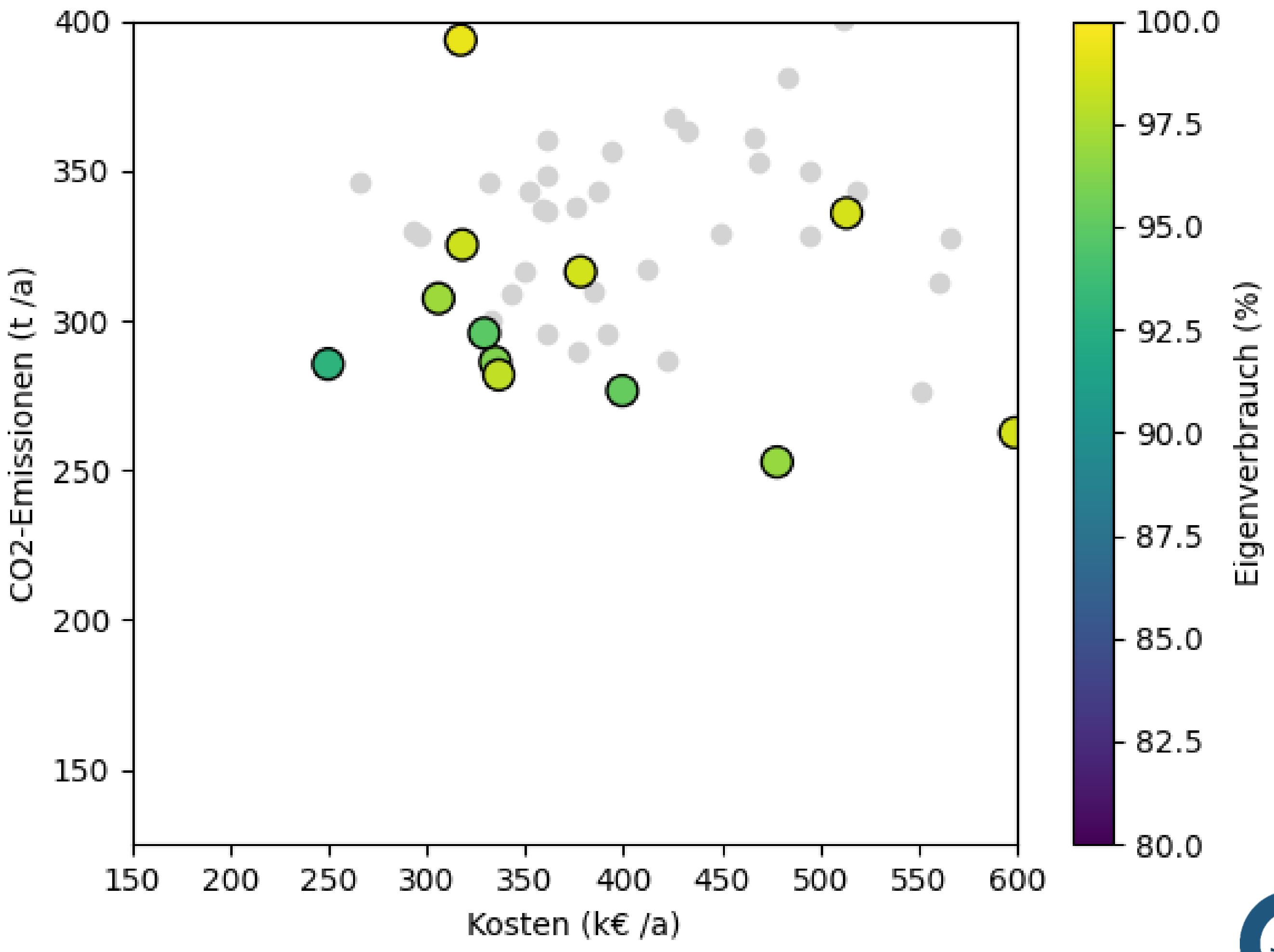
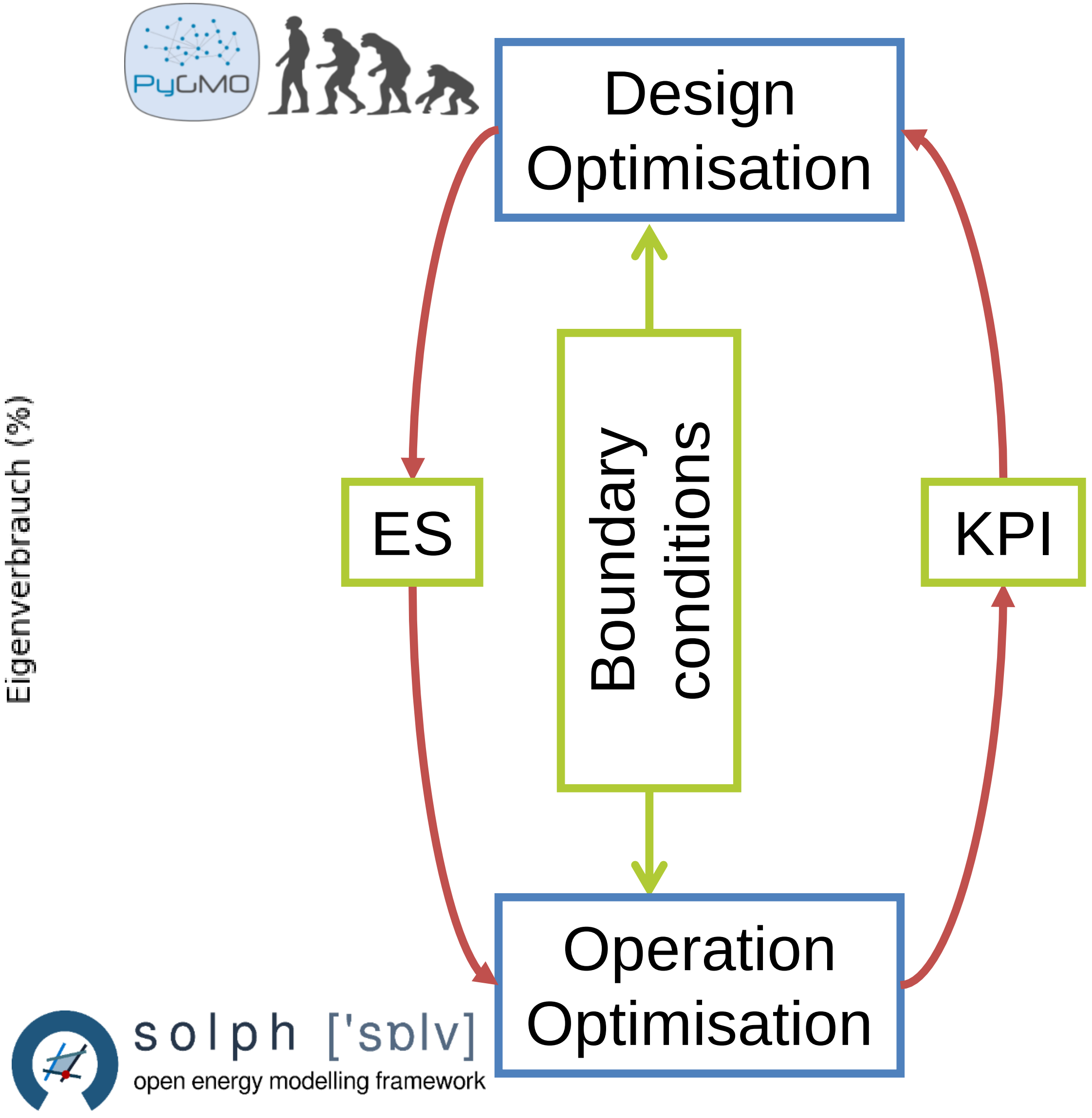
Mathematical description: arXiv:2012.12664
Python package: https://pypi.org/project/mtress/

