

# *LCA-Based Multiobjective Synthesis of Sustainable Systems*

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# Slovenia in Pictures

**Area:** 20,273 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population:** 2.0 million

**Capital city:** Ljubljana

**Language:** Slovenian; also Italian and Hungarian in nationally mixed areas

**Currency:** EURO, €

**Member of EU** - 1 May 2004

**EU Presidency** for 2008





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After Michio Kaku, Hyperspace, 1994

## Classification of future civilizations by Nikolai Kardashev

- Type I - Controls the energy of entire planet (weather, earthquakes, mines deep into the core, harvests the oceans)
- Type II – Control the power of the sun (mines it and directly consumes its energy)
- Type II – Controls the power of the whole galaxy (probably manipulates space-time continuum)

Scale of power:

$10^{15}$  W

$10^{20}$  -  $10^{25}$ W

$10^{25}$  -  $10^{30}$  W

For further flourish of our civilization **new inventions** for mass to energy transformation ( $E=m.c^2$ ) would be needed!

# Where are We Today? World Energy Consumption



Type 0 Civilization - 14 TW

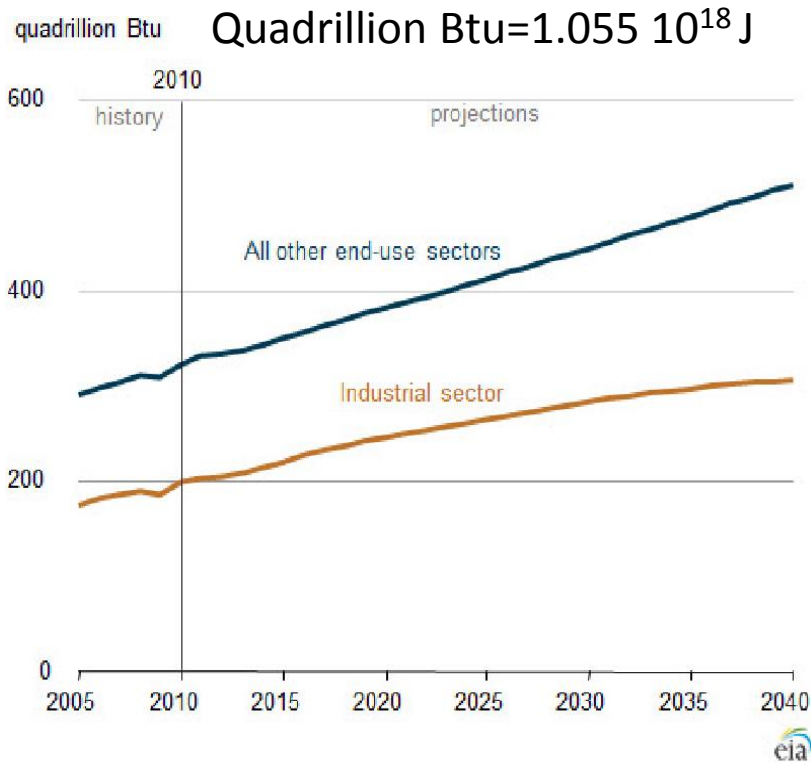


Fig. 1: World delivered end-user energy consumption

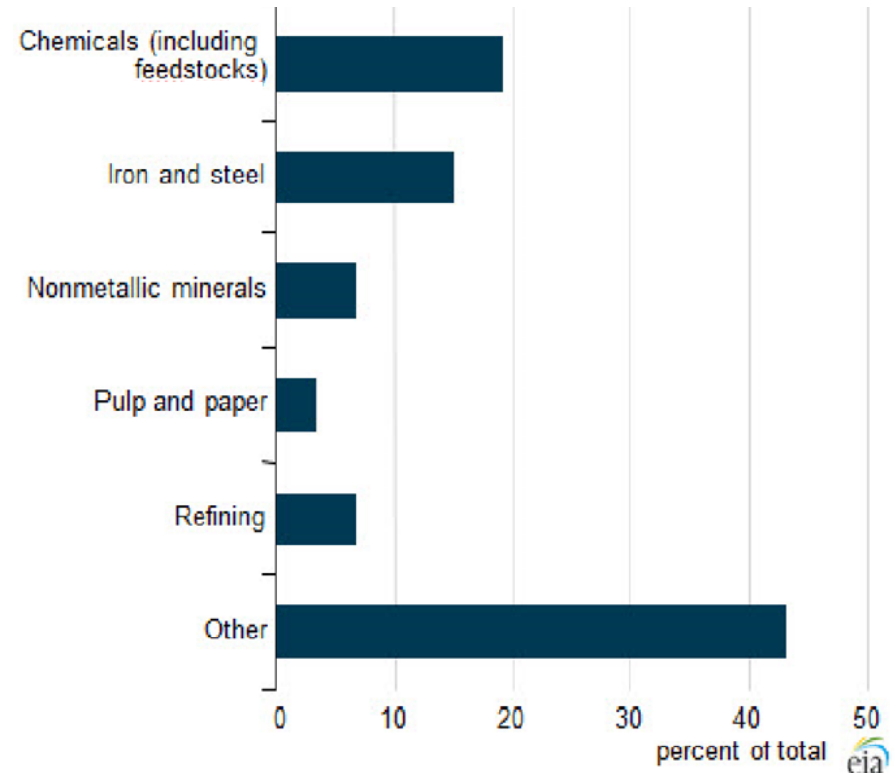


Fig. 2: Shares of world industrial sector delivered energy consumption, 2010

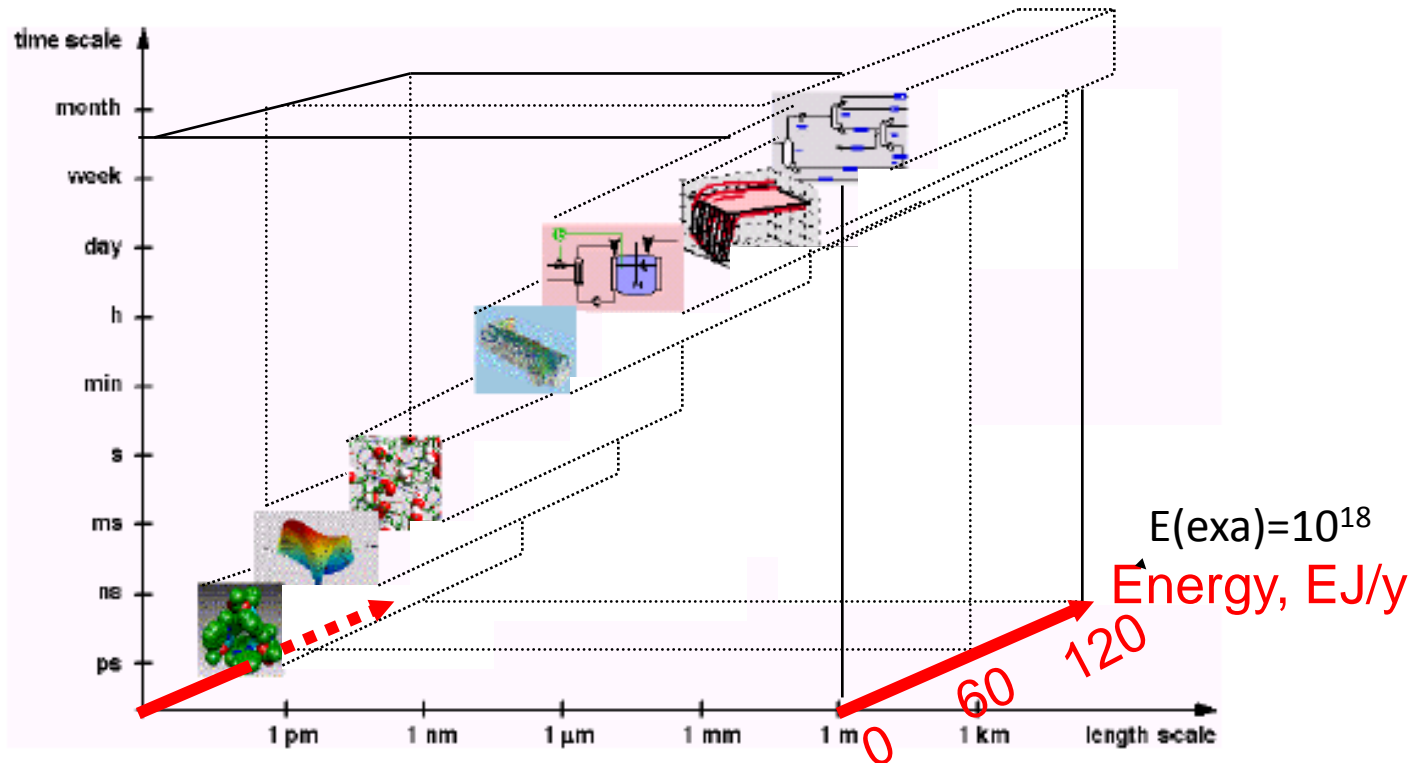
Source: International Energy Outlook 2013, U.S. Energy Administration Agency, <http://www.eia.gov/forecasts/ieo/industrial.cfm>



- Separation processes alone represent about 15%, or even 25% of total world energy consumption!

Koros WJ. <energy.gatech.edu/questions/koros.php>; 2011

TUDelta. <delta.tudelft.nl/article/dow-awards-separation-by-freezing/24054>



After Marquardt Wolfgang, Lars Von Wedel, and Birget Bayer.  
AspenWorld 2000, Orlando, FL, 2000

Figure 3: Energy involved in chemical and process industries

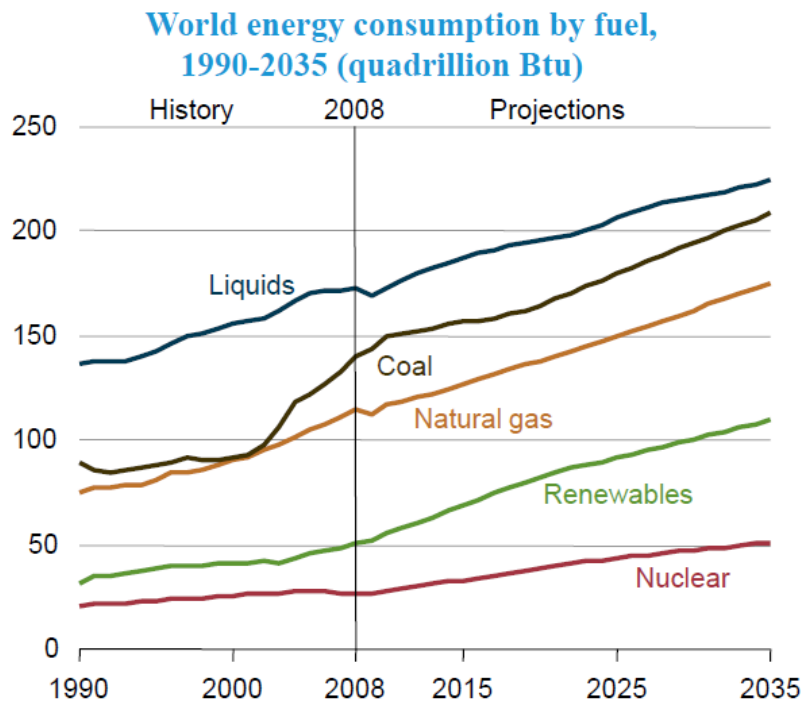


Fig. 4: World marketed energy consumption

Source: Energy Information Administration (EIA), International Energy Outlook 2011, World energy consumption by fuel 1990-2035, [www.eia.gov/forecasts/ieo/highlights.cfm](http://www.eia.gov/forecasts/ieo/highlights.cfm). Accessed 23.08.2012

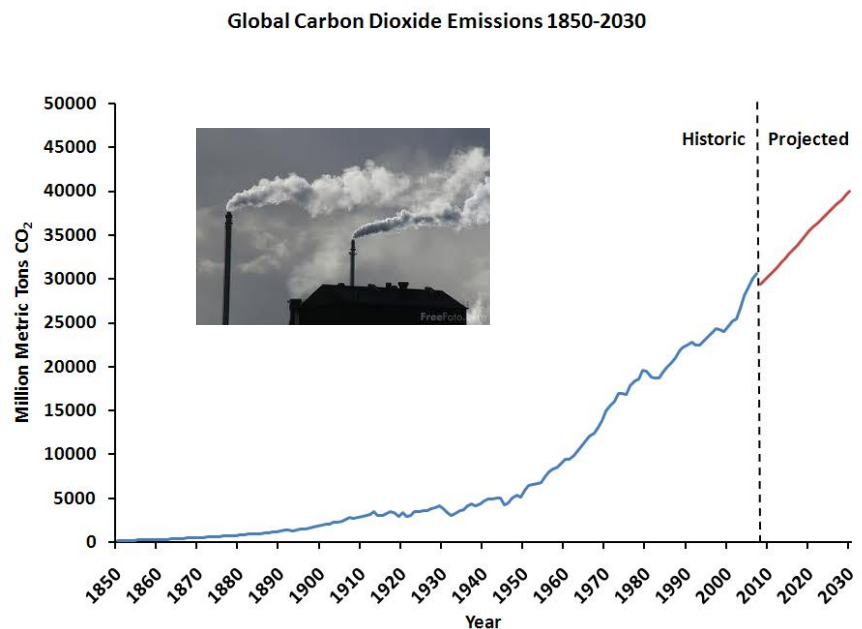


Fig. 5: Global carbon emissions from fossil fuel burning

Source: Center for climate and energy solutions, Historical global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, [www.c2es.org/facts-figures/international-emissions/historical](http://www.c2es.org/facts-figures/international-emissions/historical). Accessed 23.08.2012



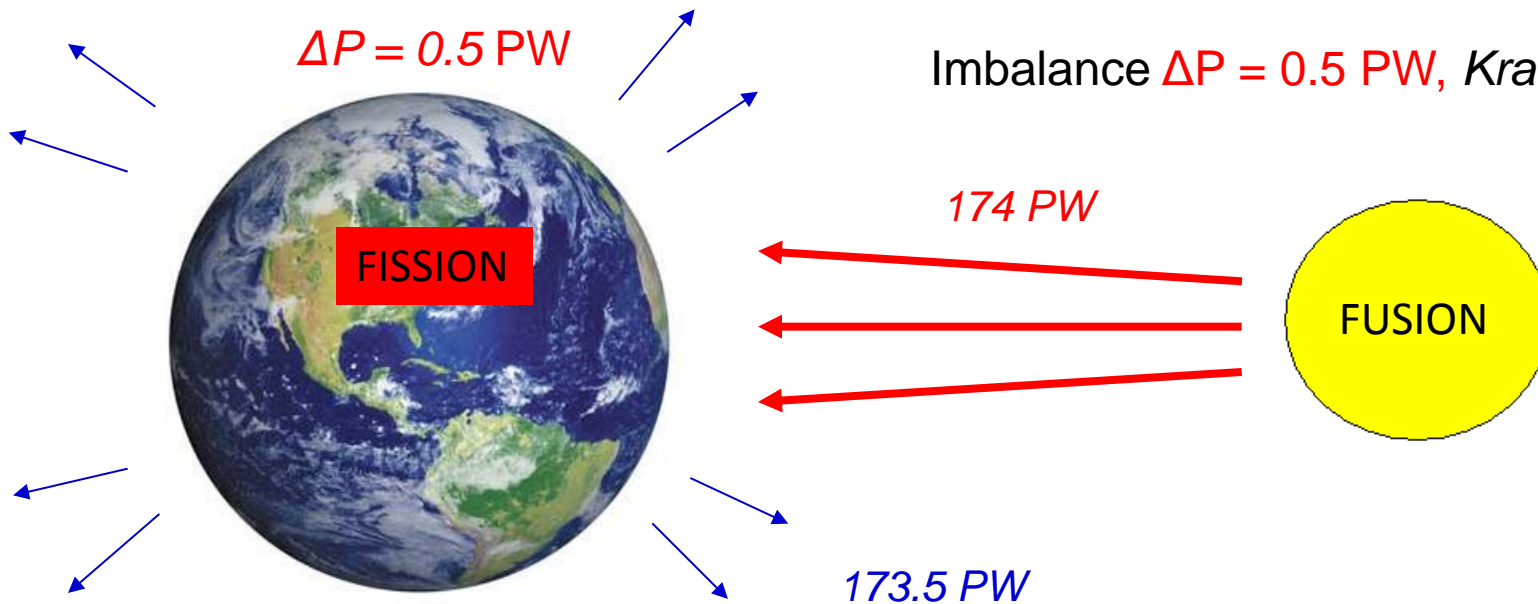
# 1.2 Global Energy System



Climate forcing  $0.85 \pm 0.15 \text{ W/m}^2$ , Hansen J, 2005

Around  $1 \text{ W/m}^2$ , Meehl et al., 2011

Imbalance  $\Delta P = 0.5 \text{ PW}$ , Kravanja, 2012



Balance (PW): Accumulation = Inlet - Outlet

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dt} = 174 - 173.5 = +0.5 \text{ PW}$$

From Sun - (Reflected + Radiated)

Figure 6: Systems analysis when applied to the global energy system

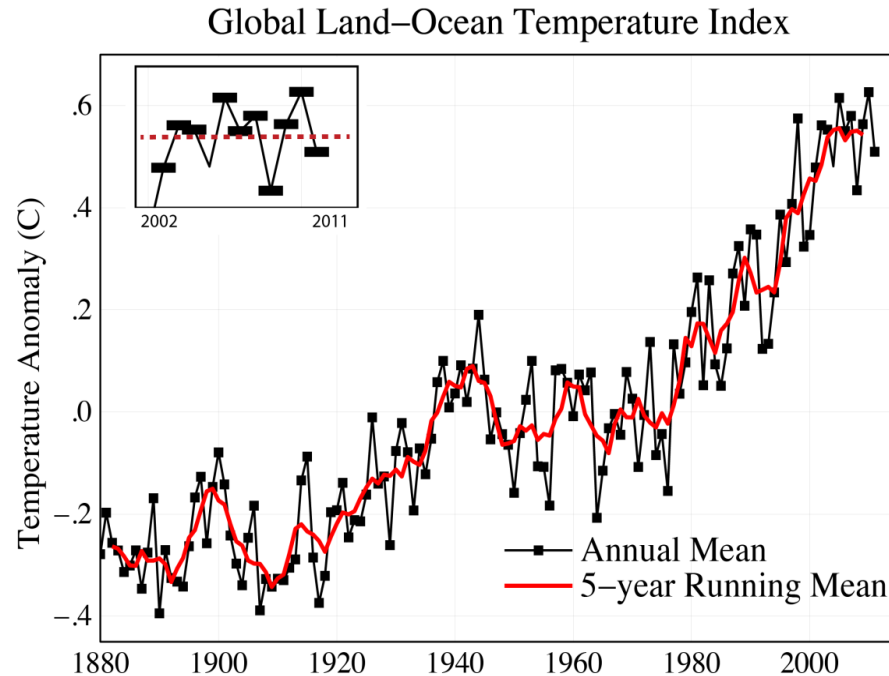


Fig. 7: Global land-ocean temperature index ([data.giss.nasa.gov/gistemp/graphs\\_v3](http://data.giss.nasa.gov/gistemp/graphs_v3))

- The imbalance of the last decade heat has gone into deep oceans
- If climate forcing in 2050 reaches  $4.5 \text{ W/m}^2$ , what consequences might be expected?



- Global Social Cost of Carbon (GSCC) is 158 \$/tCO<sub>2</sub>
- Global emission 33 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>/y
- Global damage:

$$158\$/tCO_2 \times 33 \text{ Gt CO}_2/y = 5\text{-}6 \text{ trillion } \$/y$$

1/10 of the global GDP (69 trillion \$/y)

Trillion = 10<sup>12</sup>

Global damage due to CO<sub>2</sub> at least 5-6 trillion \$/y!!

# Global Damage Due to Human Unsustainable Practice



- **CO<sub>2</sub> emission** – global warming with unknown consequences 1/10 GDP
- **NO<sub>x</sub> emission** – eutrophication, smog formation, ozone depletion, also global warming and biodiversity loss >1/10 GDP  
(**damage even higher than by CO<sub>2</sub>**)
- **Biodiversity loss** – irreversible due to the extinction of species (?/10 GDP)  
(**extinction rate is up to 140,000 species per year**)

$$\text{Net GDP (€/y)} = \text{GDP} - \text{Eco-loss} = \text{GDP} - \text{GDP}/2 = \text{GDP}/2$$

Conclusion: **Global BDP is significantly overestimated!**

Stagnation when  $(\Delta\text{GDP} - \Delta\text{Eco-loss}) < 0$

**Sustainable development considerably improves global economics!**



# 1.3 Sustainable Development and 3x3x3 Matrix of Sustainability



M. F. Jischa, Chem. Eng. Technol. 21, 1998

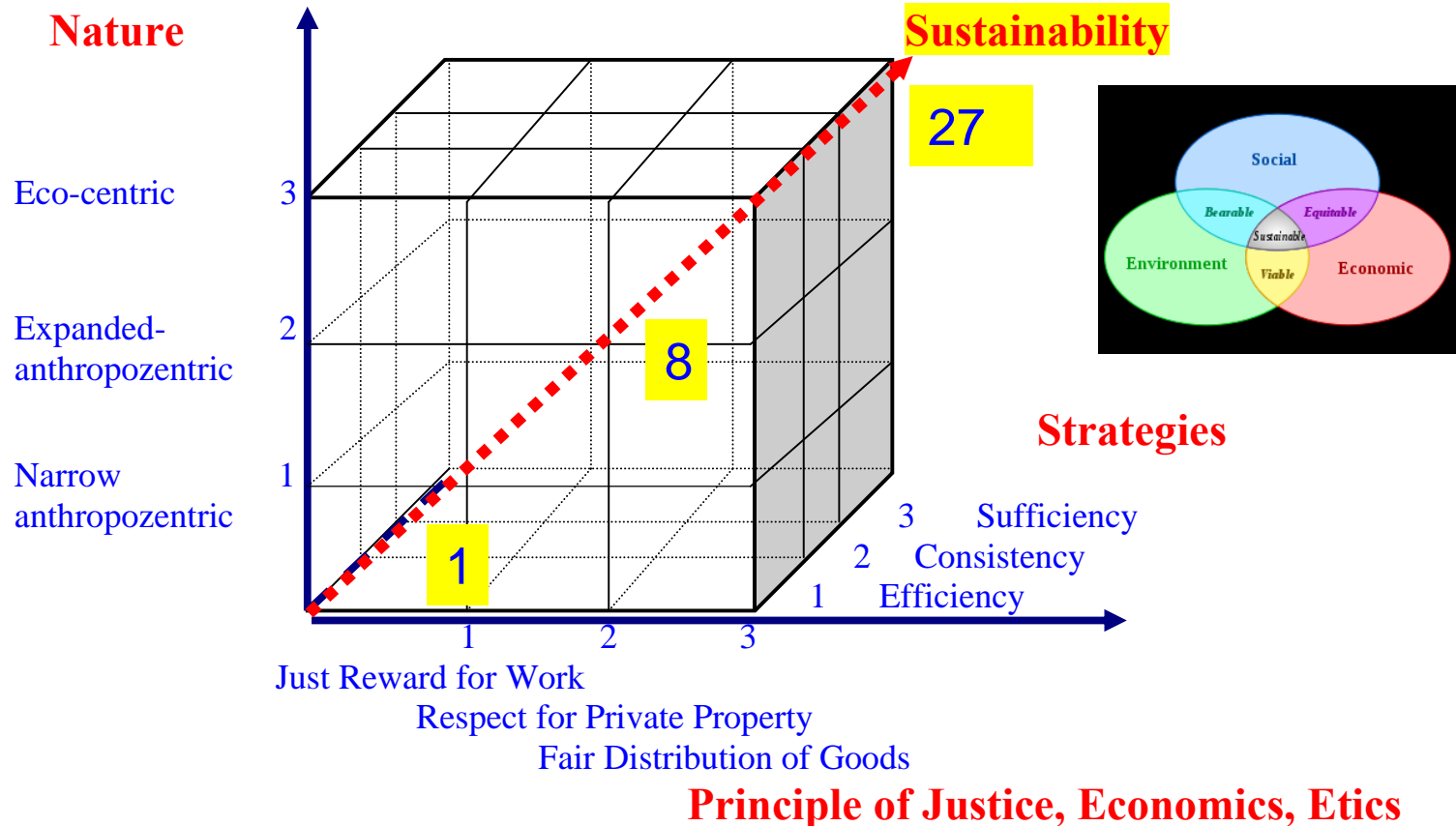


Figure 8: Diagonal as a measure of sustainability

Source: M. F. Jischa, Chem. Eng. Technol. 21, 1998

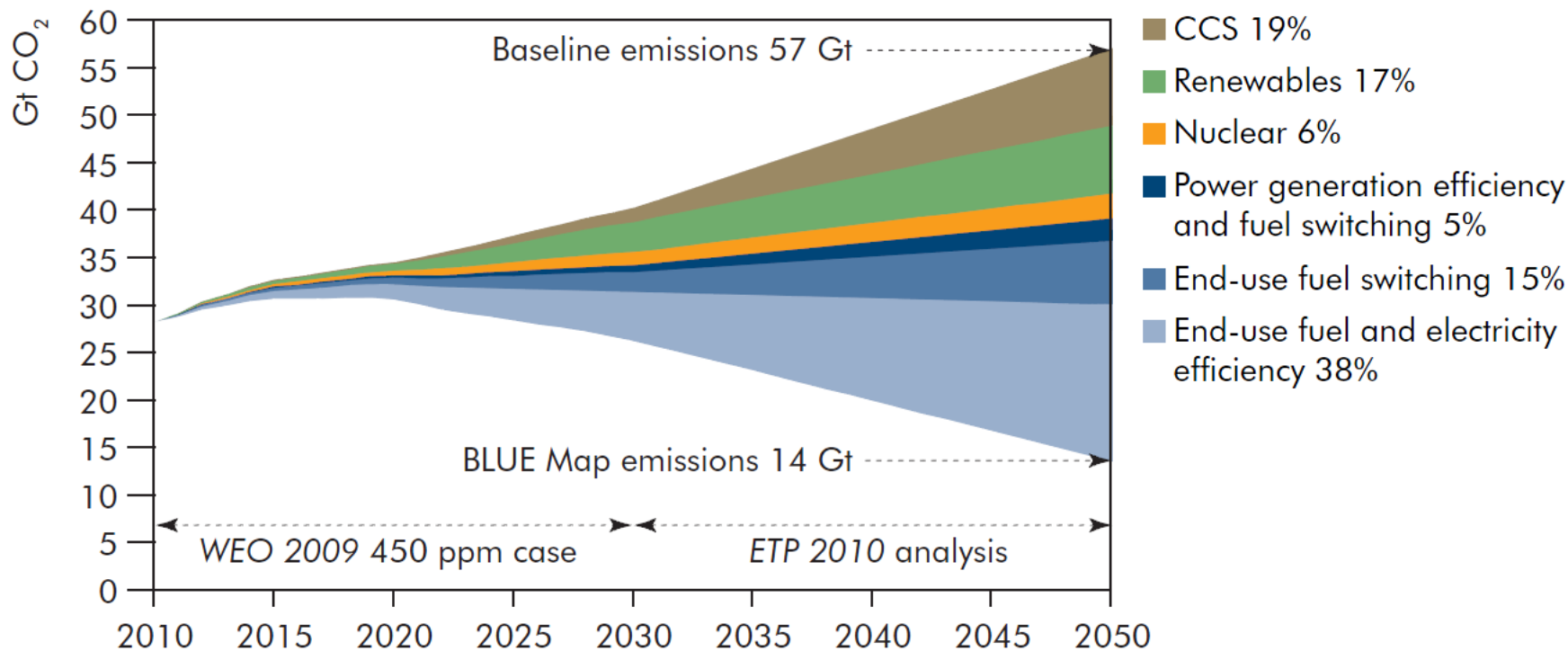


Fig. 9: Blue Map scenario and key technologies for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

OECD/IEA. Energy Technology Perspectives 2010, Scenarios & Strategies to 2050, <http://www.iea.org/techno/etp/etp10/English.pdf>

Note: renewables mostly solar and wind, others hydro, biomass and waste, geothermal, and oceanic

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Synthesis is the **automatic generation** of **design alternatives** and the **selection of the better ones**

A. W. Westerberg, 1991

1. Holistic systems approach
2. System boundaries expanded to the synthesis of whole supply-chains and their networks comprising of sustainable alternatives
3. Automatic flowsheet synthesizer, e.g. MIPSYN, CAPE concepts and tool integration
4. Multiobjective LCA-based system synthesis considering:
  - direct (**burdening**) and
  - indirect (**unburdening**) environmental impacts



# 2.1 Holistic Systems Approach

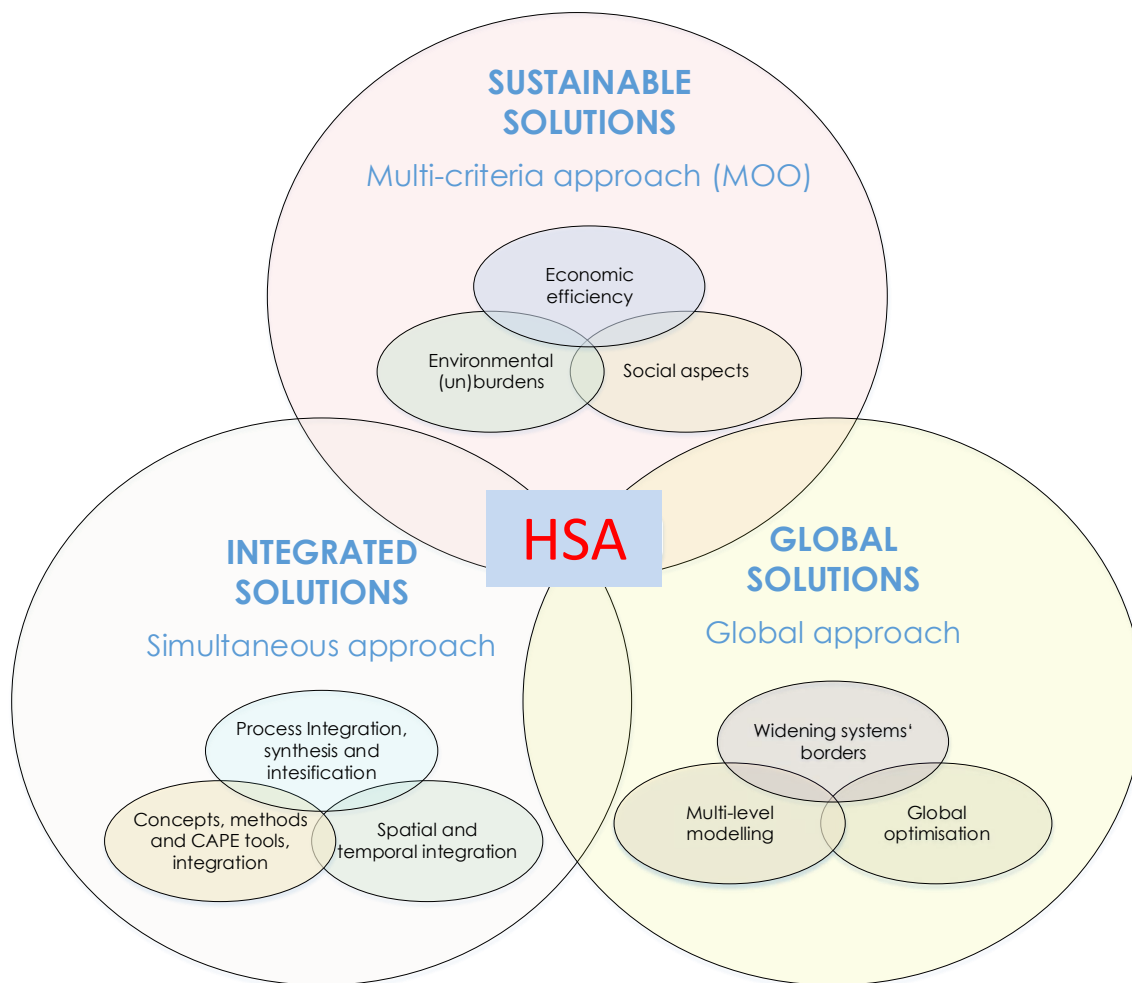
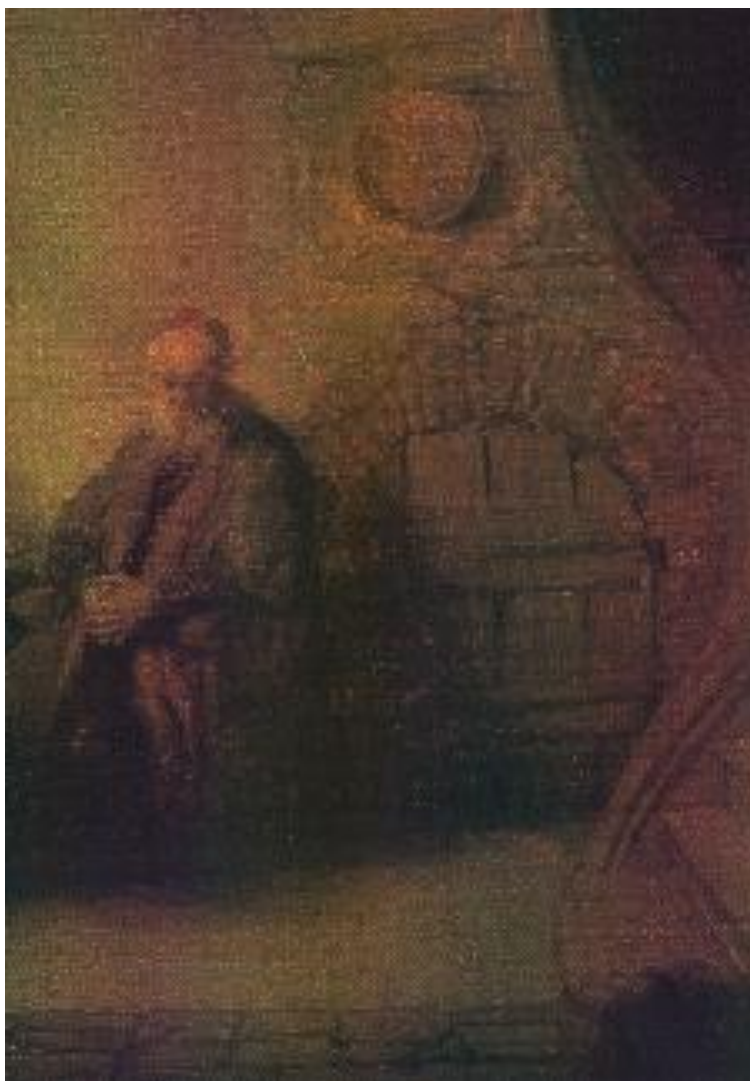


Fig. 10: Elements of the holistic systems approach



But the  
**creative principle**  
resides in  
mathematics.

In a certain sense,  
therefore, I hold true  
that pure thought can  
grasp reality, as the  
ancients dreamed.

Albert Einstein

Optimality	Competitive advantage
Feasibility	Constraints satisfied
Integrality	Simultaneous considerations

Creative principles of MP enables:

- Creation of new knowledge and
- New innovative solutions

Study of solutions enables one to get **new insights**, e.g. simultaneous Heat Integration and process flowsheet optimization also reduces raw material usage.

(Lang, Biegler, Grossmann, 1988)



1. Generation of a superstructure composed of different alternatives:
  - Reaction networks
  - Separation networks
  - Heat exchanger networks
  - Process schemes, etc.
2. Formulation of a mixed-integer nonlinear programming (MINLP) model
3. Solution by a suitable MINLP algorithm (OA/ER, General Benders Decomposition, Extended Cutting Plane..)



# MINLP Model Formulation for Different Levels of Innovations:



$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{a)} & \max \quad z = c^T y + f(x) - e(x) \\
 \text{b)} & \text{s.t} \quad h_i(x) = 0 \\
 \text{c)} & \quad \quad g_i(x) \leq 0 \\
 \text{d)} & \quad \quad B_i y + C_i x \leq b_i
 \end{array}
 \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \text{b)} \\ \text{c)} \\ \text{d)} \end{array}} \right\} \forall i \in \text{Subsystems}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \in X &= \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x^{\text{LO}} \leq x \leq x^{\text{UP}}\} \\
 y \in Y &= \{0,1\}^m
 \end{aligned}$$

a) **Objective function** as a real-world economic function (cost benefit approach):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Max Profit} &= \text{Production income} - \text{Raw material cost} - \text{Utility cost} \\
 &\quad - \text{Investment cost} - \text{Environmental loss}
 \end{aligned}$$

b) **Equality constraints**: mass and energy balances, design equations

c) **Inequality constraints**: product specifications, operational, environmental and feasibility constraints

d) Logical disjunctive constraints for selection of sustainable alternatives



### Features:

Many complex interactions

Discrete and continuous decisions

Uncertainty

Dynamic systems

Rule-based decisions

Multicriterial

### Approach:

Simultaneous

MINLP

Flexible multiperiod

MIDNLP, multiperiod

Logic-based

Multiobjective LCA-  
based

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# 3.1 Simultaneous vs. Sequential Strategy Methanol Example Problem

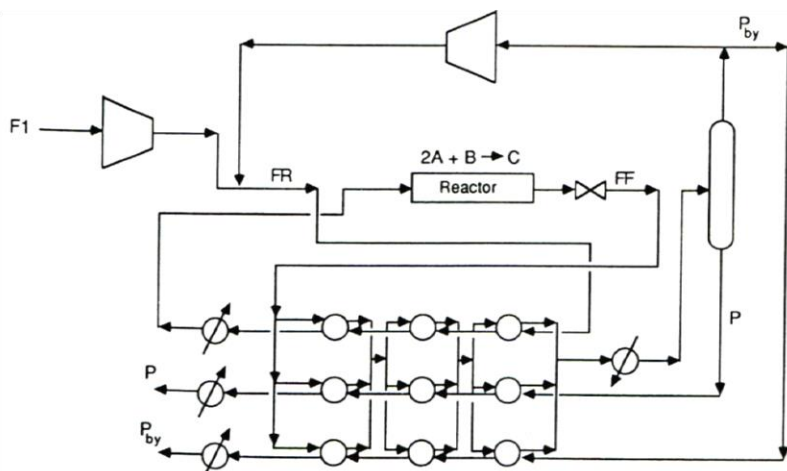


Figure 11: Methanol process and HEN superstructure

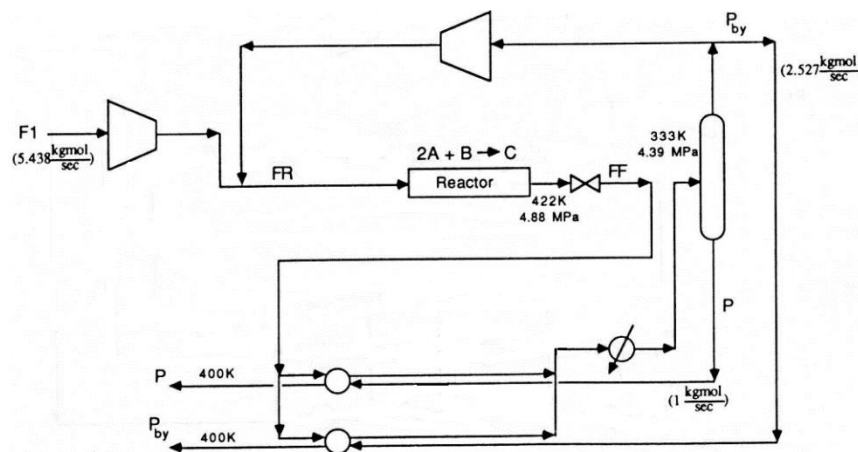


Figure 12: Optimal process scheme with HI HEN

Process synthesis and:

- sequential HEN synthesis: - 1,192,000 \$/yr (loss!)
- simultaneous HI by Duran-Grossmann's model: - 292,000\$ \$/yr (loss!)
- simultaneous HEN synthesis by Yee's model:
  - Yee, Grossmann, Kravanja (1990) 1,845,000 \$/yr (profit!).
  - Kravanja and Grossmann (1994) 2,613,000 \$/yr (profit!).