Pareto optimisation in action





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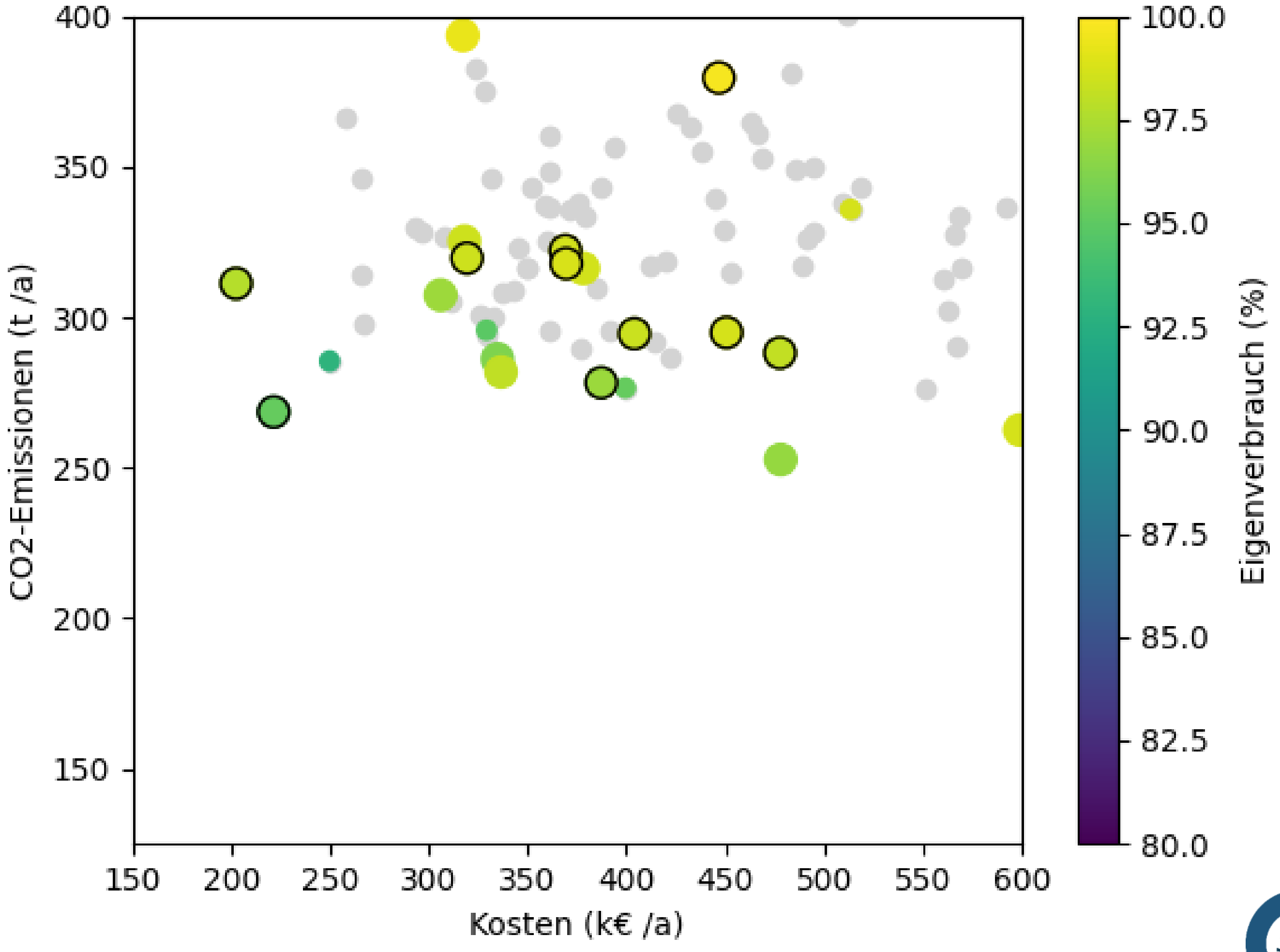