# 3.2 Simultaneous vs. Sequential Strategy

## Scope of HI in Total Sites



**Process level:** heat exchange occurs **directly** between the hot and cold streams

**Total Site (TS) level:** where mostly **indirect** heat exchange is performed between hot and cold streams **via an intermediate utility**

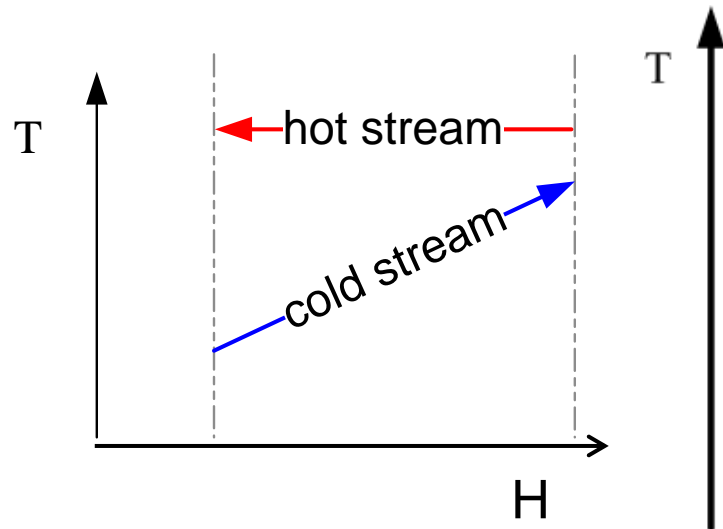


Figure 13: HI at process level

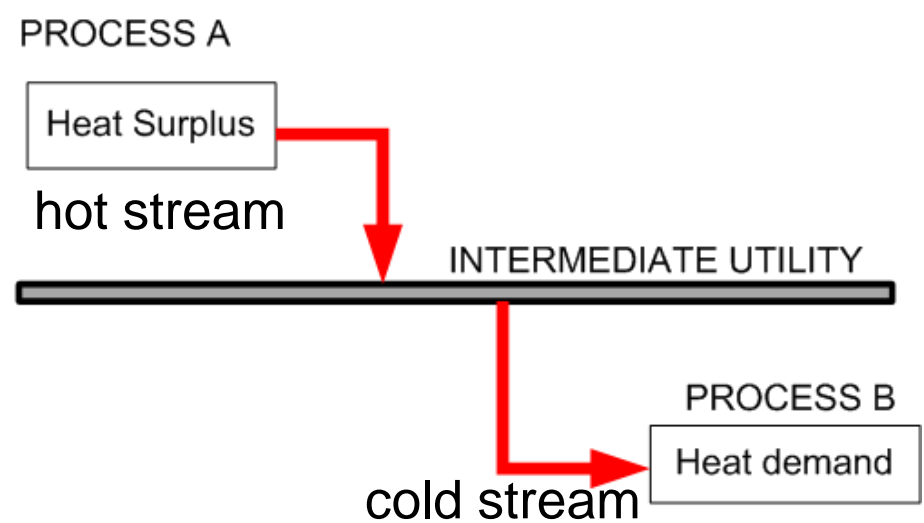
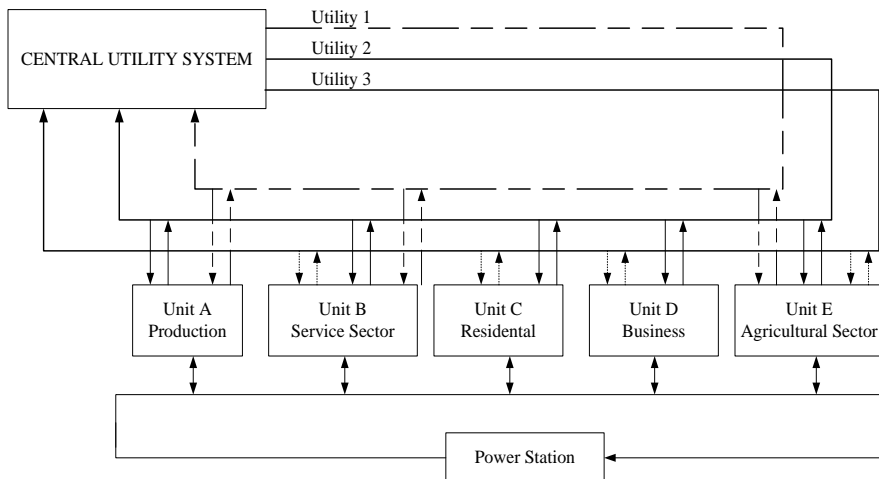
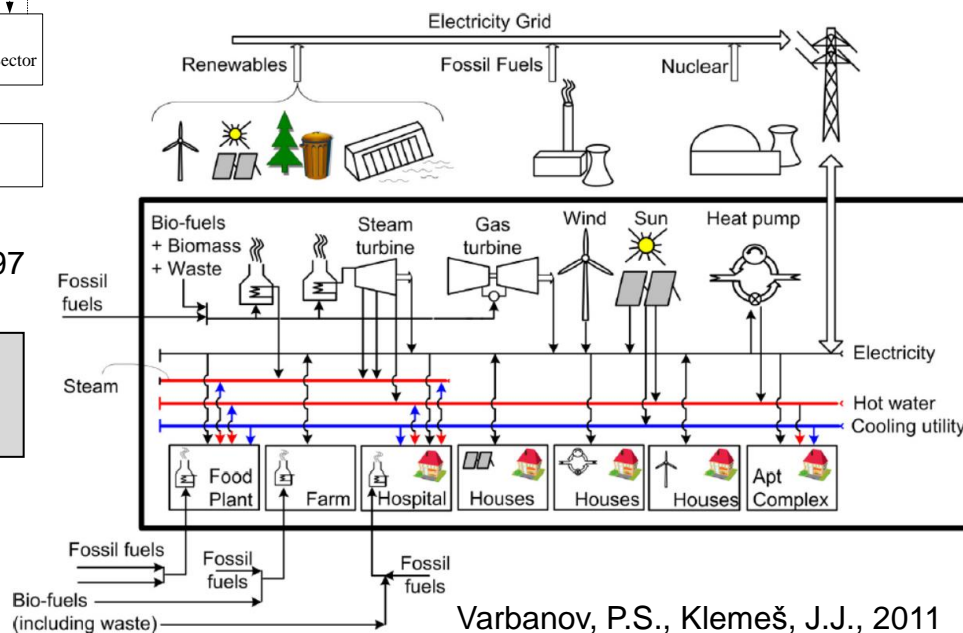


Figure 14: HI at Total Site level



Dhole and Linnhoff, 1993; Raissi, 1994; Klemeš et al., 1997  
 Perry, Klemeš, Bulatov, 2008 - LIES

**Figure 15: Scheme of Total Site**  
 Extended form Perry et al. (2008)



Varbanov, P.S., Klemeš, J.J., 2011

**Figure 16: Extended for renewables**  
 Source: Klemeš et al., CERD, 2013

# Simultaneous Strategy



Heat exchange matches on process level and Total Site considering intermediate utility (**indirect process-to-process heat exchange**) are included in each stage

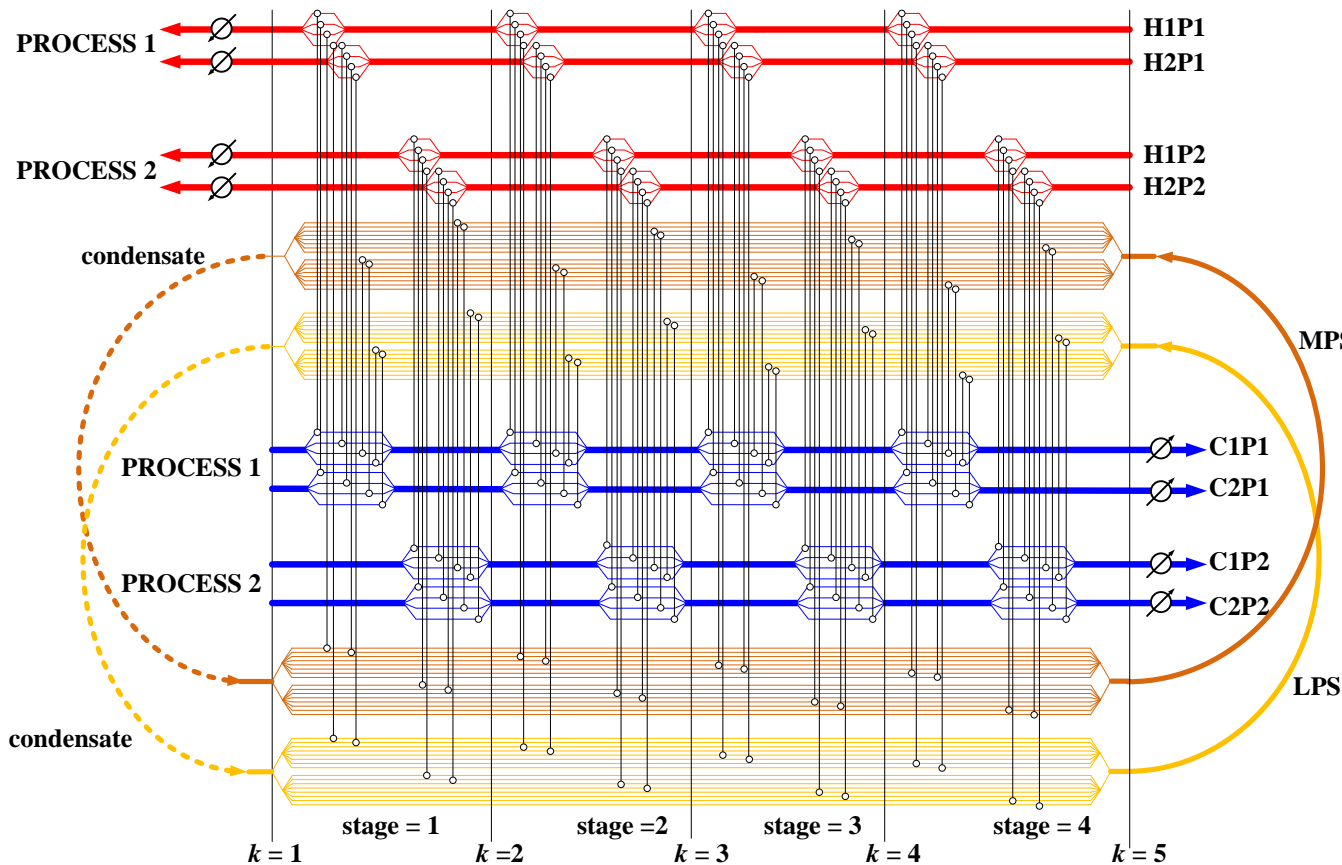


Figure 17: General superstructure - simultaneous strategy

## STRATEGY:

## SAVINGS in NPV

- |   |      |
|---|------|
| • Simultaneous Strategy vs. Sequential Strategy | 64 % |
| • Pressure level optimization                   | 33 % |
| • Future forecasted utility prices              | 18 % |

## Other considerations:

- **Pipeline investment** ~up to 34.2 % of the total investment.
- **Heat losses** ~ can be up to 44.8 % at fixed utility pressure levels when no preheating was considered
- **Pressure drops** simultaneously with the evaluation of **pipe diameters** ~ pressure drops can be quite high ( even 4 bar)
- **Preheating** of fresh water due to unrecovered condensations it significantly reduces *ENPV* by 11.0 %, the hot utility consumption increased by 33.2 %

# 3.3 Expanding the Synthesis to the Whole (Bio)-chemical Supply Chain



Kravanja, CACE 2010

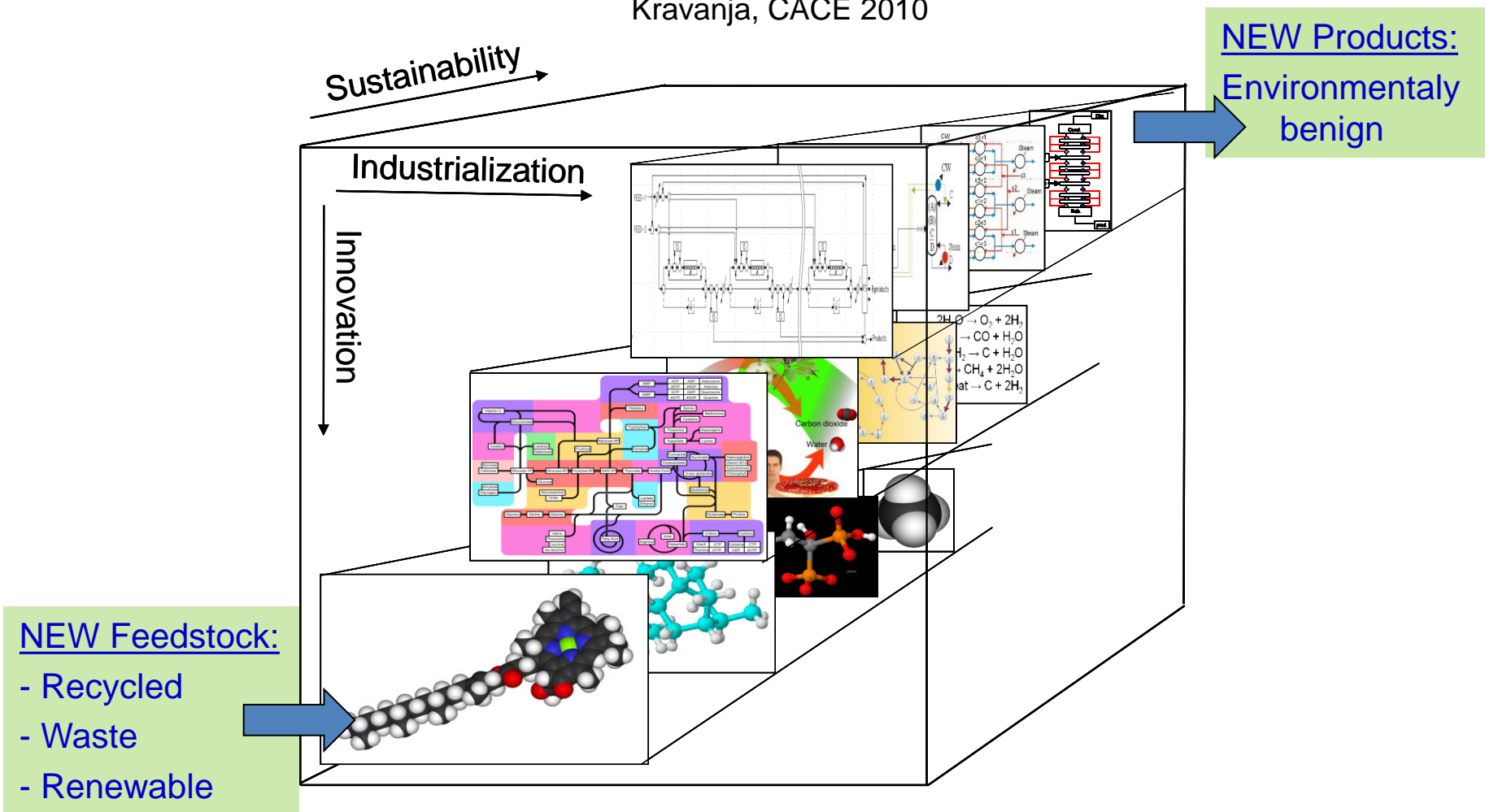


Fig. 18: Simplified (bio)-chemical supply chain.

# Expanding the Synthesis to Energy Supply Chain



Kravanja, 2009

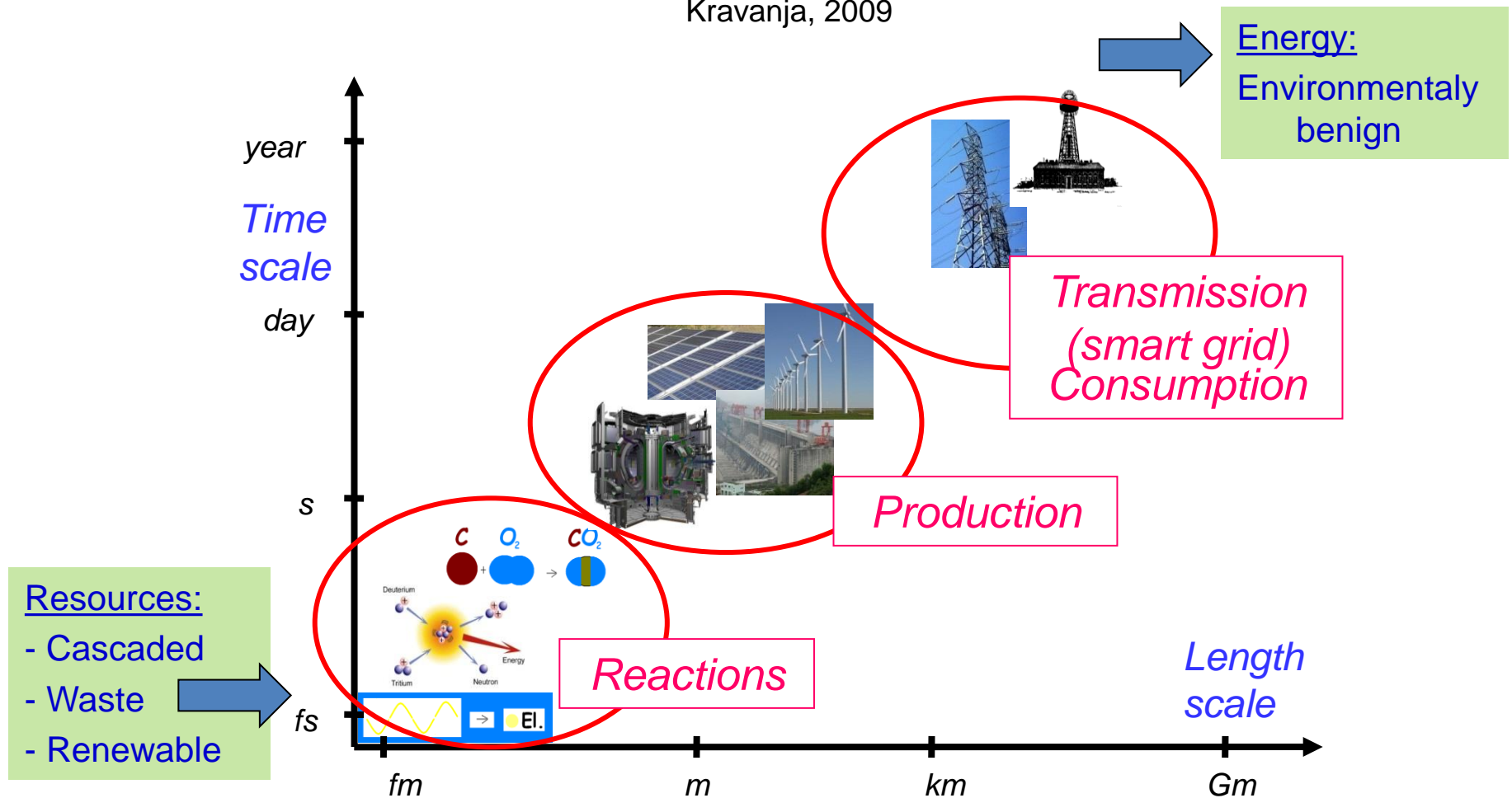


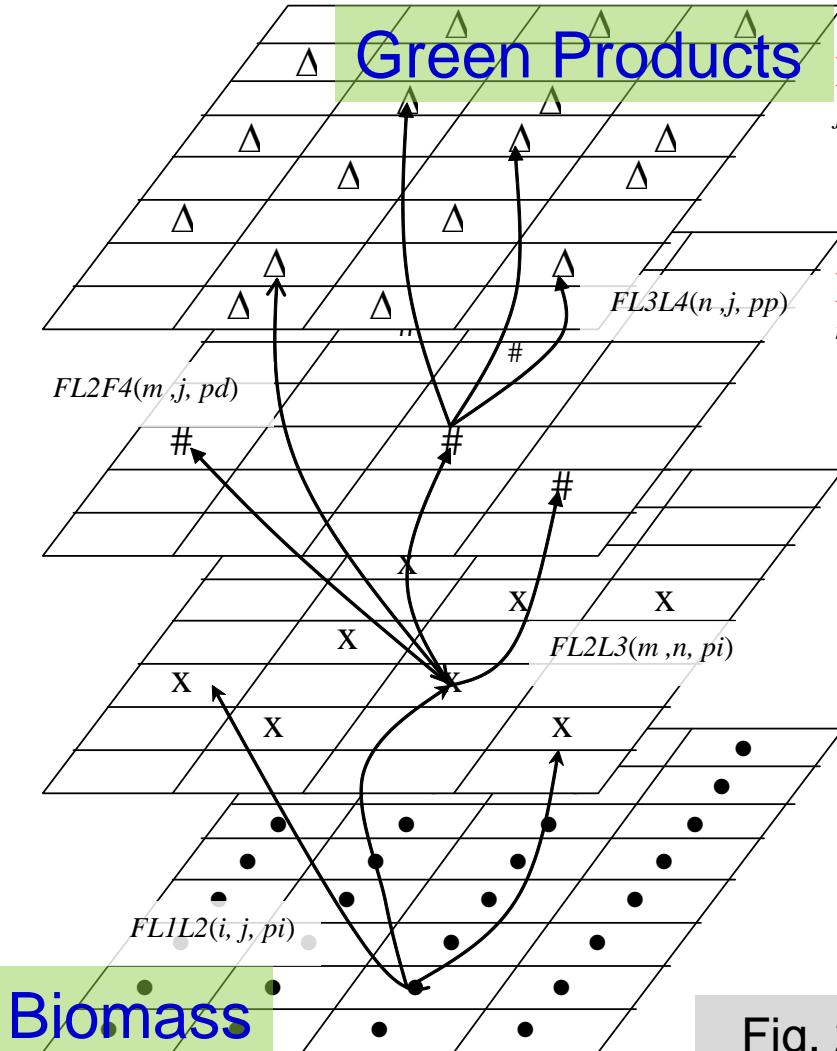
Fig. 19: Achieving global solutions through the integrated energy supply chain



# Expanding the Synthesis to Regional Supply/Demand Renewable Networks



Čuček, Lam, Klemeš, Varbanov, Kravanja, 2010



**Layer 4: Demand/ End users**  
 $j = \text{demands}$

**Layer 3: Production plants**  
 $n = \text{plants}$

$yL3(n) = \text{To determine the location of plants}$   
 $yL3pt(n, pp, t) = \text{for technologies selection}$

**Layer 2: Collection and pretreatment processes**  
 $m = \text{intermediate points}$

$yL2(m) = \text{To determine the location of collection points and also the pretreatment processes : drying/ compaction/ densification}$

**Layer 1: Agricultural supply**  
 $i = \text{zones}$

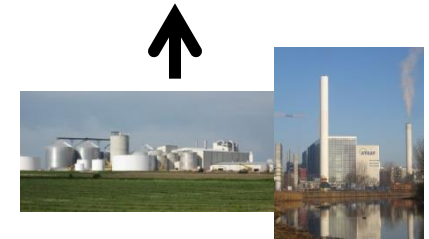


Fig. 20: SDRN superstructure

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## Synthesizer

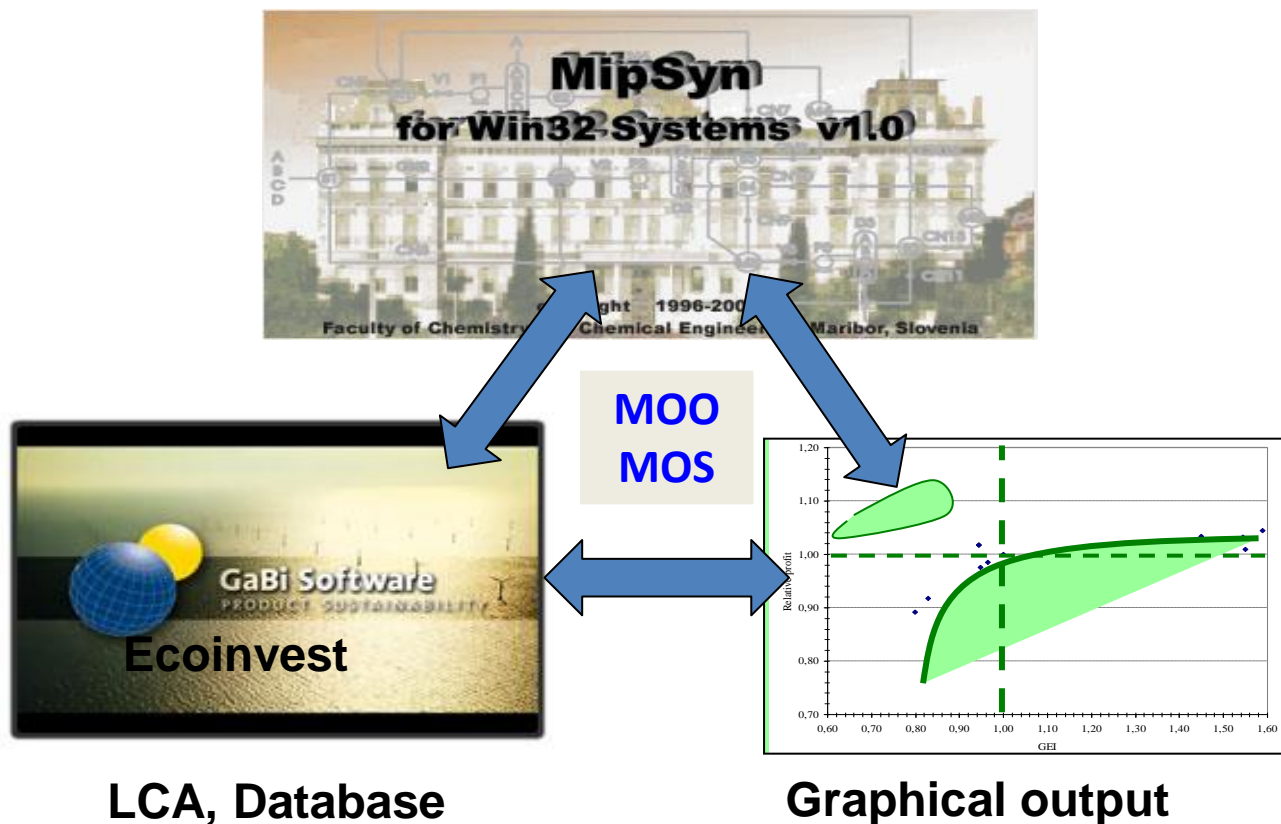


Fig. 21: LCA-based synthesizer MIPSYN

# 4.2 Concepts Integration: Combining Pinch Analysis and Mathematical Programming



Jiří Jaromír Klemeš & Zdravko Kravanja, COCHE, 2013

	Pinch approach	MP approach	Combined approach
Guiding principle	Physical insights Clear concepts	Numerical Mathematics	Narrowing the searching space
Embedded principles	Consideration of physical laws	Optimality, feasibility, integrality	Both principles are considered
A single criterion	Mainly technological criteria	Mainly economical criterion	Appropriate economic trade-offs
Multi-criteria consideration	Difficult to express graphically	MOO performed for several criteria	Multi-criteria can be considered
Degrees of freedom	Difficult to express graphically	Handles a large number of variables	Large problems can be solved
Data collection and verification	The physical inside makes the checking easier	A possibility to apply data reconciliation algorithms	Combination can be very beneficial

# Opportunities of Employing a Combined PA/MP Approach



	Pinch approach	MP approach	Combined approach
Uncertain data and parameters	Limited number of uncertain parameters and limited flexibility	A reasonable number of parameters, reasonable flexibility	Feasible, realistic and flexible solutions can be obtained
Approach strategy	Can eliminate easily physically non feasible solutions	Simultaneous, fully integrated solutions	By both strategies in a sequence fully integrated solutions
Problem formulation	Graphical and algorithmic and form – easily understandable	Usually Equation-Oriented (EO) mathematical form.	Hybrid model enabling solving larger-scale problems
Easiness of formulation	Straightforward and mostly easy	Could be very complicated	Pinch is beneficial in the first step followed by MP
Easiness of problem reformulation	Very easy when supported by PTA	Many scenarios can be routinely performed	Pinch is again beneficial in the first step followed by MP

# Opportunities of Employing a Combined PA/MP Approach



	Pinch approach	MP approach	Combined approach
<b>Optimality of solutions</b>	Global optimal targets can be indicated based on the thermodynamics	Locally optimal techniques and solutions	Pinch concept can guide MP solutions close to <b>global</b> optima
<b>Comprehension of solution</b>	Straightforward with graphical methods and PTA <b>New insights</b>	Not easy to be interpreted. <b>New insights</b>	Combined <b>graphical interfaces</b> to mimic MP solutions
<b>Knowledge needed</b>	Seems basic engineering, however needs a process expert	Advanced knowledge, both engineering and MP	Experienced Process engineer guaranties realistic solution for both approaches
<b>Robustness</b>	Robust, which is important for engineering practice	LPs and MILPs robust, NLPs and MINLPs need good initialization	<b>Overall robustness</b> in solving large-scale problems is improved by the synergy
<b>Current industrial acceptance</b>	High, easily understandable to engineers on the ground	So far lower, boosted by engineering friendly interface	Could foster the acceptance of MP in process and other industries



## Two widely used methodologies for energy consumption targeting: Pinch Analysis and Mathematical Programming

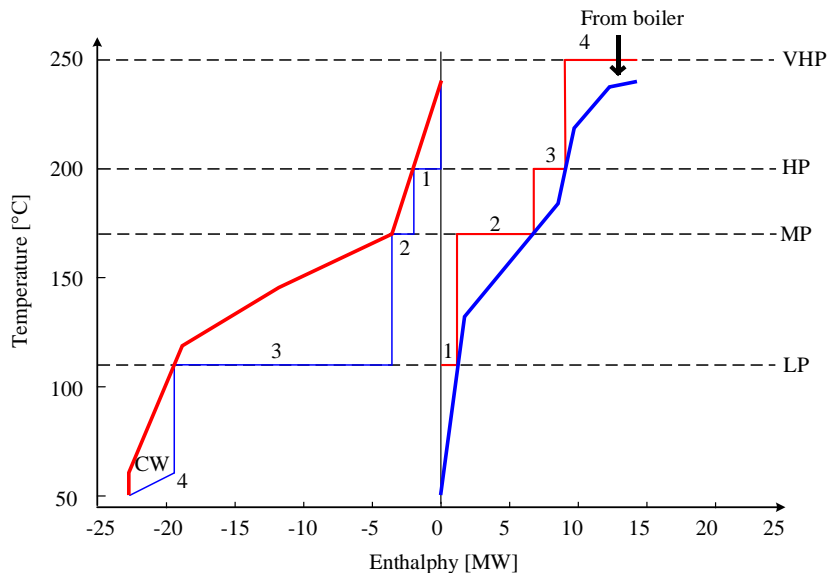
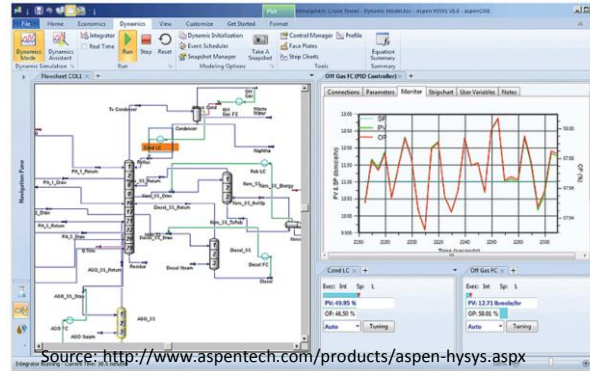


Fig. 22: Total Site Profiles and intermediate utility, (from Klemeš et al., 2010 )

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \max_{x,y} P = (c^T y + f(x)) \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & h_{l,s}(x, y) = 0 \quad \forall l \in L, s \in S \\
 & g_{l,s}(x, y) \leq 0 \quad (\text{F-MINLP})_f \\
 & DRFP_f(x, y)_{P_{\max}} \leq \varepsilon_{if}, \quad \forall i \in I, f \in F \\
 & (x^{LO} \leq x \leq x^{UP}) \in X \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \quad y = \{0,1\}^m \\
 & \varepsilon_{if} = \varepsilon_{i-1,f} - \Delta \varepsilon_f
 \end{aligned}$$

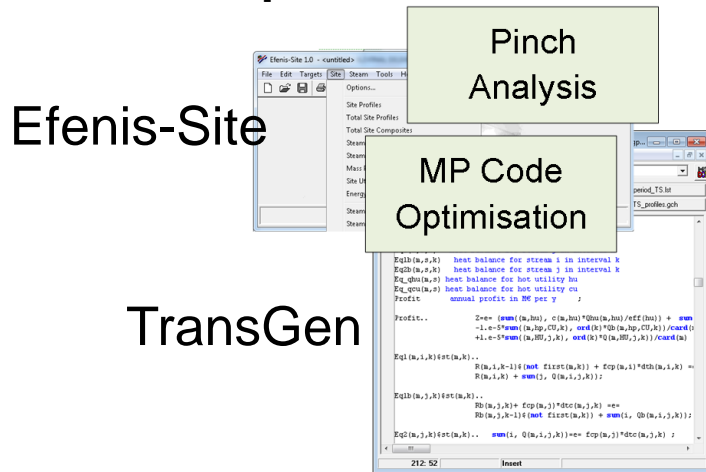
Fig. 23: Heat integration solutions from mathematical model

## I. Process Simulator Data Acquisition

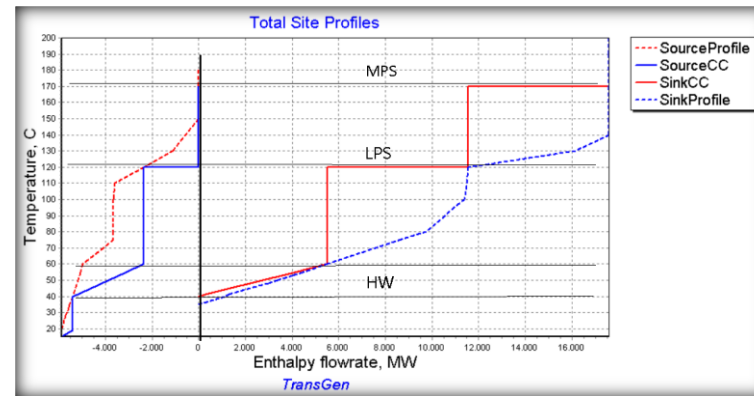


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## II. Combined Pinch/MP Optimization



## III. Graphical and Numerical Output



GAMS  
gdx and  
chard files

Fig. 24: Three-level tool integration

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## 5. Multiobjective LCA-based System Synthesis



- Sustainability and especially environmental indicators defined on the LCA based principles
- **Incomplete measurements** for sustainability is one of the major limitations of LCA methodology
- Consequences: poor or even wrong solutions and decisions!

More advanced concept and measurements are needed

Besides the direct (burdening), also **indirect (unburdening)** effects caused by system's substitution have to be considered

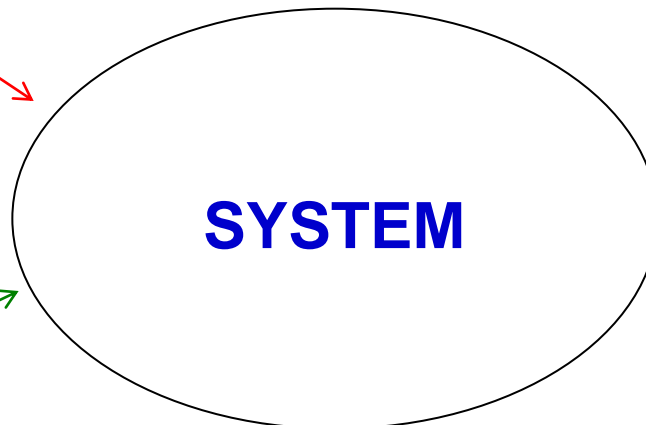
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## New Concept: Direct and Indirect Effects



**Raw materials**, which **burden** the environment if they are processed  
**DIRECT impacts (BURDEN)**

**Raw materials**, which mainly **unburden** or benefit the environment, e.g. utilization of waste rather than deposit  
**INDIRECT impacts (UNBURDEN)**



**Products**, which **burden** the environment related to processing, disposal, and transportation  
**DIRECT impacts (BURDEN)**

**Products**, which also **unburden** or benefit the environment due to products' substitution  
**INDIRECT impacts (UNBURDEN)**

**The DIRECT effects** of systems on the environment represent **direct burden** of the systems due to the extraction of resources, materials production, use, maintenance, recycling and/or disposal including all transportation steps.

**The INDIRECT effects** are those sets of impacts that **indirectly unburden** or benefit the environment when **waste is utilized** instead of being deposited or environmentally **benign raw-materials, products or services** are used instead of harmful ones.

**TOTAL effects = DIRECT + INDIRECT effects**



### Direct Effects:

1. Footprints
2. Sustainability Index
3. Eco-cost  
(Vogländer et al., 2010)

+ Indirect  
effects



### Total Effects: (Kravanja, COCHE, 2012)

1. Total Footprints  
(Čuček, Varbanov, Klemeš, Kravanja, Energy, 2012 )
2. Total Sustainability Index  
(Kravanja, Čuček, APEN, 2013)
3. Eco-profit and Total Profit  
(Čuček, R. Drobež, B. Pahor, Z. Kravanja, CCE, 2012)



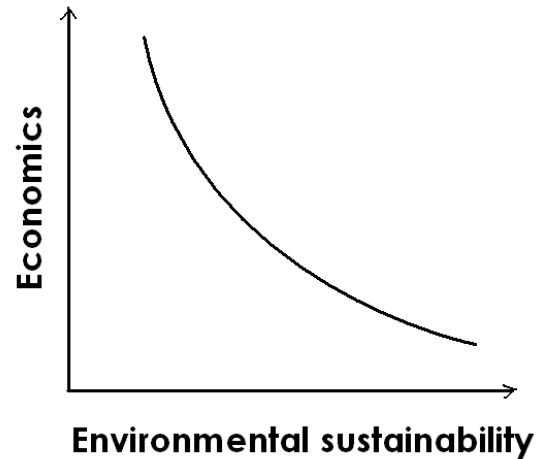


Fig.25. Pareto curve

General opinion: There is an opposition between economics and environmental sustainability

- This is not always true as some alternatives can have synergistic effects on both the environment and the economics.
- Non-trade-off solutions can thus be obtained.

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# 5.1.1 Definition and Normalization of Footprints



- Footprints cannot be easily compared since they can have different measures, units, and qualities
- Footprints of studied alternatives are **normalized**, e.g. by the **values obtained at the maximal profit** or from some **base-case design**:

Direct relative footprint

$$DRFP = \frac{FP^d}{FP^{d0}}$$

Direct Footprint at the maximal profit

Total relative footprint

$$TRFP = \frac{FP^d + FP^{ind}}{FP^{d0}} = \frac{FP^t}{FP^{d0}}$$

Two-step **multi-objective** superstructural MINLP approach:

**MINLP step I:**

**Economic-based** synthesis where different footprints are obtained by the maximization of profit from a given basic superstructure:

$$P^0 \text{ and } FP_f^{d,0}, \quad \forall f \in F$$

Reference point

**MINLP step II:**

The superstructure is augmented by **sustainable alternatives** and the  **$\epsilon$ -constraint method** is applied for each **relative footprint**  $f \in F$ :

$$P_k, FP_{f,k}^d \text{ and } FP_{f,k}^{\text{ind}}, \quad \forall f \in F, k \in F$$