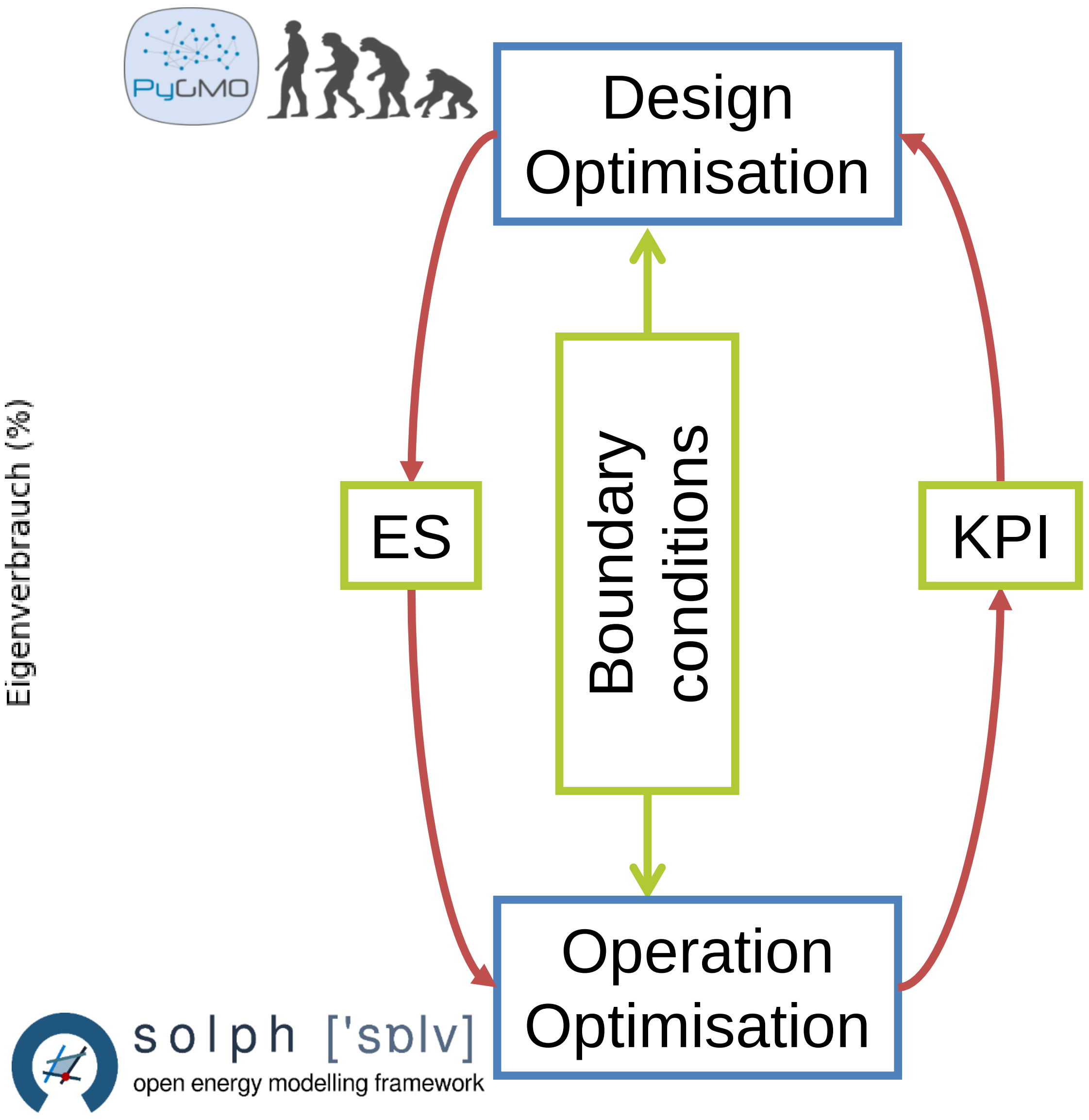

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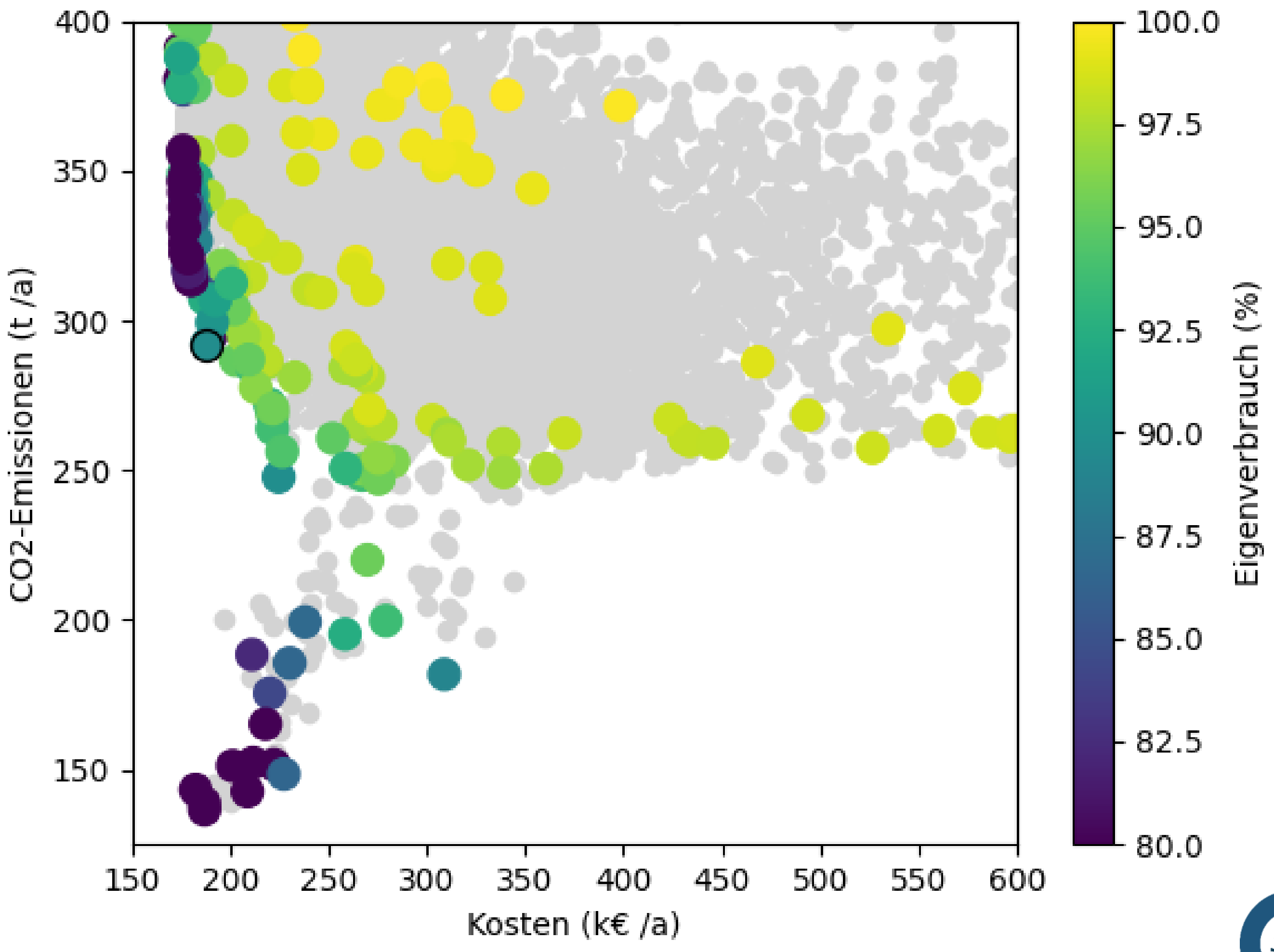

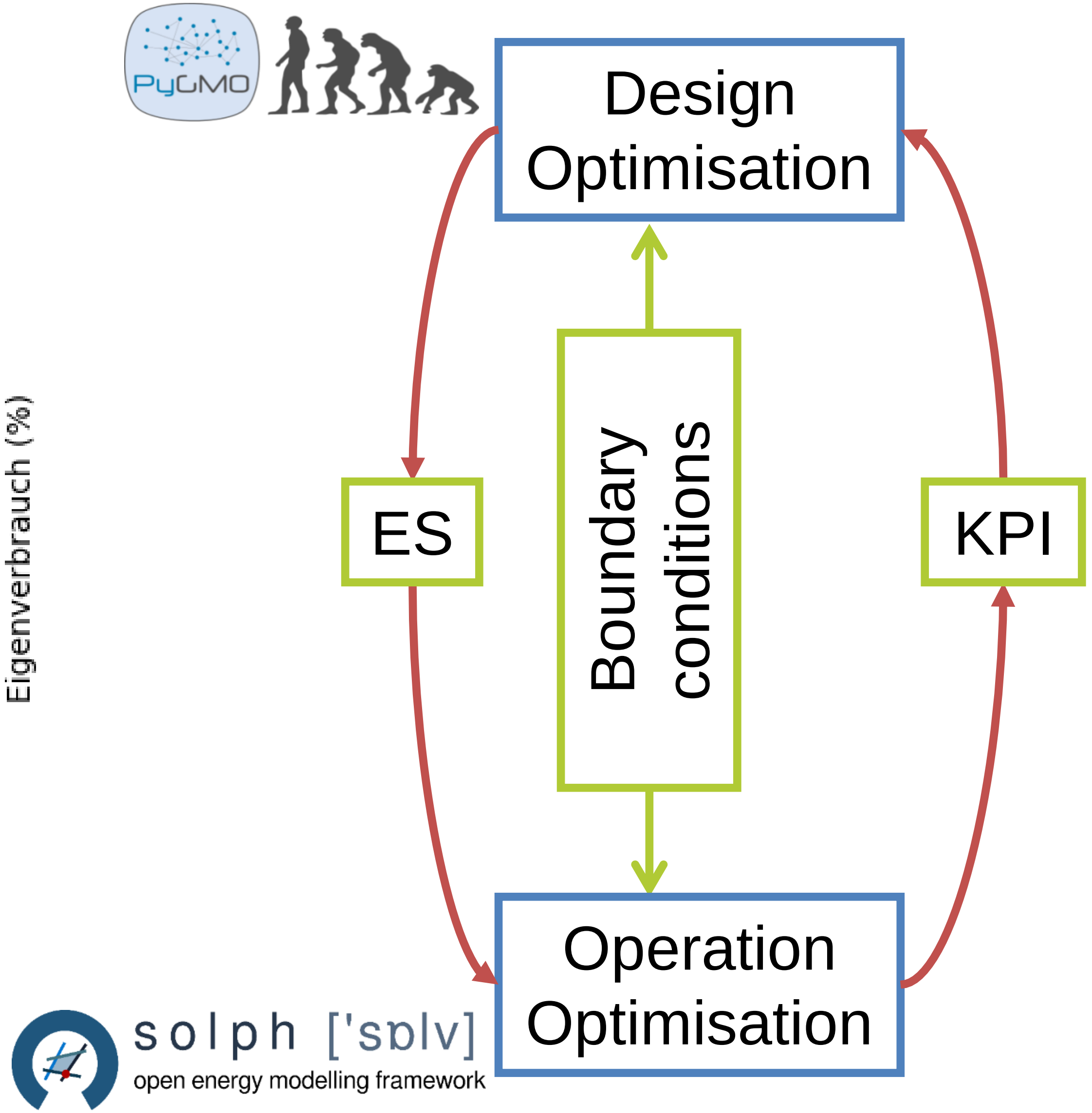

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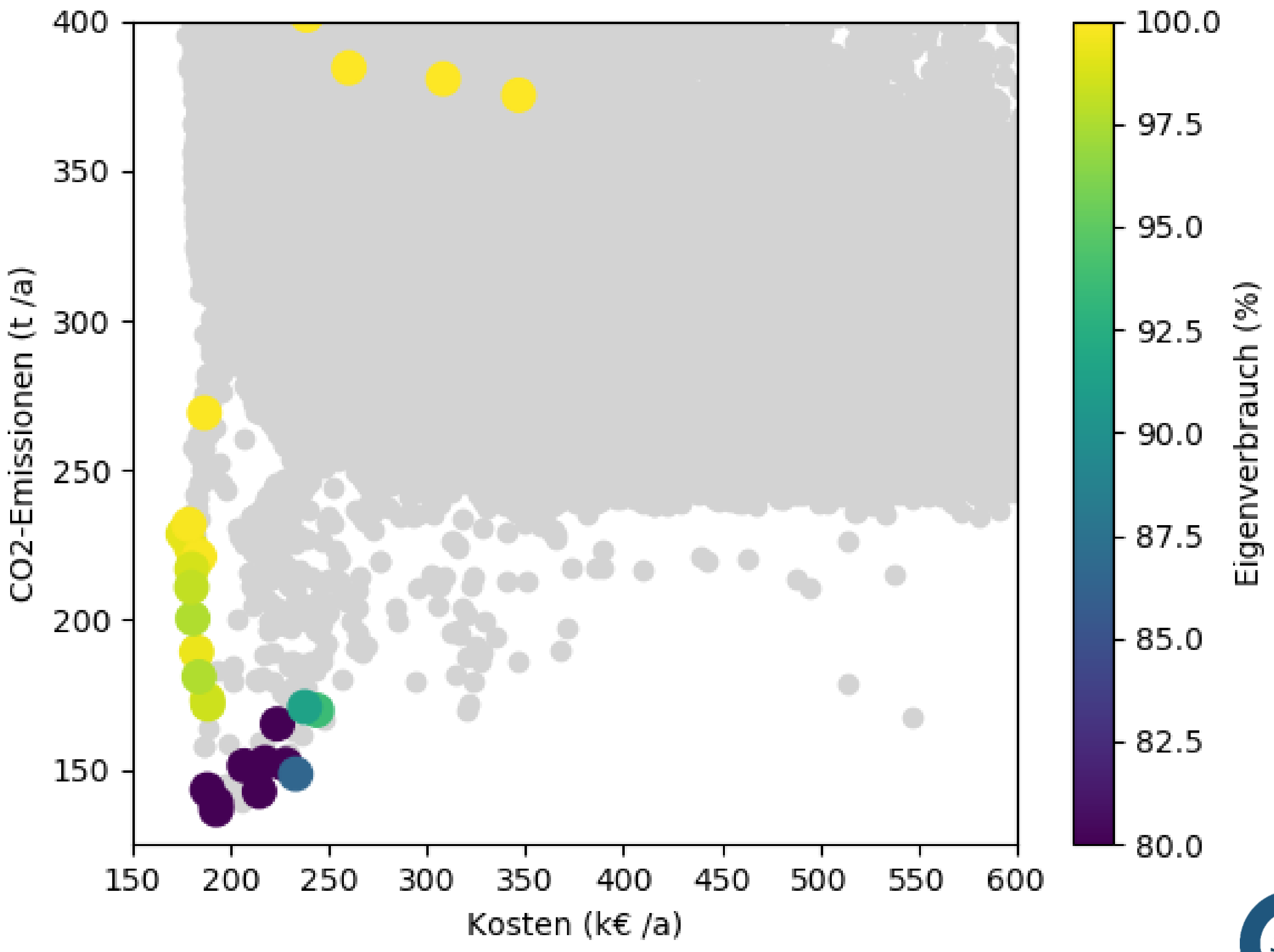