Multi-objective Pareto solutions

# 5.1.2 Direct Effects Footprint-based MINLP



Small- and medium-sized supply-networks

Footprints: carbon, water, non-renewable energy, emission (water, air, soil), food vs. fuel

$$\max_{x,y} P = (c^T y + f(x))$$

$$\text{s.t. } h_{l,s}(x, y) = 0 \quad \forall l \in L, s \in S$$

$$g_{l,s}(x, y) \leq 0 \quad (\text{F-MINLP}_i)_f$$

$$\text{DRFP}_f(x, y)_{P_{\max}} \leq \varepsilon_{if}, \quad \forall i \in I, f \in F$$

$$(x^{LO} x \leq x^{UP}) \in X \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \quad y = \{0,1\}^m$$

$$\varepsilon_{if} = \varepsilon_{i-1,f} - \Delta \varepsilon_f$$

Direct relative footprint

$$RFP = \frac{FP^d}{FP^{d,0}}$$

Direct footprint at the maximal profit

Loop around Solve statement  
in GAMS

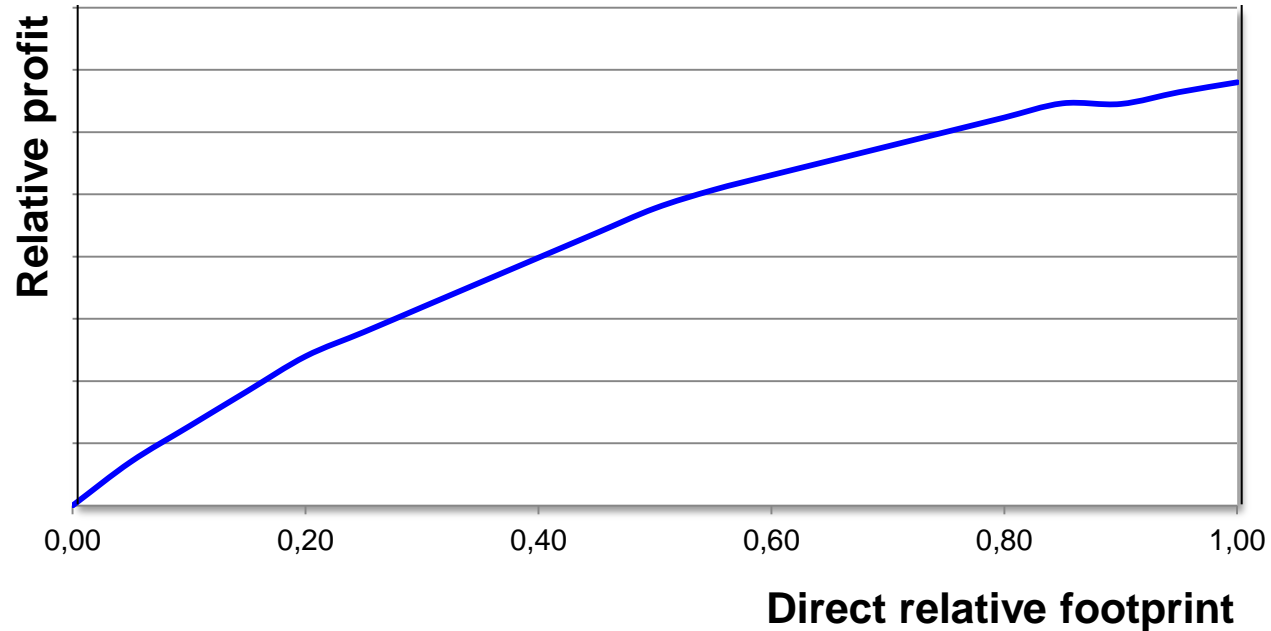


Fig.26: Profit vs. Direct footprint



# 5.1.2 Total Effects

## Total Footprint–based MINLP II



Čuček, Varbanov, Klemeš, Kravanja, Energy, 2012

$$\max_{x,y} P = (c^T y + f(x))$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad h_{l,s}(x, y) = 0 \quad \forall l \in L, s \in S$$

$$y_{l,s}(x, y) \leq 0 \quad (\text{F-MINLP}_i)$$

$$TRFP_f(x, y)_{P_{\max}} \leq \varepsilon_{if} \quad \forall i \in I, f \in F$$

$$(x^{LO} x \leq x^{UP}) \in X \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \quad y = \{0,1\}^m$$

$$\varepsilon_{if} = \varepsilon_{i-1,f} + \Delta \varepsilon_f$$

$$TRFP = \frac{FP^d + FP^{ind}}{FP^{d0}} = \frac{FP^t}{FP^{d0}}$$

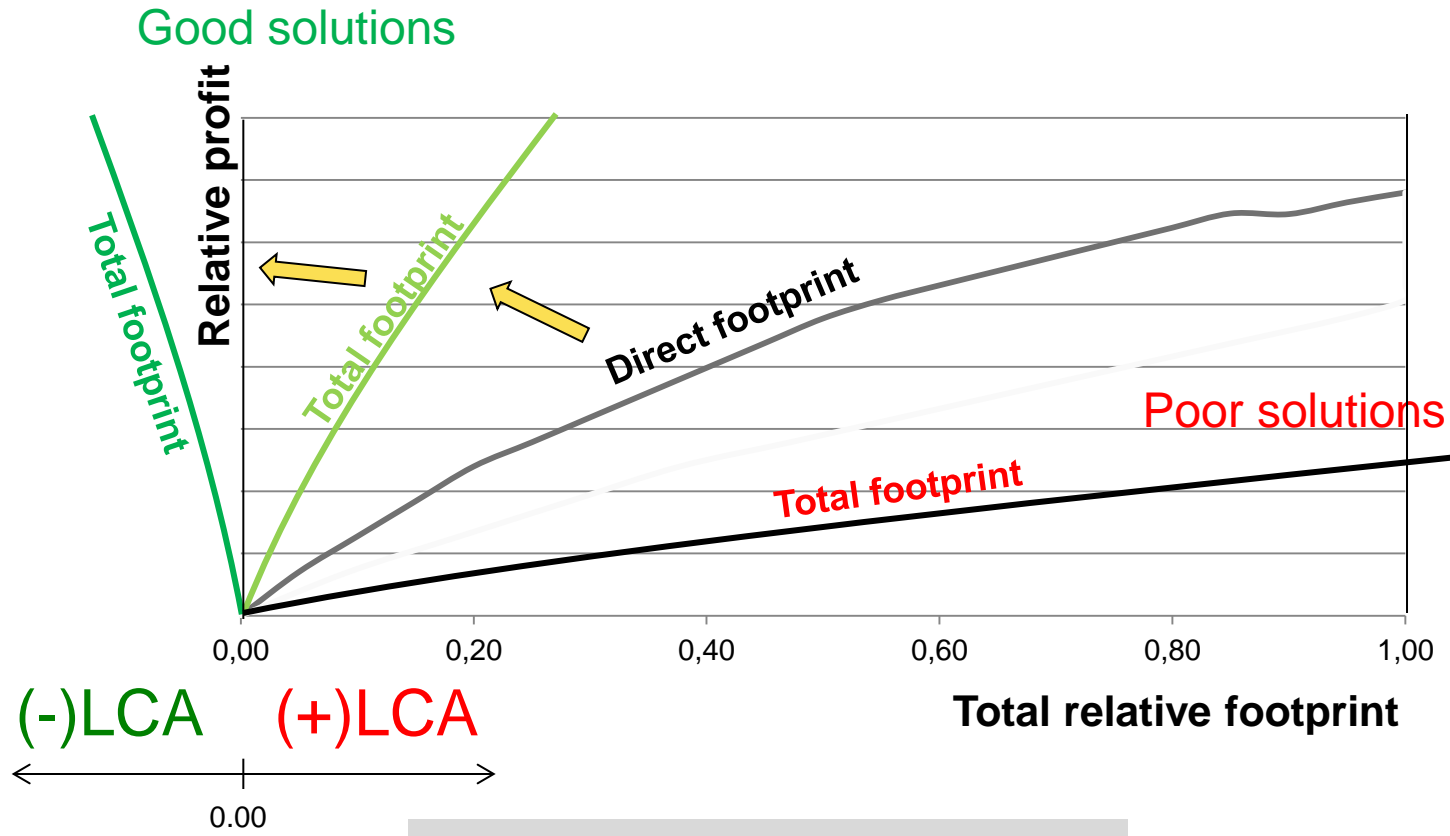
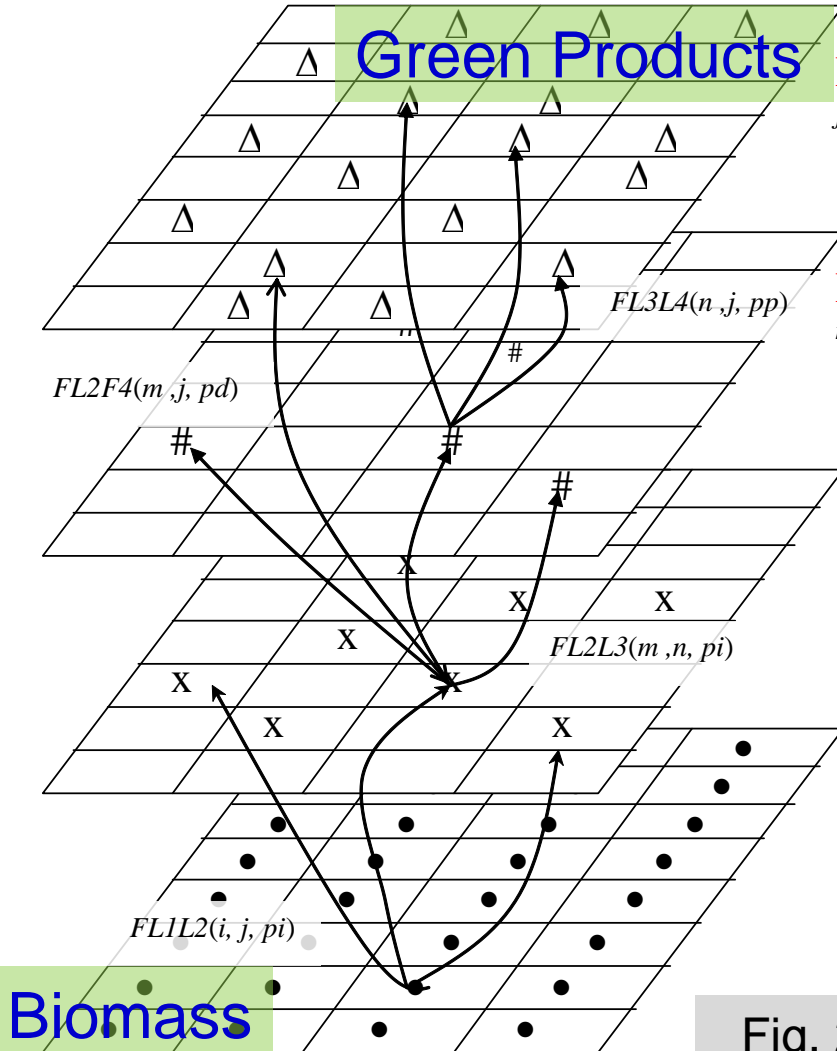


Fig. 27: Profit vs. Total footprint

# 5.1.3 Case Study: Biomass Supply Chain and Total Footprints



Čuček, Varbanov, Klemeš, Kravanja, Energy, 2012



**Layer 4: Demand/ End users**  
 $j = \text{demands}$

**Layer 3: Production plants**  
 $n = \text{plants}$

$yL3(n) =$  To determine the location of plants  
 $yL3pt(n, pp, t) =$  for technologies selection

**Layer 2: Collection and pretreatment processes**  
 $m = \text{intermediate points}$

$yL2(m) =$  To determine the location of collection points and also the pretreatment processes : drying/ compaction/ densification

**Layer 1: Agricultural supply**  
 $i = \text{zones}$

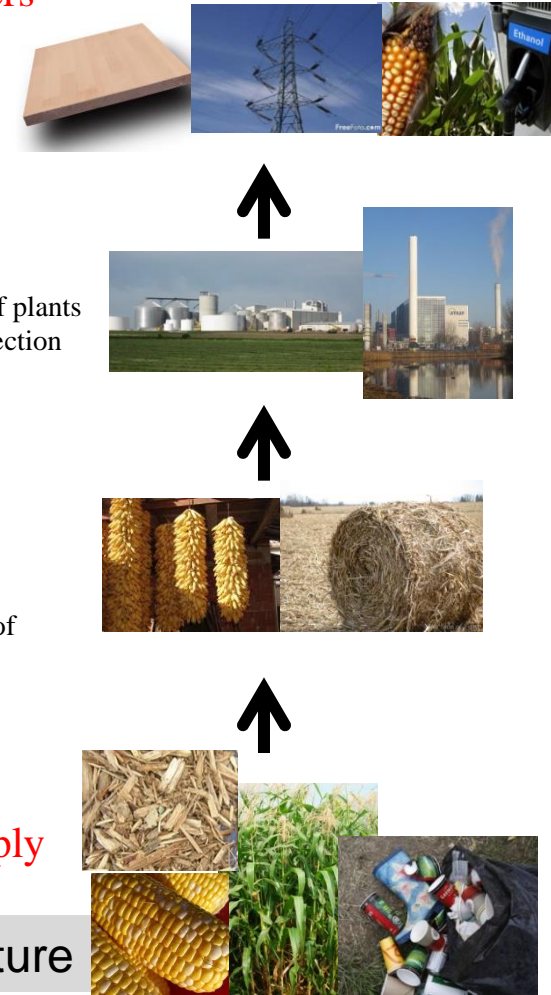


Fig. 28: SDRN superstructure



## Environmental footprints $f \in F$ :

- **CFP (Carbon footprint)** – amount of CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases emitted over the full life-cycle of a process or product
- **EFP (Energy footprint)** – the demand for non-renewable energy resources
- **WFP (Water footprint)** – the total volume of direct and indirect freshwater used
- **LFP (Agricultural land footprint)** – the agricultural land area used for growing biomass
- **WFPF (Water pollution footprint)** – the amount of substances emitted to water

## Social footprint

- **FEFP (Food-to-energy footprint)** – relates the usage of food intended biomass for the production of energy

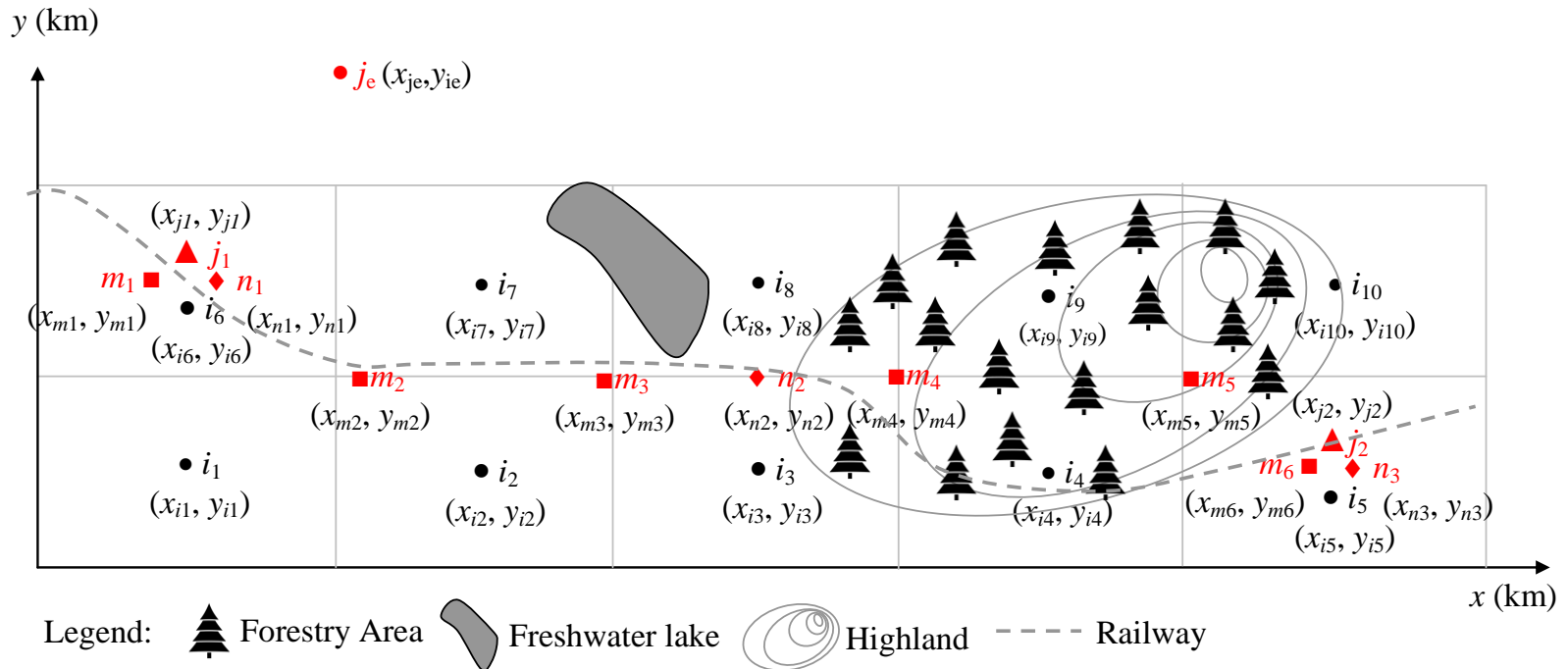


Fig. 29: The supply-network structure of the demonstrated case study

Čuček, Lam, Klemeš, Varbanov, Kravanja, CTEP 2010



- **Raw materials** included on the given area:  
corn, corn stover, MSW, wood chips, manure and timber
- Considered **technological options**:
  - The dry-grind process (corn)
  - Diluted acid pre-treatment (corn stover)
  - Gasification/fermentation (wood chips)
  - Anaerobic co-digestion (biomass waste)
  - Incineration (MSW and lignocellulosic raw materials)
  - Sawing (timber)
- **Products**:  
electricity, heat, bioethanol, boards, digestate, DDGS

Table 1: Direct, Indirect and Total footprints for Biomass supply chain

	Direct footprints	Indirect footprints	Total footprints
CFP (t/(km <sup>2</sup> ·y))	117.65	-311.95	-194.3
WFP (t/(km <sup>2</sup> ·y))	376,500.75	-39,210.75	337,290
EFP (GJ/(km <sup>2</sup> ·y))	1,440.65	-4,906.72	-3,466.07
WFPF (t/(km <sup>2</sup> ·y))	12.02	-6.47	5.55
LFP (km <sup>2</sup> /(km <sup>2</sup> ·y))	0.32	0	0.32
FEFP (-)	0.38	0	0.38