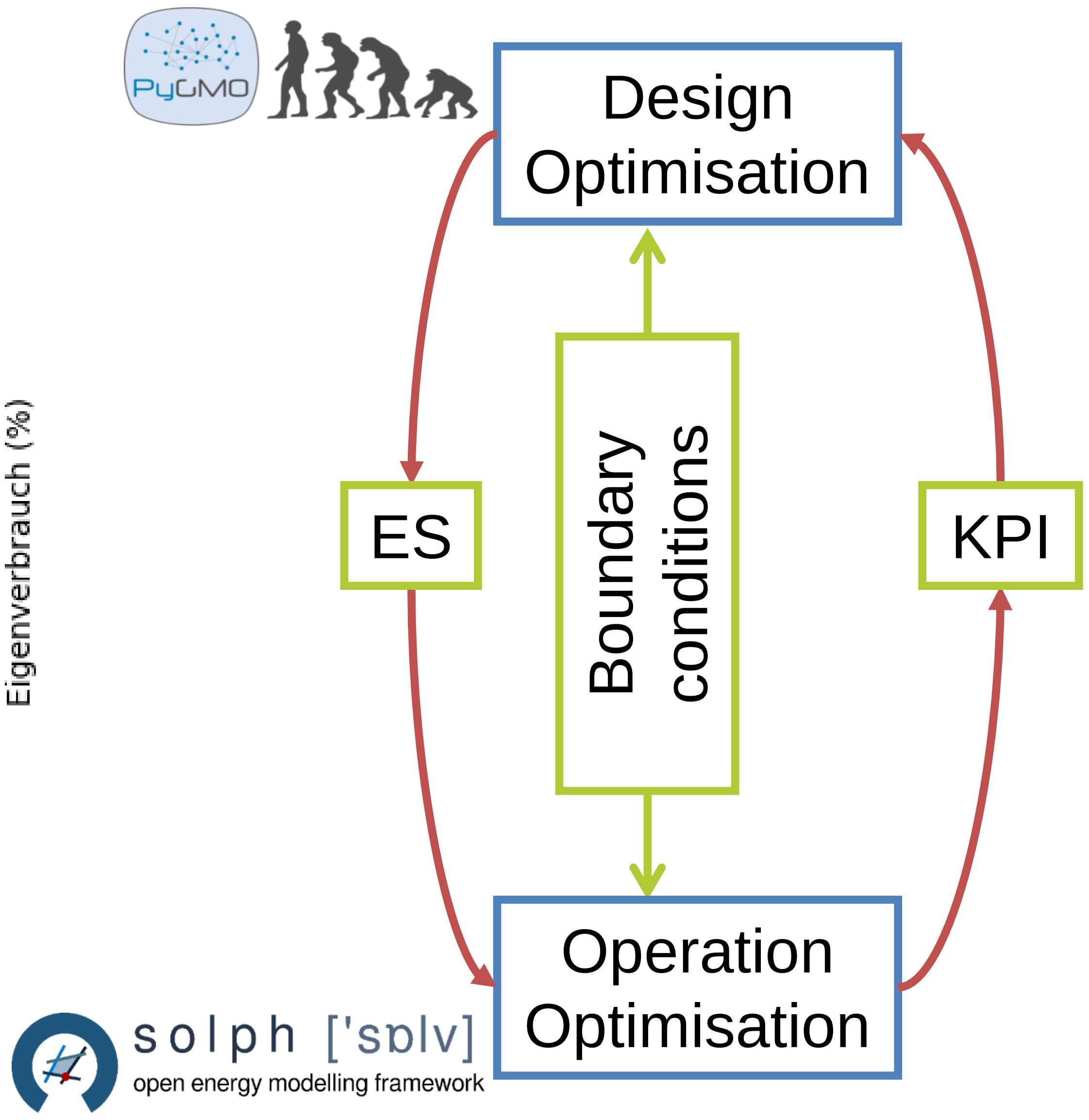

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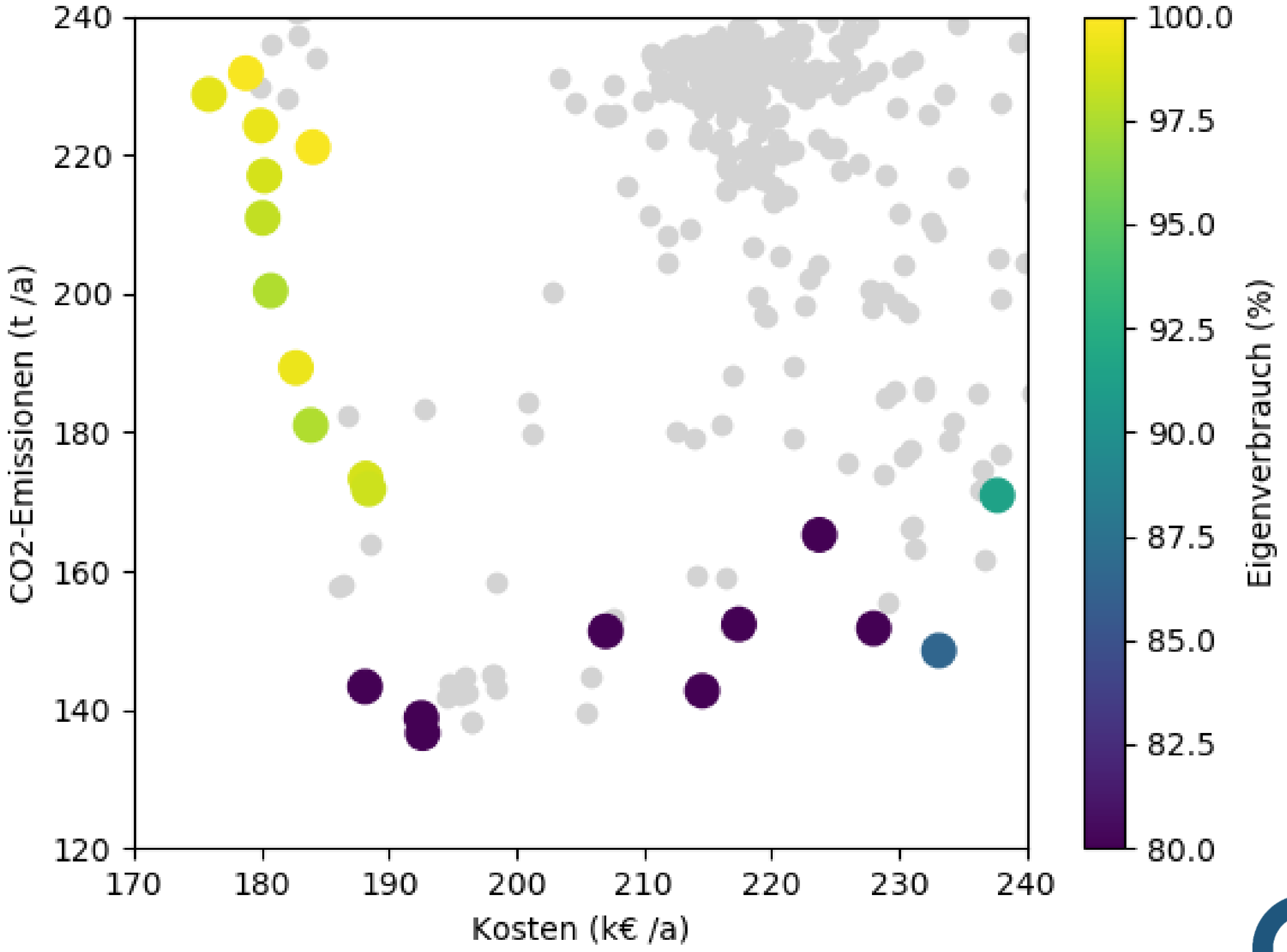

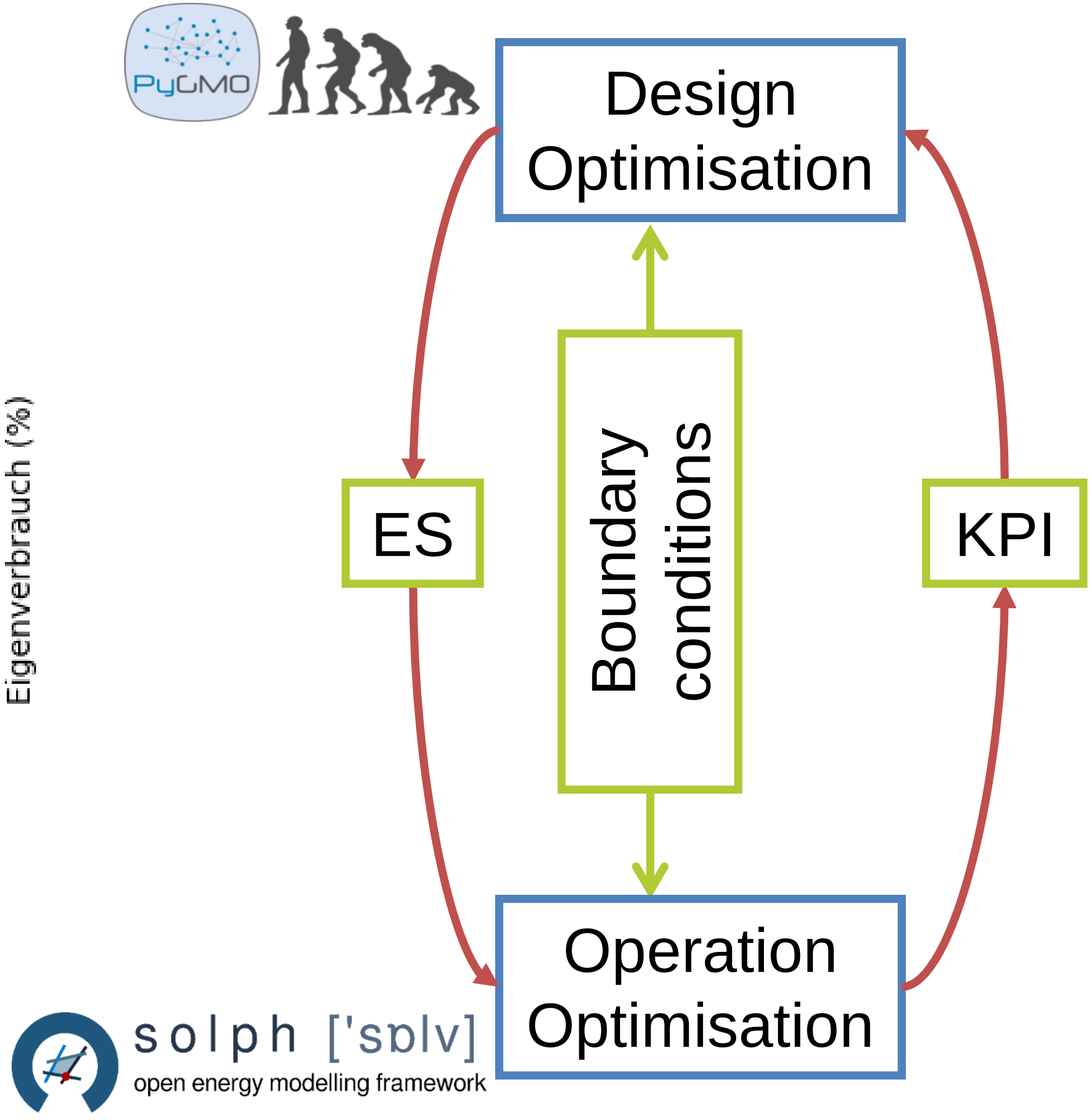

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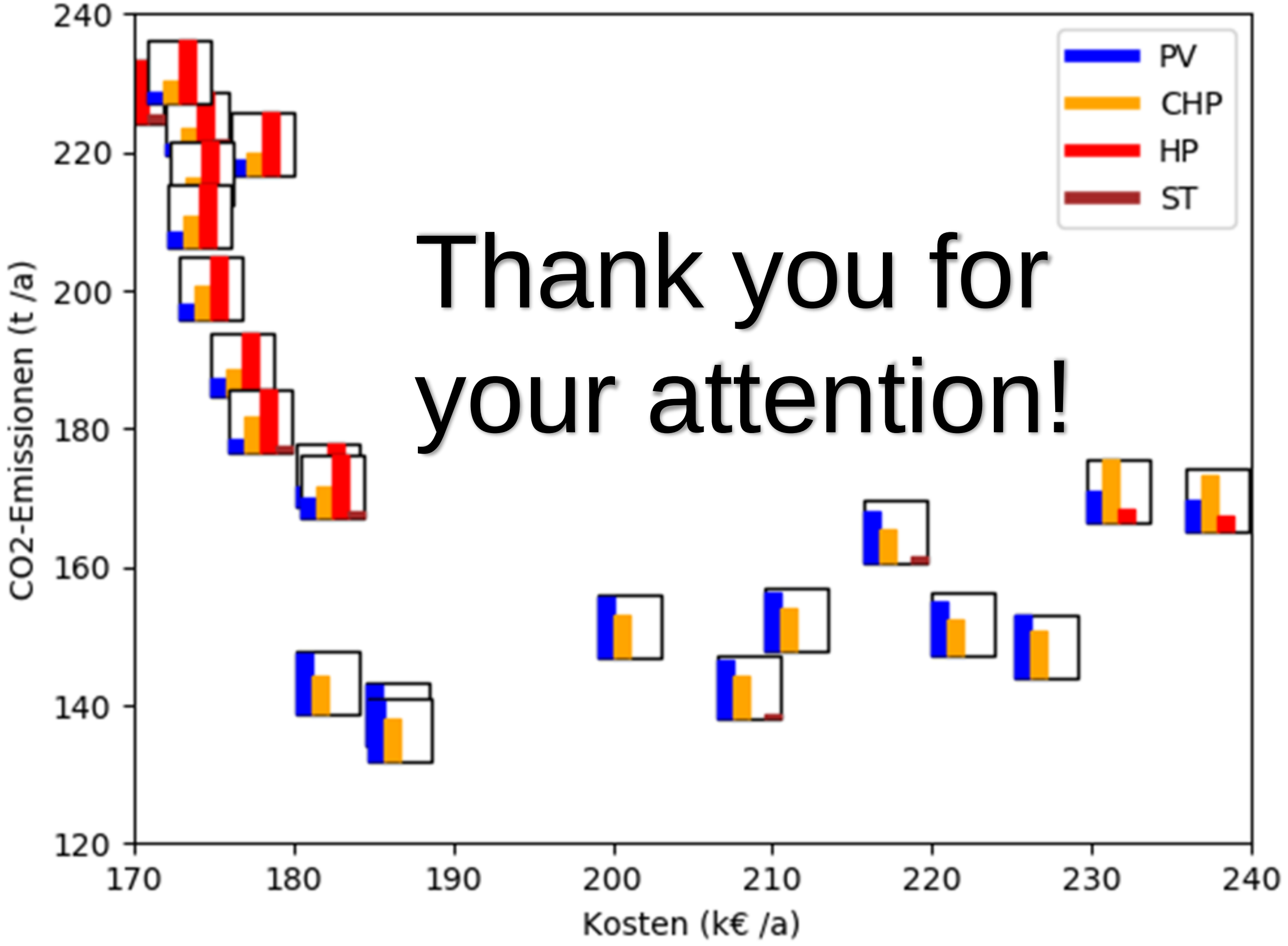