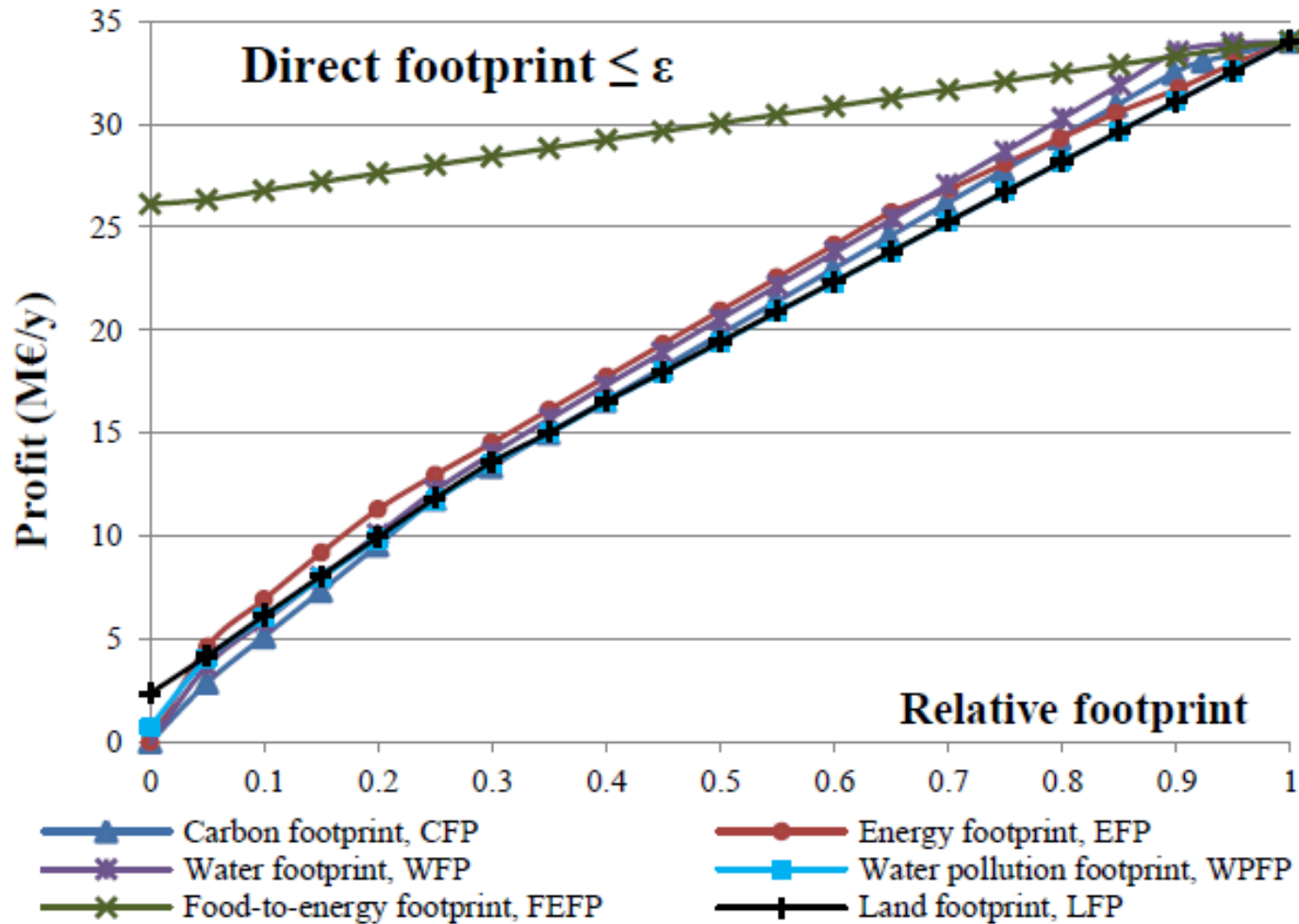


Fig. 30: Direct footprints for Biomass supply chain



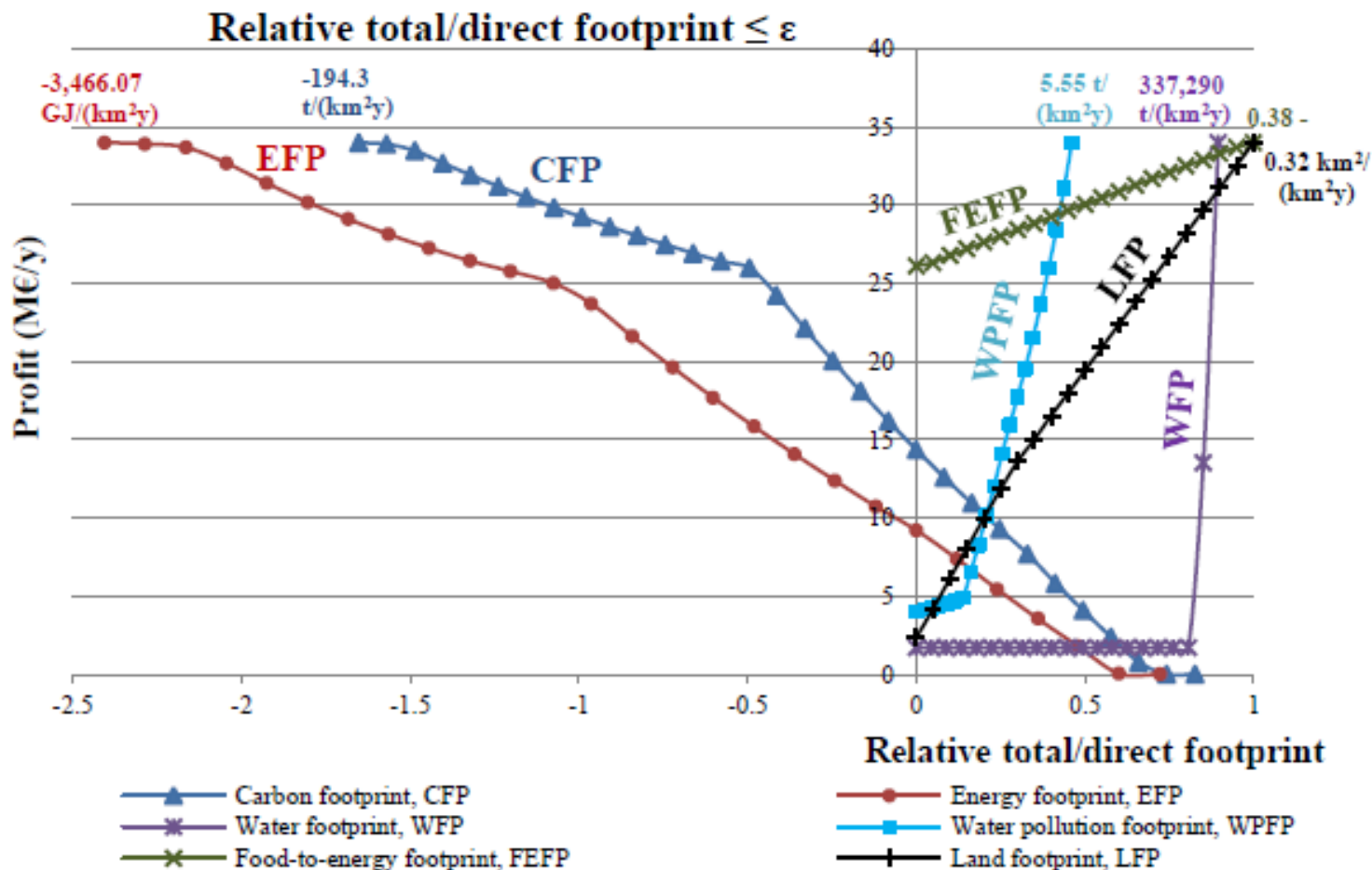


Fig. 31: Total/direct footprints for Biomass supply chain



## ADVANTAGES

- For 2-D problems number of iterations increases **linearly** with the number of footprints
- 2-D multi-objective optimization for:
  - Any number of footprints
  - Medium- and larger-sized problems

## PROBLEMS

- Footprints in 2-D projections are **underestimated**
- Higher-D problems needs large numbers of iterations, which cannot be applied to large-sized problems

- Incentives for Sustainable Development
- LCA-based Mathematical Programming for Sustainable System Synthesis
- Expanding Systems Boundaries
- Tools and Concepts Integration
- New Concept Considering Burdening and Unburdening Effects on Environment in Multiobjective Optimization:
  - Total Footprints,
  - **Total Sustainability Index**, and
  - Eco-Profit and Total Profit
- Synthesis Applications of Renewables Integration and Bioenergy Production
- Conclusion

# 5.2.1 Definition and Normalization of Sustainability Index



- Economic, environmental and social indicators
  - Yearly profit (P) or the net present worth (NPW)
  - Environmental: resource usage and pollution indicators
  - Social: assessment is difficult
- Indicators are normalized, e.g. by the values from a given base case and
- Composed into Relative Sustainability Index:

$$RSI = \sum_{f \in F} w_f \cdot \frac{I_f}{I_f^0}$$

Conventional

New approach

Relative Direct Sustainability Index  
*RDSI* (direct effects)

$$RDSI = \sum_{f \in F} w_f \cdot \frac{I_f^d}{I_f^{d,0}}$$

Relative Total Sustainability Index  
*RTSI* (direct + indirect effects)

$$RTSI = \sum_{f \in F} w_f \cdot \frac{I_f^d + I_f^{ind}}{I_f^{d,0}} = \sum_{f \in F} w_f \cdot \frac{I_f^t}{I_f^{d,0}}$$

Since  $I_i^{ind}$  are negative,  $RTSI < RDSI$

Two-step multiobjective superstructural MINLP approach:

**MINLP Step I: Economic-based** synthesis for basic process superstructure that comprises **technological end economical** alternatives

Base case solution

$P^0$  or  $NPW^0$ ,  $I_i^{d,0}$  and  $I_i^{ind,0} \forall i \in I$  Reference point

**MINLP step II:**

**Multiobjective** synthesis for superstructure, augmented by sustainable **energy, environmental** and other alternatives

Sustainable solution

$P_k$  or  $NPW_k$ ,  $I_{i,k}^d$  and  $I_{i,k}^{ind} \forall i \in I, k \in K$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \max RP = (c^T y + f(x)) / P^0 \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & \left. \begin{aligned}
 & h_l(x, y_{ls}) = 0 \\
 & g_l(x, y_{ls}) \leq 0 \\
 & \mathbf{RTSI}(x, y_{ls}) \leq \varepsilon_k
 \end{aligned} \right\} \forall l \in L, s \in S \\
 & x \in X = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}^n; x^{LO} \leq x \leq x^{UP}\} \quad (\mathbf{RTSI-MINLP})_k \\
 & y_l = Y_l, \forall l \in L; Y_1 \cup Y_2 \dots \cup Y_L = Y = \{0, 1\}^m \\
 & \varepsilon_k = \varepsilon_{k-1} - \Delta\varepsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

It enables to identify profitable solutions with **the maximal unburdening** of the environment

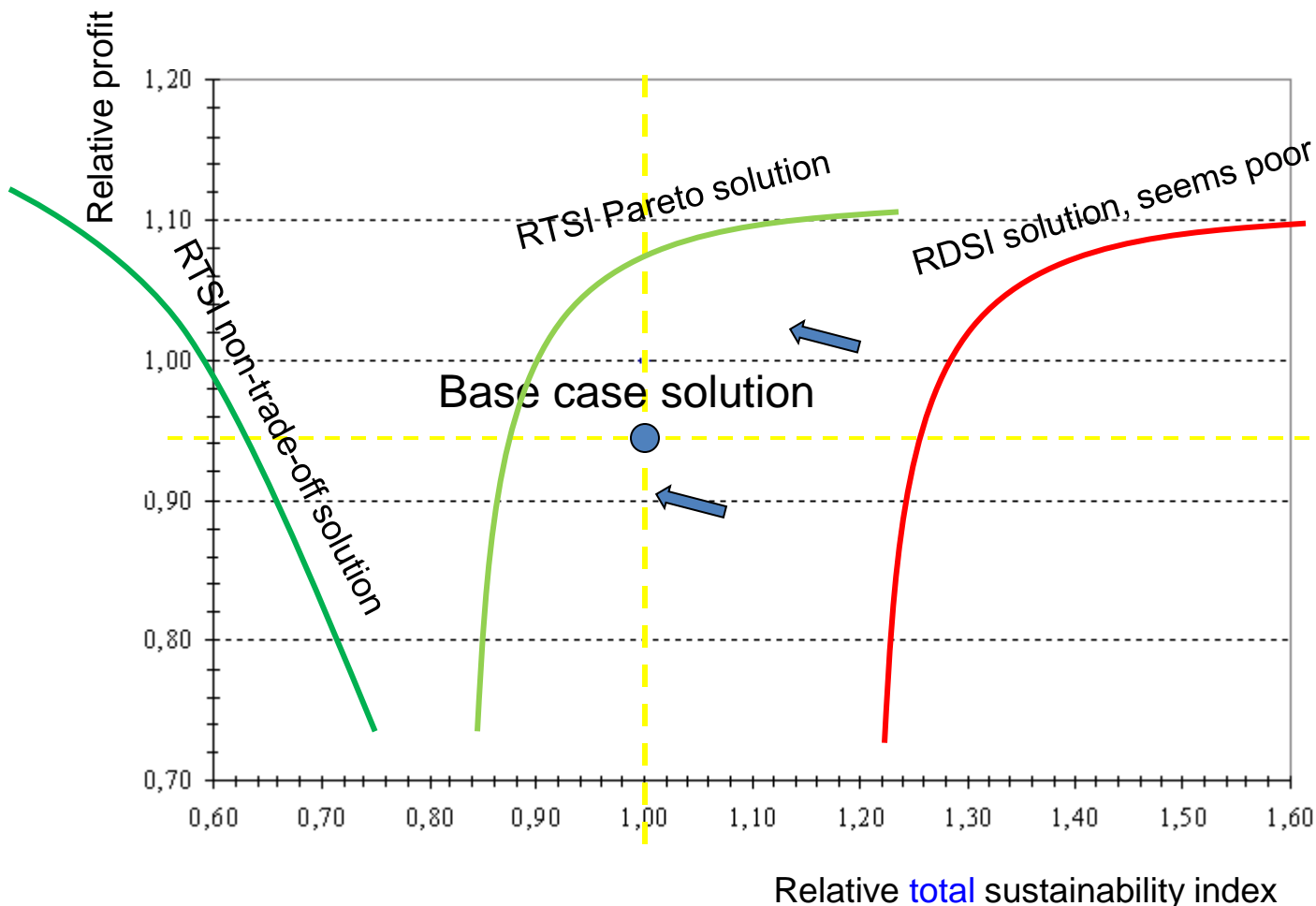


Fig. 32: RTSI Pareto or even non-trade-off solutions



### Main Motivation:

European Union targets are by 2020 to achieve at least

- a 20 % share of energy from renewable sources
- a 20 % improvement in energy efficiency
- reduction in greenhouse gas emissions
- **a 10 % share of energy from renewable sources in transport**

**Main goal to reach or exceed 10 % of the need for gasoline in one European Country**

Simultaneous integration of different technologies for converting starchy and lignocellulosic raw materials to bioethanol





Variable raw materials input from the area of 50 000 ha and  
Variable total production of ethanol

Optimization variables

Footprint-based MINLP synthesis with:

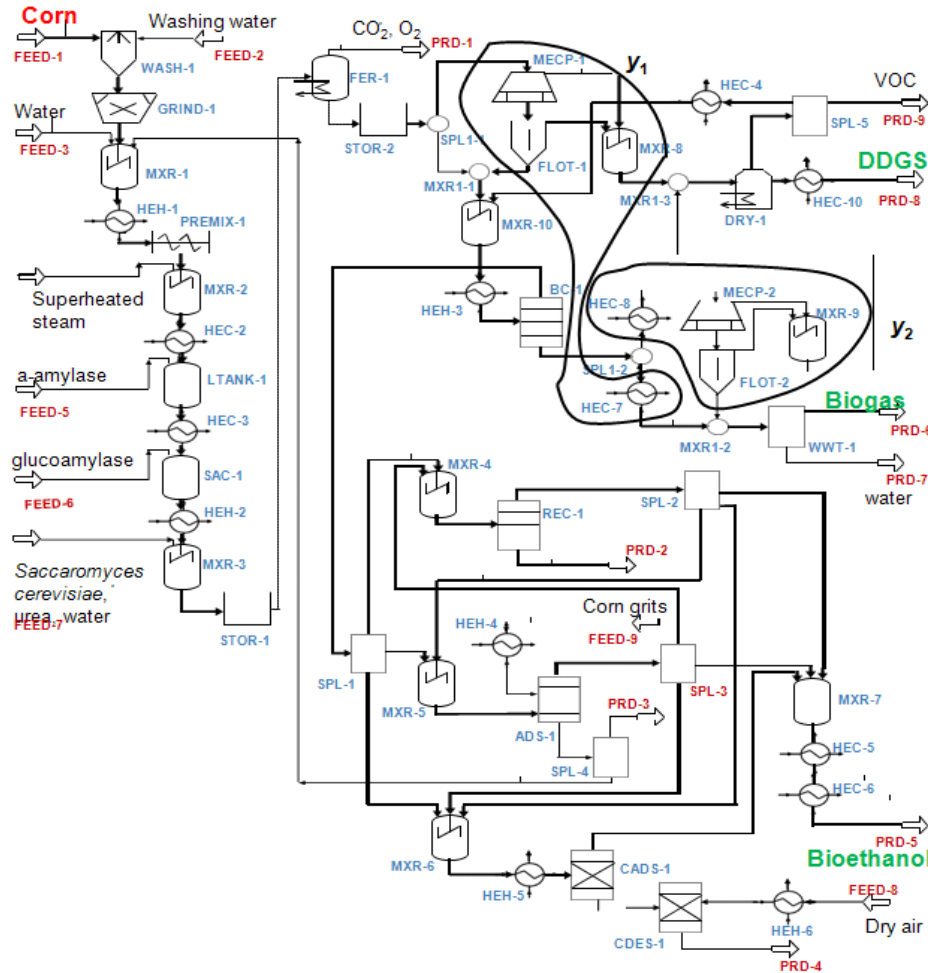
- **MINLP-1:** Corn based ethanol production 2 kg/s (10 % share of bioenergy)
- **MINLP-2:** Energy and different food production ( $\leq 50\,000$  ha )

# Bioethanol Process Synthesis Economic-based MINLP Step I



Karrupiah et al., 2008

Kravanja and Čuček, 2010



**Solution:**  
**P=22.786 M\$/yr**

Fig. 33: Corn-based process superstructure (1st generation)

# Bioethanol Process Network

## Multiobjective Sustainable MINLP Step II

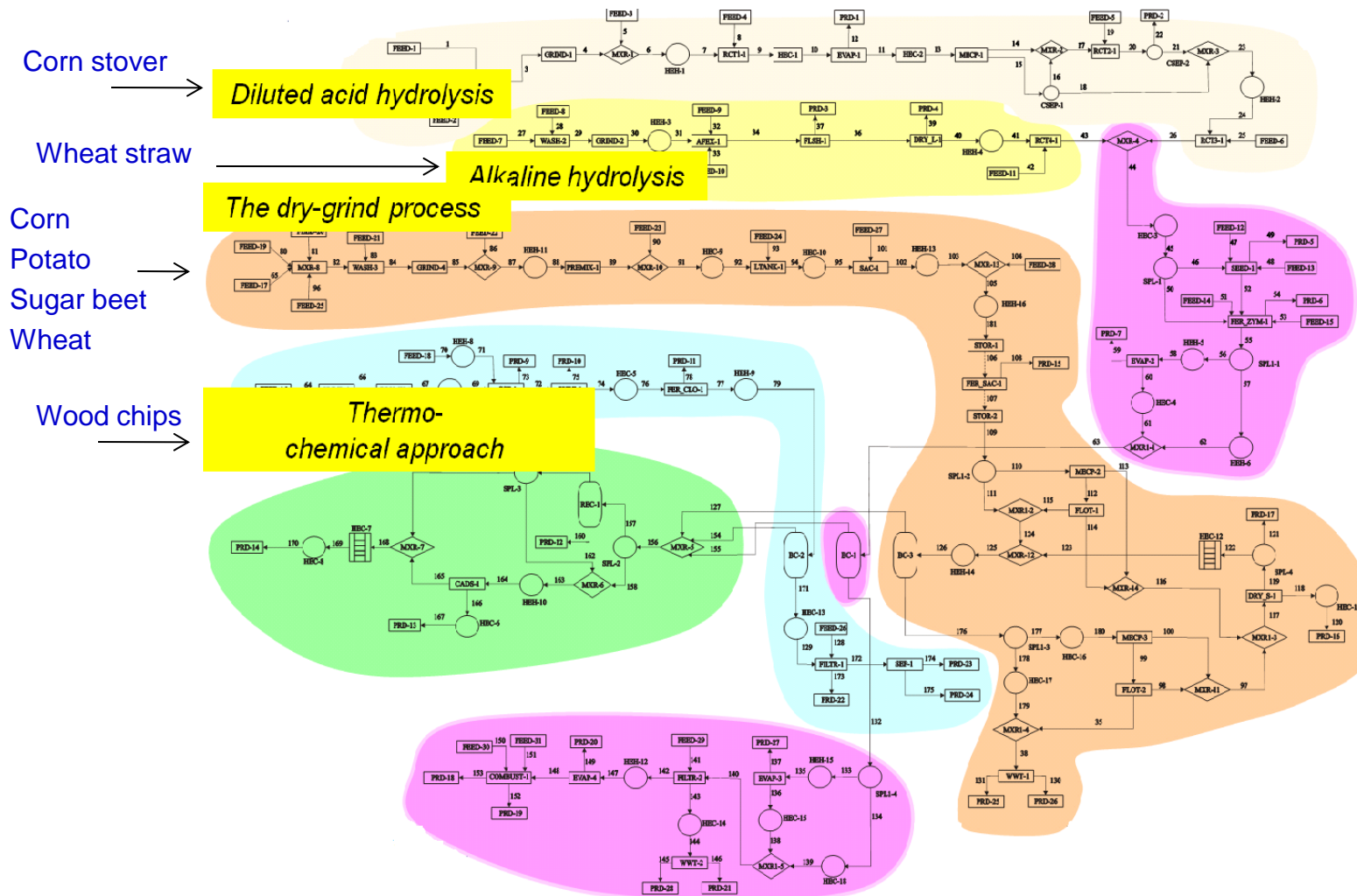


Fig. 34: Superstructure, enlarged by sustainable alternatives (2<sup>nd</sup> generation)



Economic indicator:

$$RP = \frac{P}{P^0}, \text{ where } P^0 = 22.786 \text{ M\$ / yr}$$

Relative direct sustainability index (RDSI):

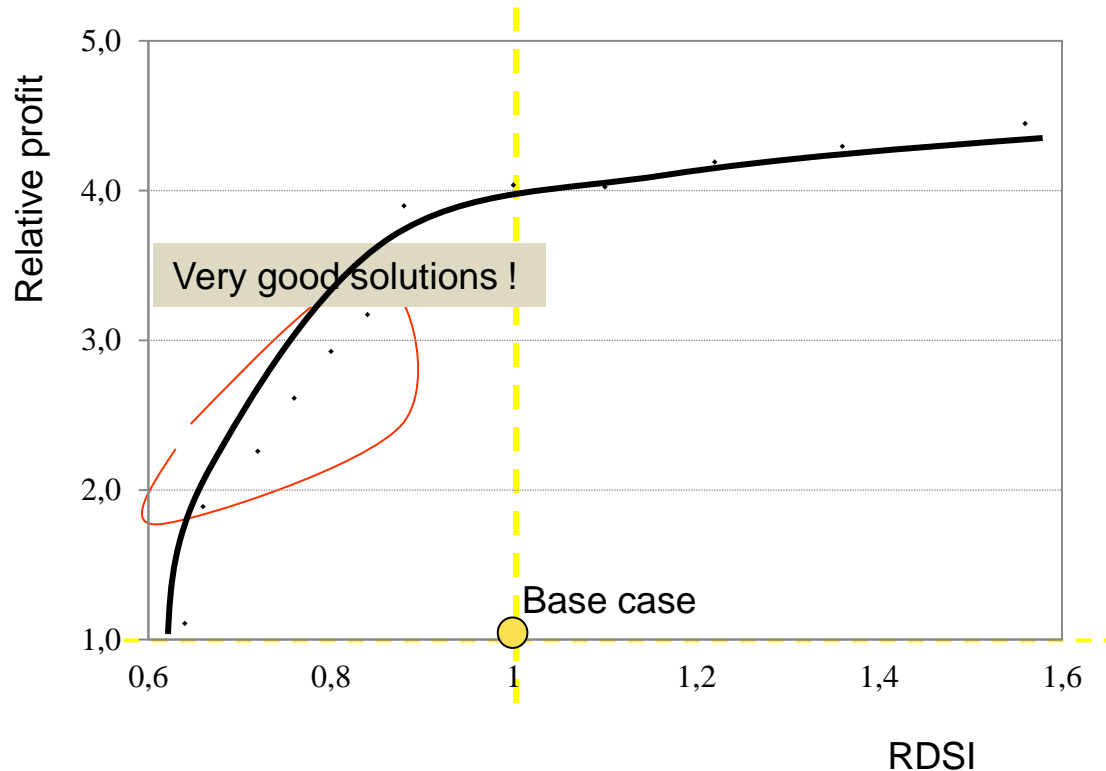
**Intention** is to obtain solutions with smaller CO2 equivalent emissions and to produce ethanol from raw materials, not part of the food chain. Weights:

- $\frac{1}{3}$  CO2 emissions to the air
- $\frac{1}{3}$  social indicator (food to energy)
- $\frac{1}{3}$  all other indicators

$$\text{RDSI} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{q_{m,ea}}{q_{m,ea}^0} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{q_{m,fe}}{q_{m,fe}^0} +$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{9} \cdot \left( \frac{q_{m,su}}{q_{m,su}^0} + \frac{q_{m,fu}}{q_{m,fu}^0} + \frac{q_{m,pu}}{q_{m,pu}^0} + \frac{q_{m,wu}}{q_{m,wu}^0} + \frac{(A/q_m)_{land}}{(A/q_m)_{land}^0} + \frac{q_{m,fc}}{q_{m,fc}^0} + \frac{q_{m,eu}}{q_{m,eu}^0} + \frac{q_{m,es}}{q_{m,es}^0} + \frac{q_{m,ew}}{q_{m,ew}^0} \right)$$

Scalar parametric optimization:



Variable raw materials  
input from the area  
of 50 000 ha

Variable total production  
of ethanol

Fig. 35: "Pareto curve" for Bioethanol problem obtained by RDSI

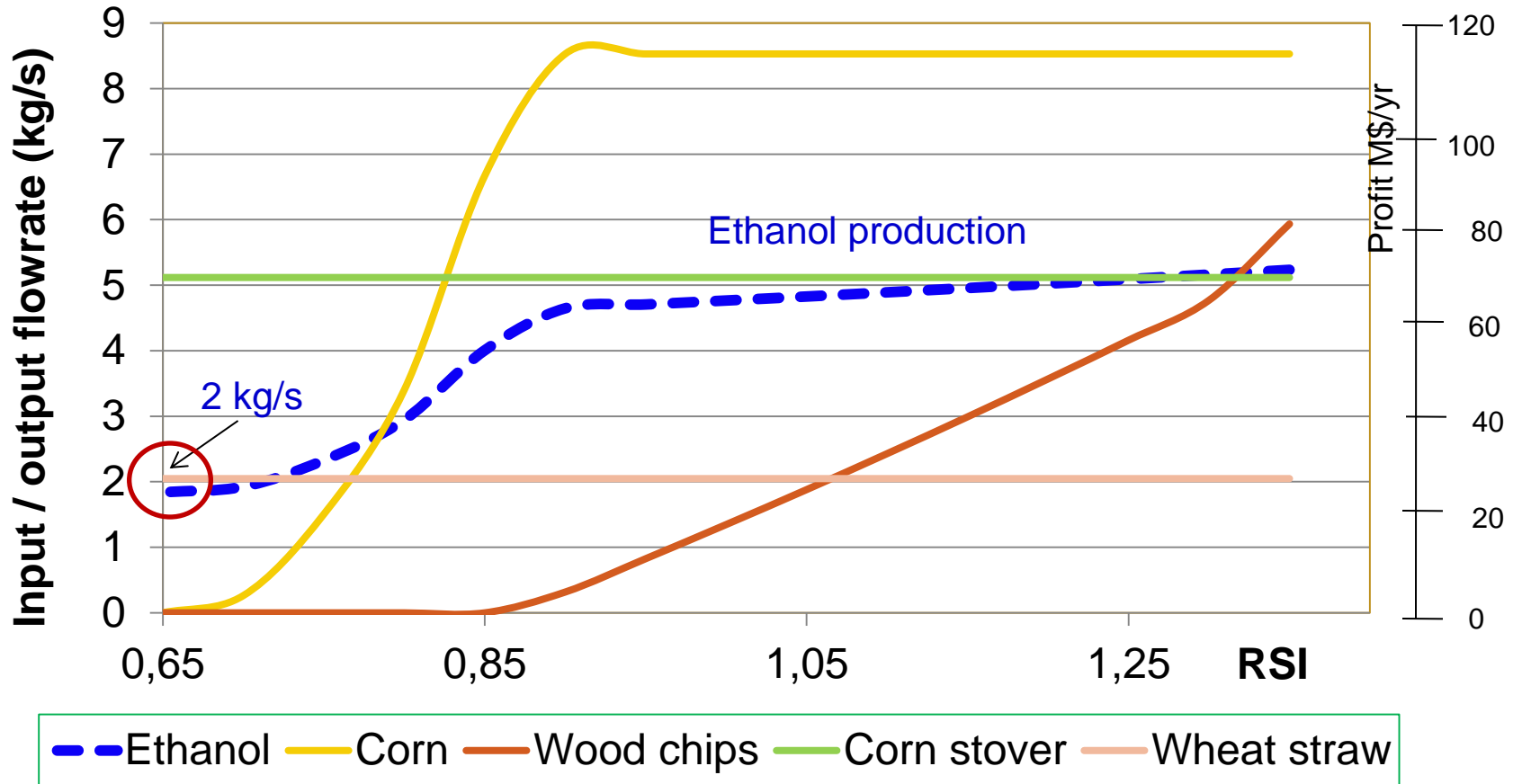


Fig. 36: Raw material and bioethanol production by RSI



## Relative total sustainability index (RTSI)

**Direct** and **Indirect** CO2 equivalent emissions

Indirect effects due to products' substitution (gasoline by bioethanol)

The same weights as before:

- $\frac{1}{3}$  CO2 emissions to the air
- $\frac{1}{3}$  social indicator (food to energy)
- $\frac{1}{3}$  all other indicators

$$\text{RTSI} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left( \frac{q_{m,ea}}{q_{m,ea}^0} - \frac{q_{m,ea}^{\text{Ethanol}}}{q_{m,ea}^{\text{Ethanol},0}} \cdot f_{\text{Gasoline/Ethanol}}^{\text{Sub}} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{q_{m,fe}}{q_{m,fe}^0} +$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{9} \cdot \left( \frac{q_{m,su}}{q_{m,su}^0} + \frac{q_{m,fu}}{q_{m,fu}^0} + \frac{q_{m,pu}}{q_{m,pu}^0} + \frac{q_{m,wu}}{q_{m,wu}^0} + \frac{(A/q_m)_{\text{land}}}{(A/q_m^0)_{\text{land}}} + \frac{q_{m,fc}}{q_{m,fc}^0} + \frac{q_{m,eu}}{q_{m,eu}^0} + \frac{q_{m,es}}{q_{m,es}^0} + \frac{q_{m,ew}}{q_{m,ew}^0} \right)$$

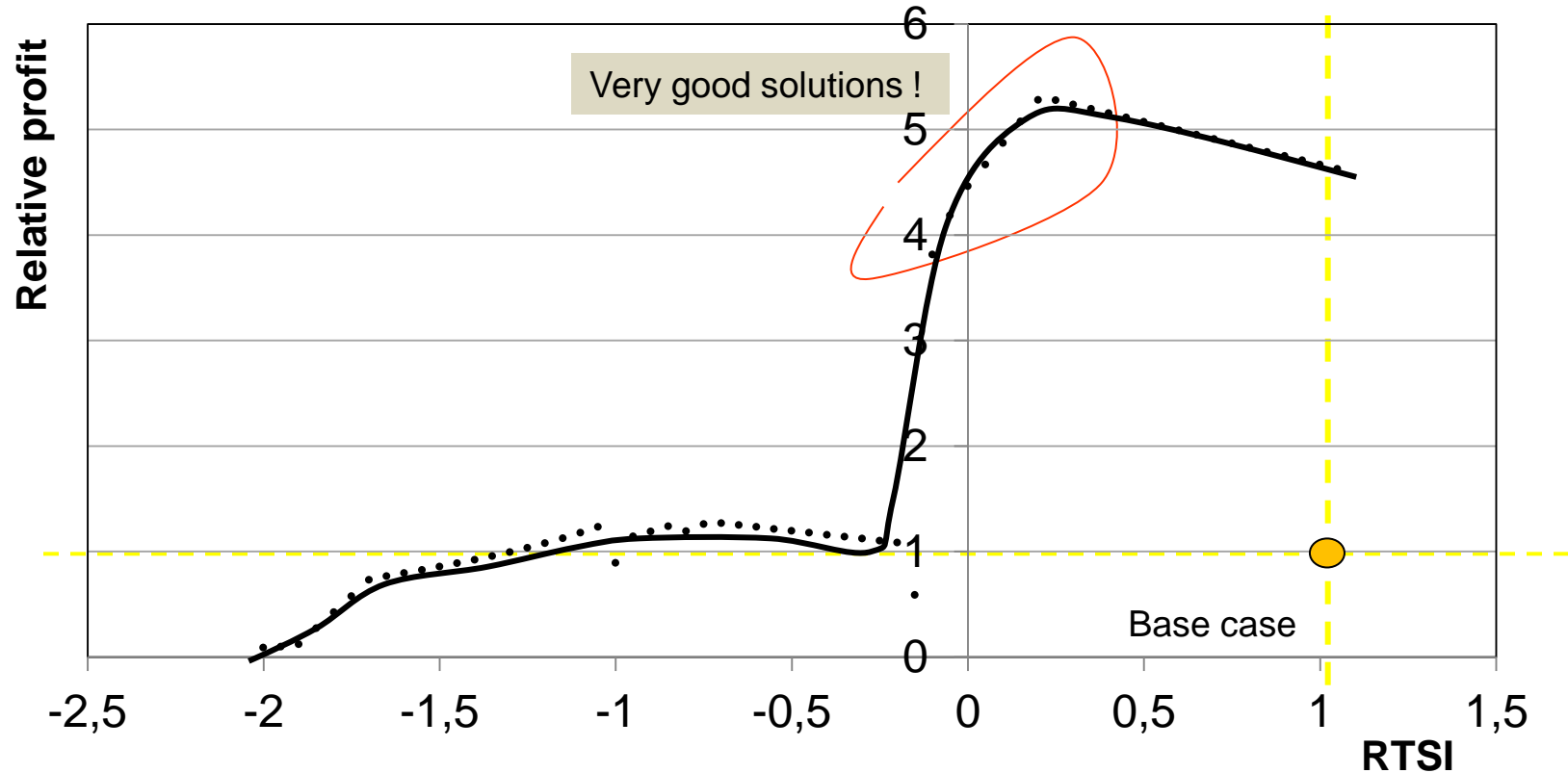


Fig. 37: "Pareto curve" for Bioethanol problem obtained by RTSI



# 5.2.3 Case Study: SI-based MINLP Synthesis of Biogas Process

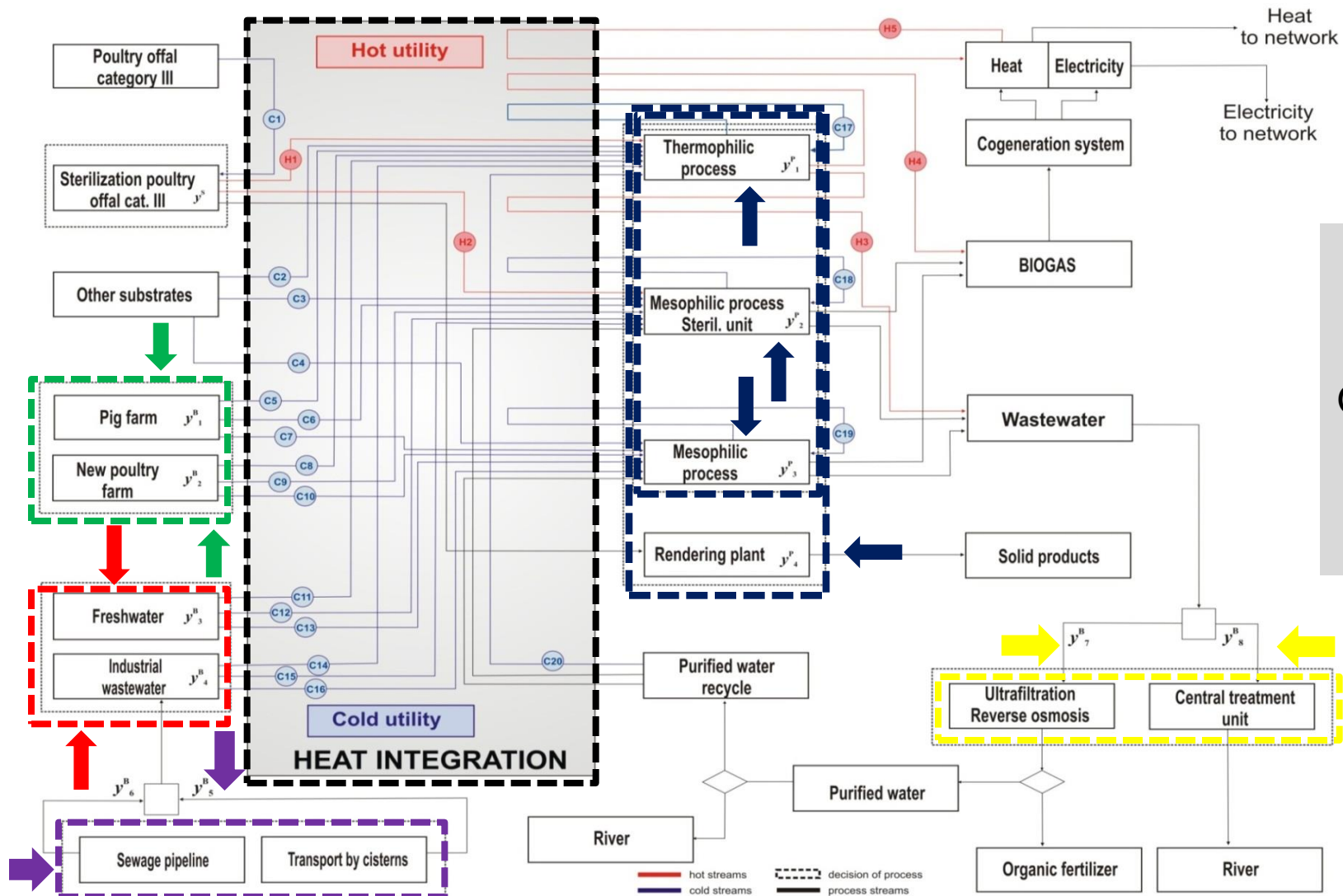


Fig. 39: Biogas from Organic and Animal Waste

study

Economic indicator: *Annual profit*

RSI index:

**Intention** to obtain solutions with smaller CO2 equivalent emissions

Weights:

- $\frac{1}{2}$  CO2 emissions to the air
- $\frac{1}{2}$  all other indicators

$$RSI = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{CF}{CF^0} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left( \frac{ALF}{ALF^0} + \frac{WS}{WS^0} + \frac{NF}{NF^0} \right)$$

$r \in R = \{\text{carbon footprint (CF), agricultural land footprint (ALF), water consumption (WS), nitrogen footprint (NF)}\}$

$CF^0, ALF^0, WS^0, NF^0$  taken from MINLP-I solution

LCA software package GaBi® (PE, LBP, 2011)

Ecoinvent database (Frischknecht et al., 2007).

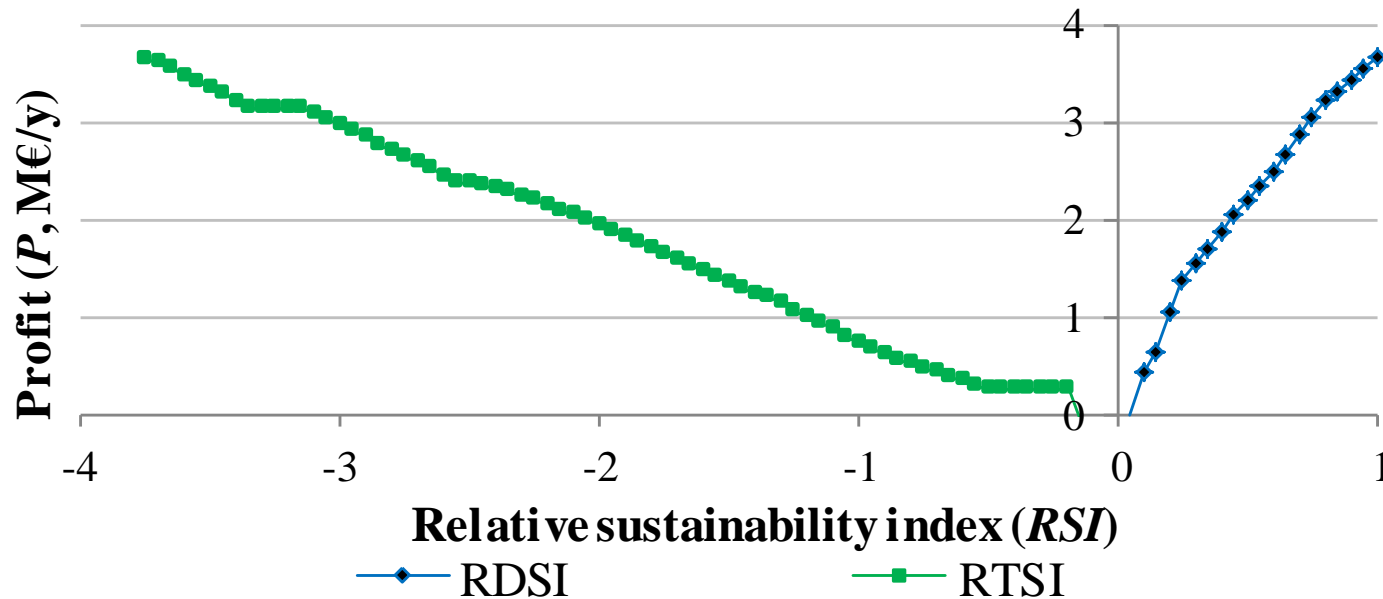


Fig. 40: A Pareto curve for RDSI and a set of non-trade-off solutions for RTSI

## ADVANTAGES

- SI-based optimization suitable for:
  - Any number of footprints
  - Medium- and larger-sized problems

## DRAWBACKS

- Subjective definition of weights

### Drawbacks of RDSI:

- Wrong solutions - unsustainable

### Drawbacks of RTSI:

- Cannot predict true trade-off solutions

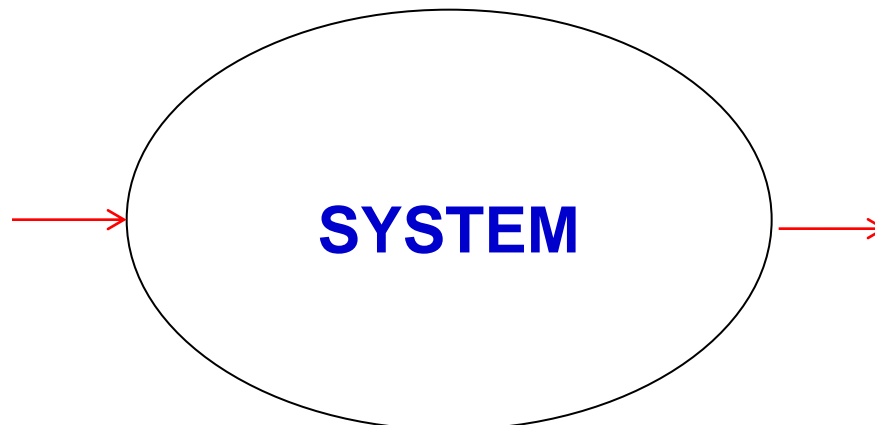
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# 5.3.1 Direct Effects in Composite-Criterion: Net Profit



**R** – raw materials, which **directly** burden the environment due to:

- Extraction of resources,
- Recycling and
- Transportation



**P** – set of products, which **directly** burden the environment due to:

- Processing,
- Transportation,
- Use and
- Disposal

Eco-cost (€/yr) :

$$EC = \sum_{i \in R} q_{m_i}^R \cdot c_i^{d,R} + \sum_{k \in P} q_{m_k}^P \cdot c_k^{d,P}$$