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Optimal operation

- Linear, single objective
- Costs (€/a) incl. CO2 price

Optimal design:

- Non-linear
- Multi-objective
  - Emissions (t/a)
  - Costs (€/a)
  - Own consumption (%)
- Allows for late decision

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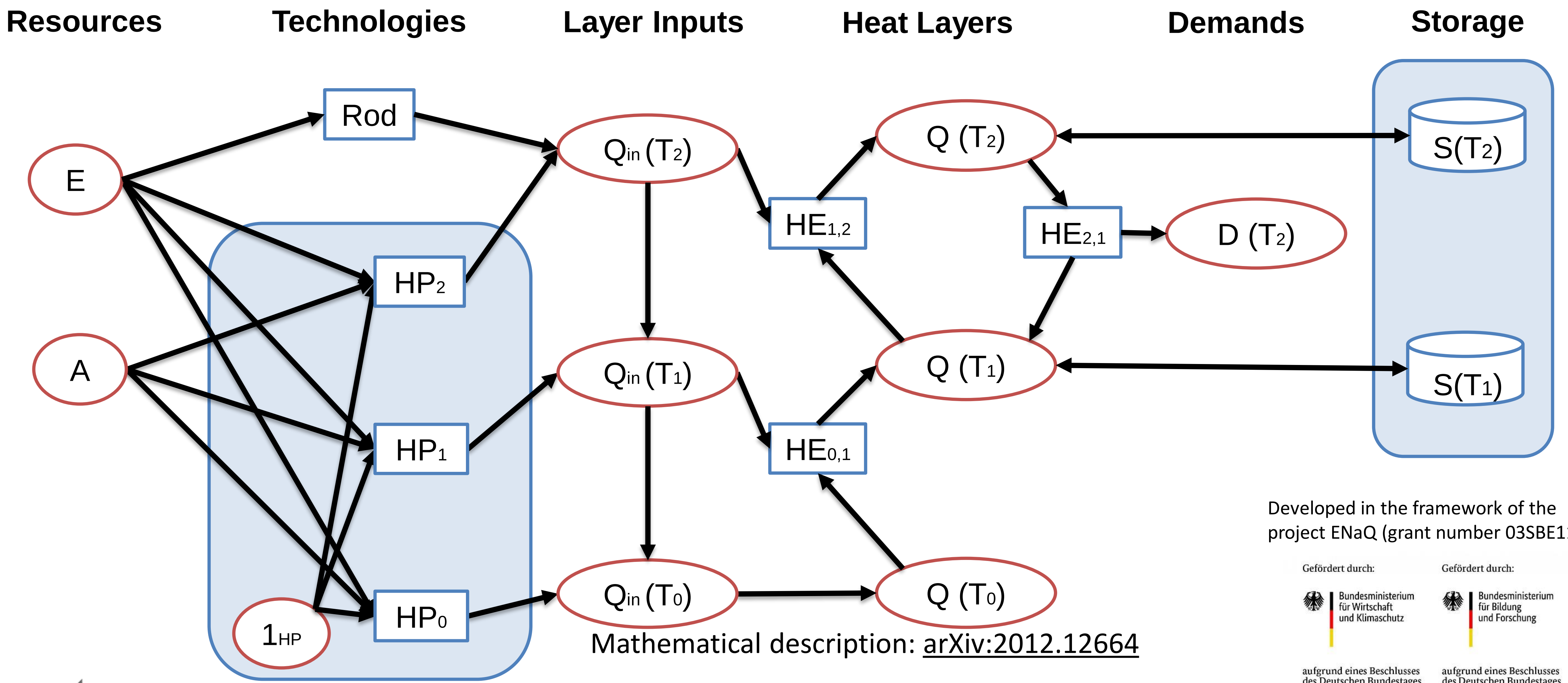
Backup

MTRESS: multi-layer heat model



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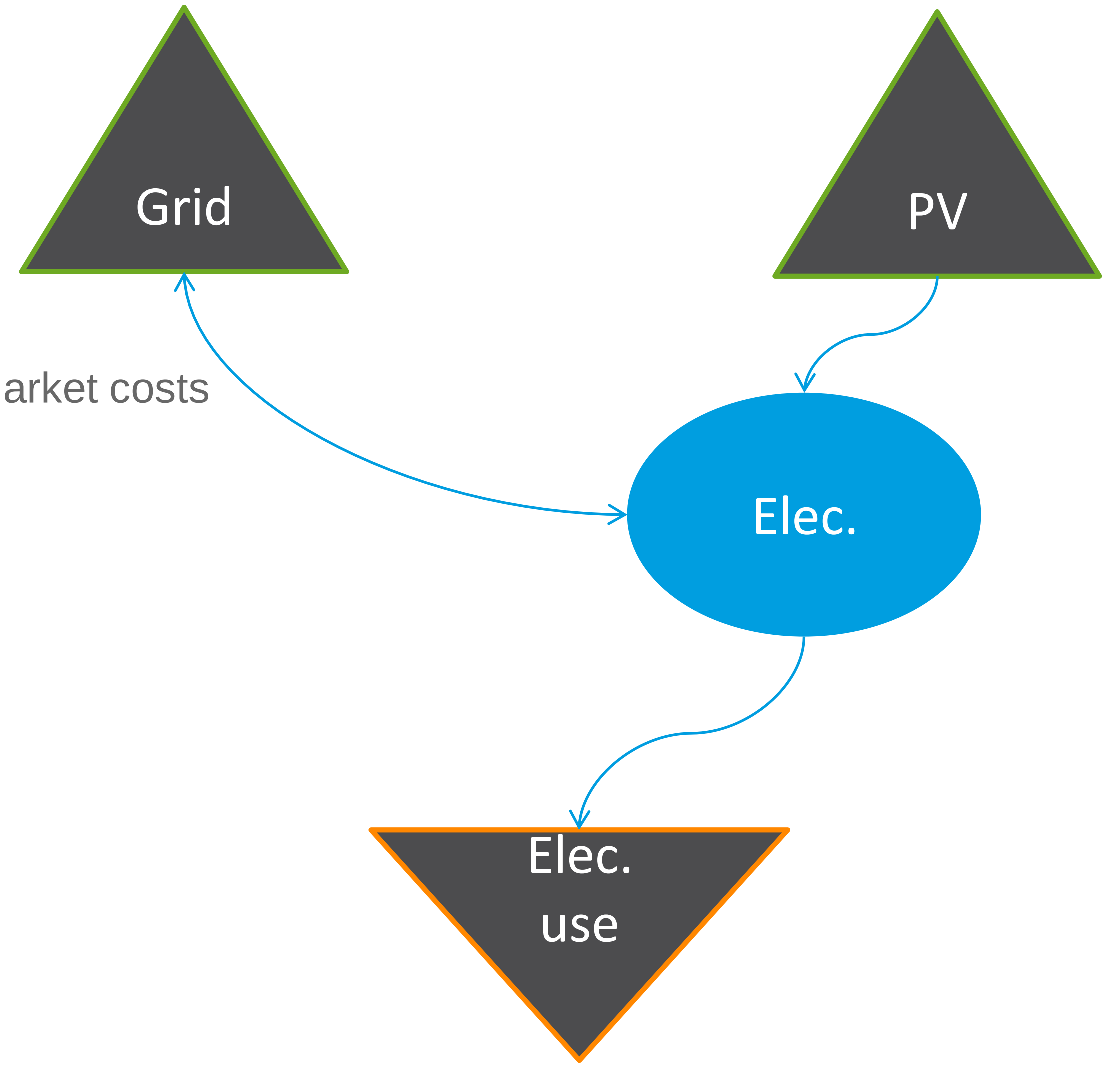
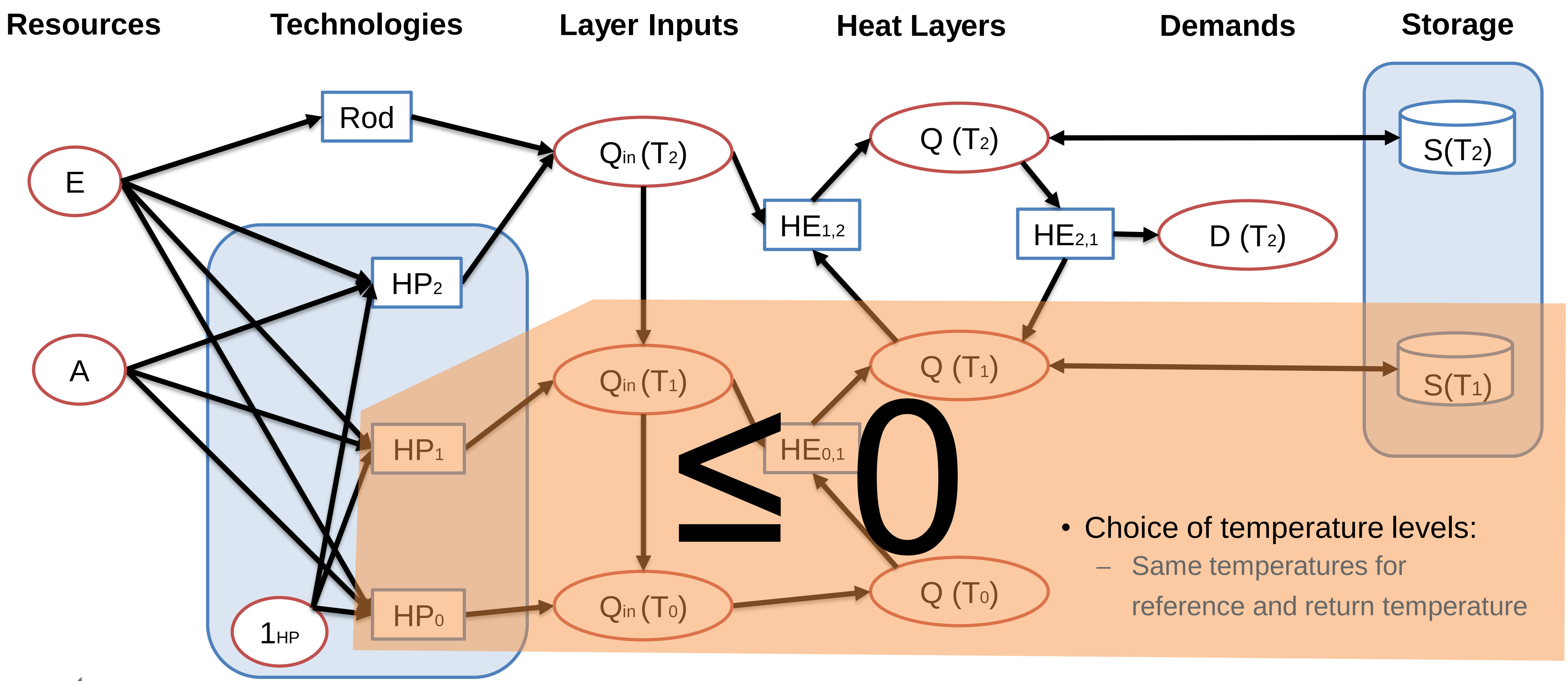
Computational Performance (1/2)

- Complex systems need more time
- How to reduce complexity?
- Try allowing non-exclusive grid connection
  - Revenue selling highly subsidised generation bigger then market costs
  - Feed-in without overproduction becomes attractive
  - Technically impossible (only one meter +/-)
  - Allow this, hope for the best
    - ➢ Save time (factor >100 possible), correct afterwards
    - ➢ Error might be small or large, depending on prices
    - ➢ Not always the best way, results possibly useless
- Time-slicing (optimise e.g. weeks)
  - No seasonal storages usable
- Choice of temperature levels
  - Same temperatures for reference and return temperature



Computational Performance (2/2)



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