**Net profit (€/yr) = Economic profit - Eco-cost**

$$NP = (R - E - D) - EC$$

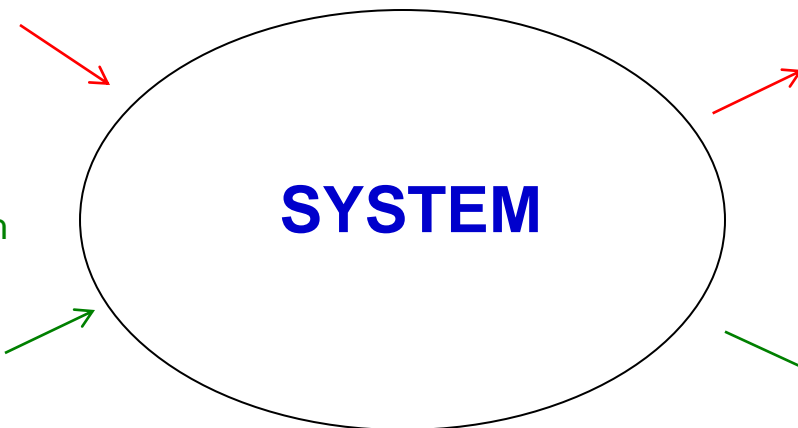
Eco-cost coefficients: Delft University of Technology, <[www.ecocostsvalue.com](http://www.ecocostsvalue.com)>

## 5.3.2 Total Effects in Composite-Criterion: Total Profit



$R_B$  – raw materials, which only burden the environment if they are processed (*direct effects*)

$R_{UNB}$  – raw materials, which mainly unburden or benefit the environment when they are used, e.g. utilization of waste (*direct +indirect effects*)



$P_B$  – set of products, which only burden the environment related to processing, disposal, and transportation (*direct effects*)

$P_{UNB}$  – set of products which also unburden or benefit the environment (*direct +indirect effects*)

**Eco-profit(€/yr) = Eco-benefit - Eco-cost**

$$\text{Eco-benefit (€/yr): } EB = \sum_{i \in R_{UNB}} q_{m_i}^{R_{UNB}} \cdot c_i^{R_{UNB},t} + \sum_{j \in P_{UNB}} q_{m_j}^{P_{UNB}} \cdot f_j^{S/P_{UNB}} \cdot c_j^{S,t}$$

$$\text{Eco-cost (€/yr): } EC = \sum_{i \in R_B} q_{m_i}^{R_B} \cdot c_i^{d,R_B} + \sum_{j \in P_B} q_{m_j}^{P_B} \cdot c_j^{d,P_B} + \sum_{k \in R_{UNB}} q_{m_k}^{R_{UNB}} \cdot c_k^{d,R_{UNB}} + \sum_{l \in P_{UNB}} q_{m_l}^{P_{UNB}} \cdot c_l^{d,P_{UNB}}$$

**Total profit (€/yr) = Economic profit + Eco-profit**

$$TP = (R - E - D) + (EB - EC) \quad \text{Čuček, Drobež, Pahor, Kravanja, 2012}$$

Čuček, R. Drobež, B. Pahor, Z. Kravanja, CCE, 2012

$$\begin{aligned} \max TP &= P(y, x) + EcoP(y, x) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \left. \begin{aligned} h_l(x, y_{ls}) &= 0 \\ g_l(x, y_{ls}) &\leq 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \forall l \in L, s \in S \\ & x \in X = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}^n; x^{LO} \leq x \leq x^{UP}\} \quad (\text{TP-MINLP}) \\ & y_l = Y_l, \forall l \in L; Y_1 \cup Y_2 \dots \cup Y_L = Y = \{0, 1\}^m \end{aligned}$$

Multi-objective problem converted into  
single-objective



# 5.3.3 Biogas Process Case Study

## Reconsidered: Total Profit-based MINLP

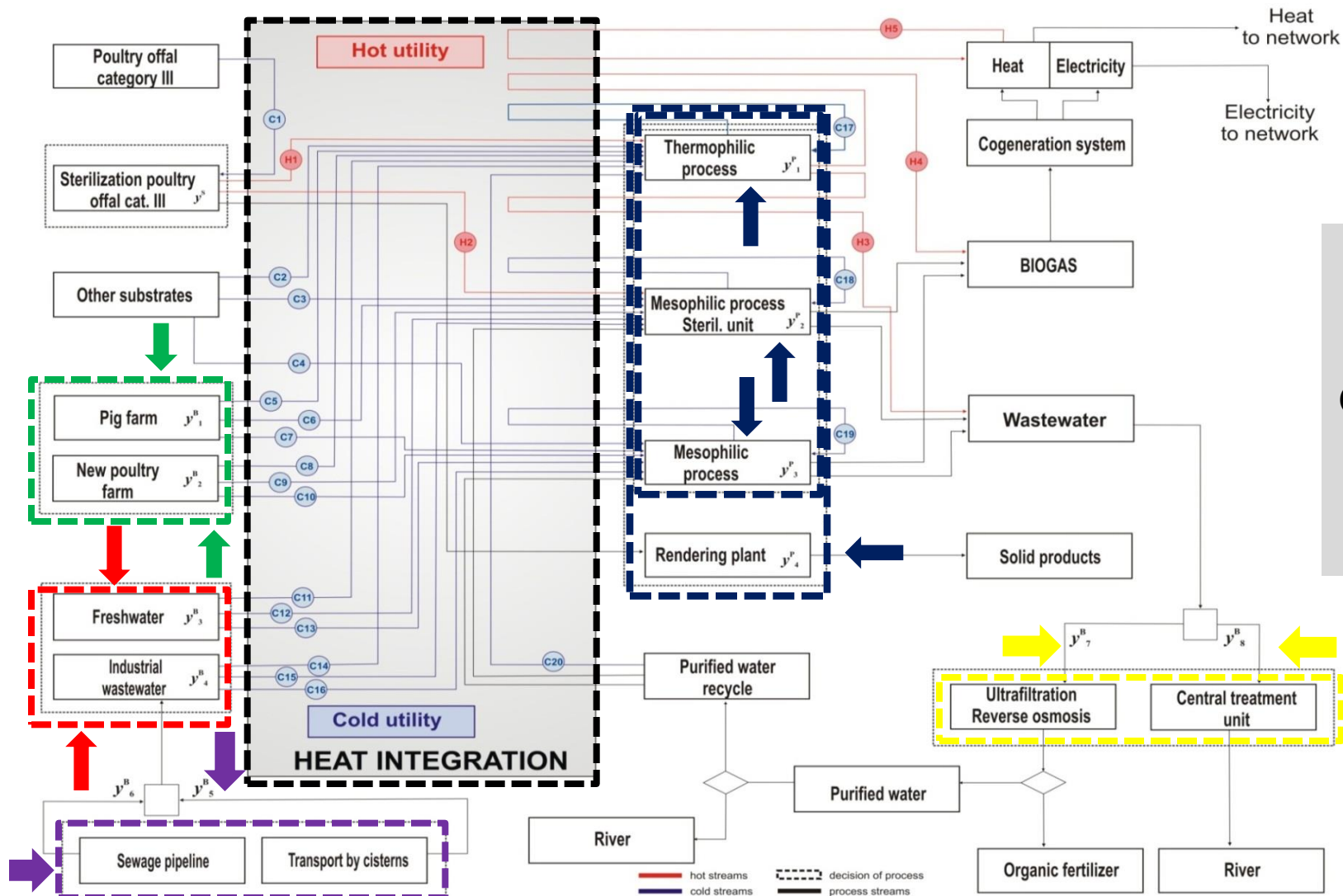


Fig. 41: Biogas from Organic and Animal Waste

study

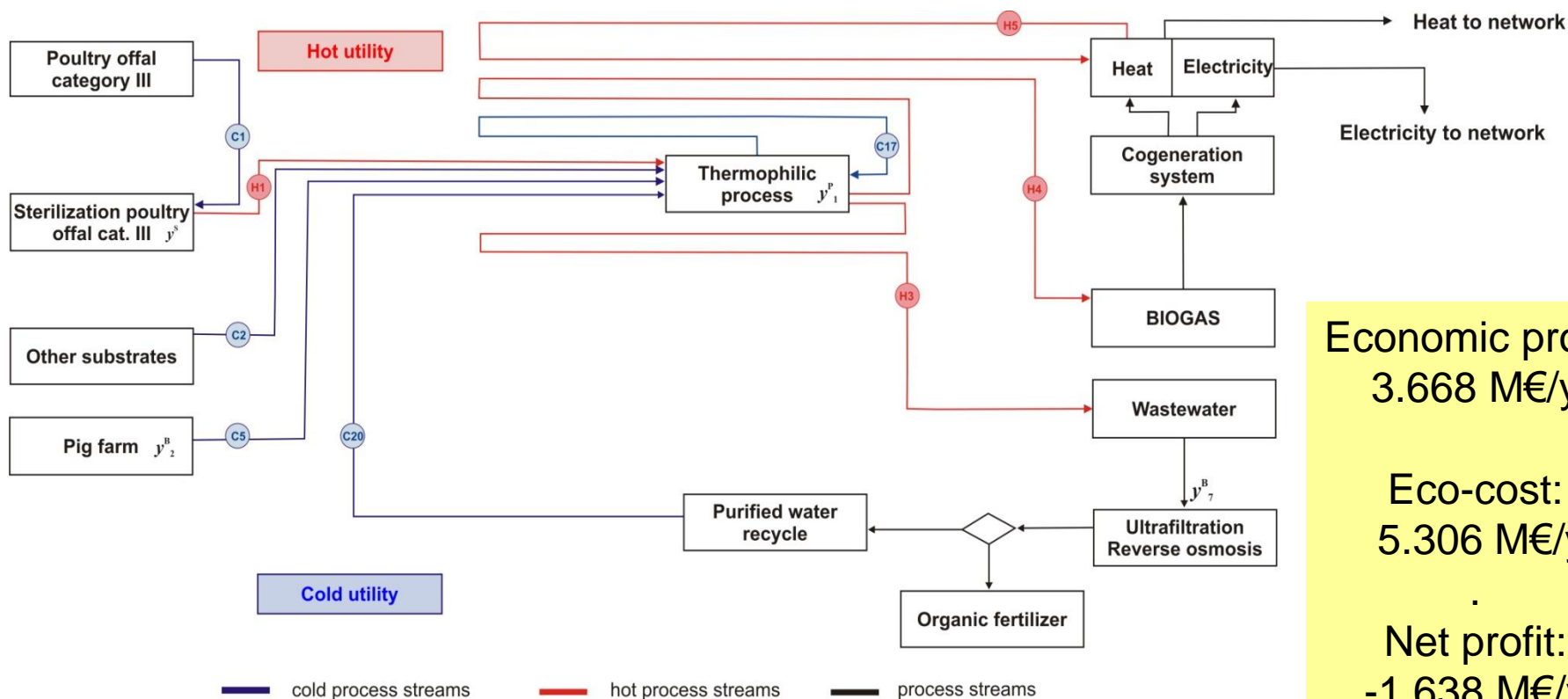
Table 2: Different optimization schemes with Eco-cost for Biogas problem

	Maximized Economic profit ( <i>P</i> )	Maximized Net profit ( <i>NP</i> )
Economic profit (M€/y)	3.308	0
Eco-cost (M€/y)	5.301	0
Net profit (M€/y)	-1.992	0
Income (M€/y)	7.546	0
Depreciation (M€/y)	2.943	0
Investment (M€)	20.727	0
Operating costs (M€/y)	4.238	0
Biogas production (m <sup>3</sup> /d)	43,281	0
The amount of used wastes (t/y)	122,861	0

Čuček, Drobež, Pahor, Kravanja, CCE, 2012

Kravanja, Čuček, APEN, 2013

## Maximization of the **economic profit**



Economic profit:  
3.668 M€/y

Eco-cost:  
5.306 M€/y

Net profit:  
-1.638 M€/y

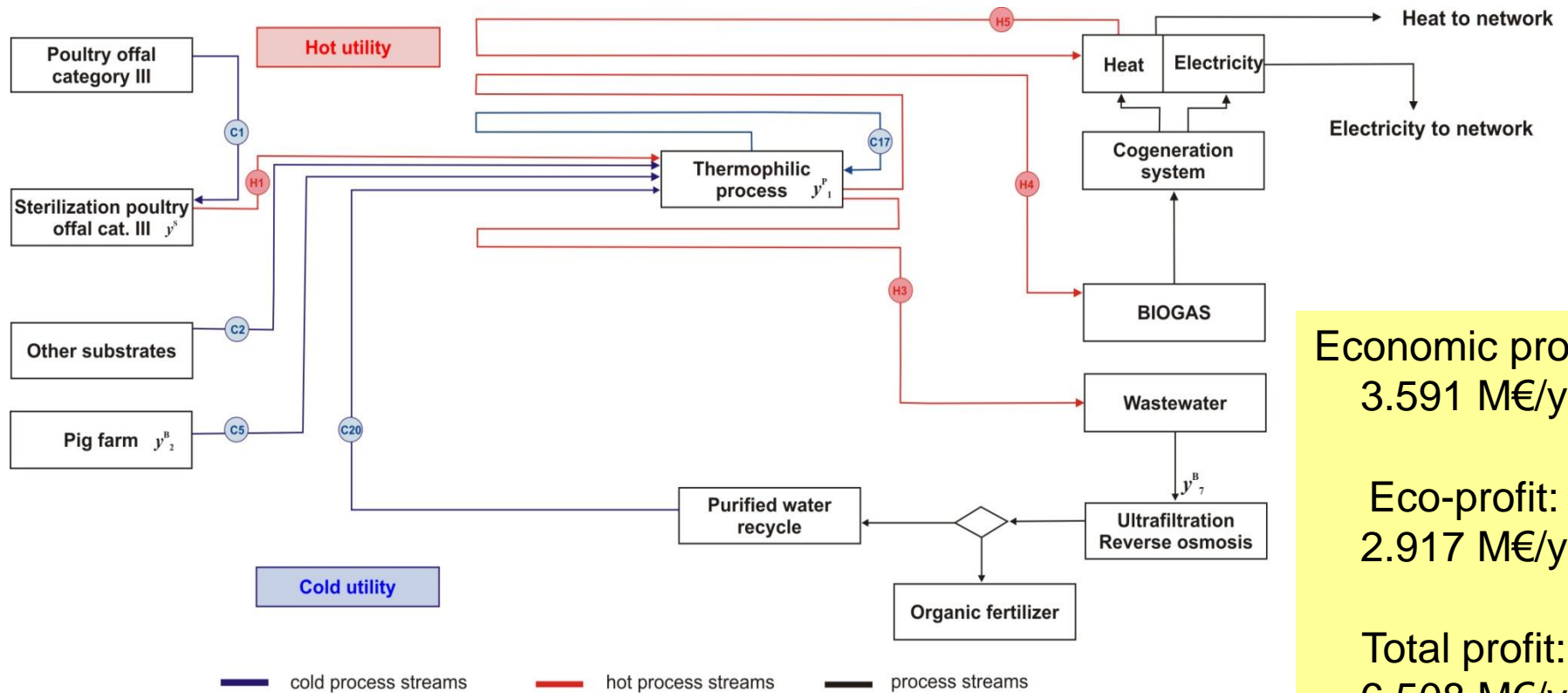
Fig. 42: Optimal Biogas production flowsheet



Table 3: Different optimization schemes with Economic and Total profit optimization

	Maximized Economic profit ( <i>P</i> )	Maximized Total profit ( <i>TP</i> )	Difference <i>TP-P</i>
Economic profit (M€/y)	3.668	<b>3.591</b>	-0.077
Eco-profit (M€/y)	<b>2.661</b>	<b>2.917</b>	+0.256
<b>Total profit (M€/y)</b>	<b>6.329</b>	<b>6.508</b>	<b>+0.179</b>
Income (M€/y)	7.354	<b>7.249</b>	
Depreciation (M€/y)	2.943	<b>2.925</b>	
Investment (M€)	20.727	<b>20.600</b>	
Operating costs (M€/y)	3.686	<b>3.658</b>	
Biogas production (m <sup>3</sup> /d)	43,281	<b>42,623</b>	
The amount of used wastes (t/y)	122,861	<b>121,180</b>	

## Maximization of the **total profit**



Economic profit:  
3.591 M€/y

Eco-profit:  
2.917 M€/y

Total profit:  
6.508 M€/y

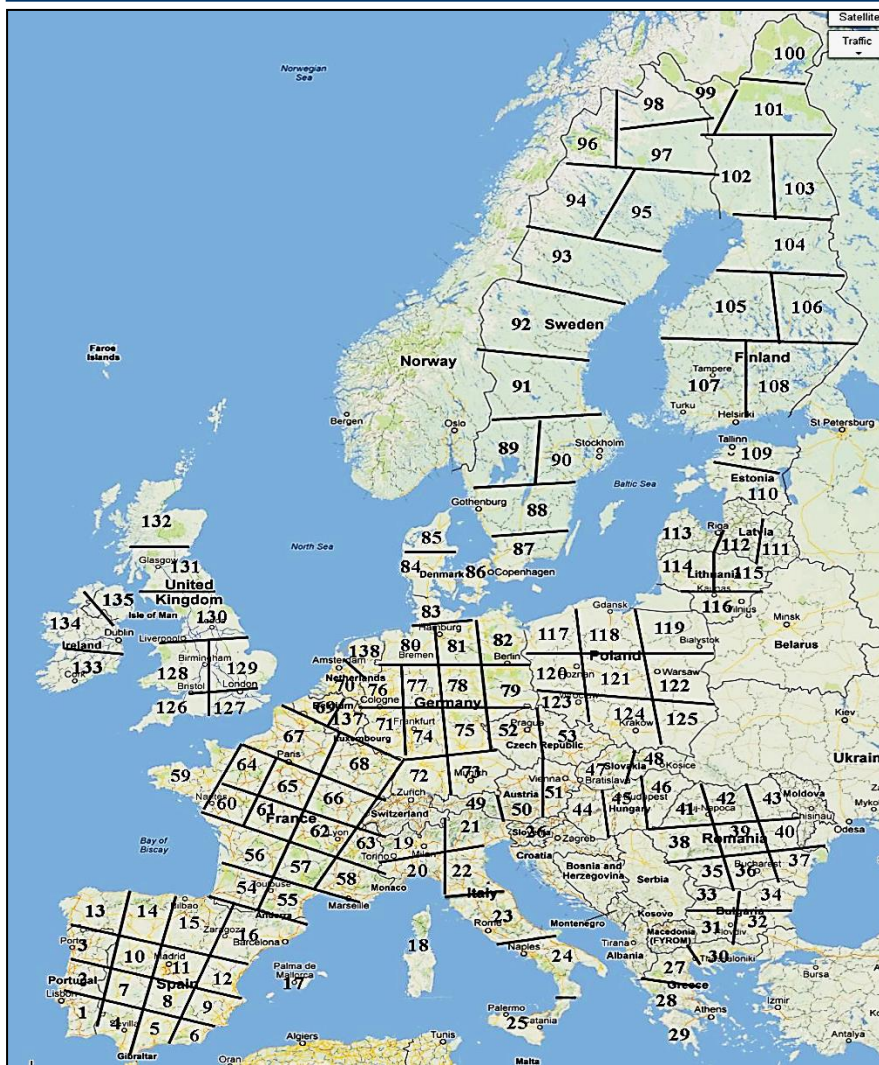
Fig. 43: Optimal Biogas production flowsheet

## ADVANTAGES

- **Direct solution procedure** with composite objective
  - Very large-sized problems can be solved



# 5.3.4 Continental Example – EU Supply Network for the Production of Biofuels



Čuček, Martin, Grossmann, Kravanja, ICOSSE 2013, ESCAPE 24, 2014

Area for food and biofuels:  $\leq 10\%$  area,  
 Demand:  $\geq 100\%$  food,  $\geq 10\%$  biofuels  
 Raw materials: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation  
 Technologies:

- Biochemical conversion
- Gasification and syngas fermentation and catalytic synthesis
- FT diesel and green gasoline
- Biodiesel from oils with methanol...

Products: Ethanol, Biodiesel, Hydrogen, Green gasoline, FT-diesel...

GAMS 23.6, GUROBI 4.0  
 Server with 244 GB of RAM

1,150,000 single equations  
 24,220,000 single variables  
 27,900 discrete variables

Fig. 45: Regional plan with 136 zones

# Redistribution of Gasoline production: Profit vs. CO<sub>2</sub>-based Total Profit



0.135 EUR/kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq, [www.ecocostvalue.com](http://www.ecocostvalue.com)

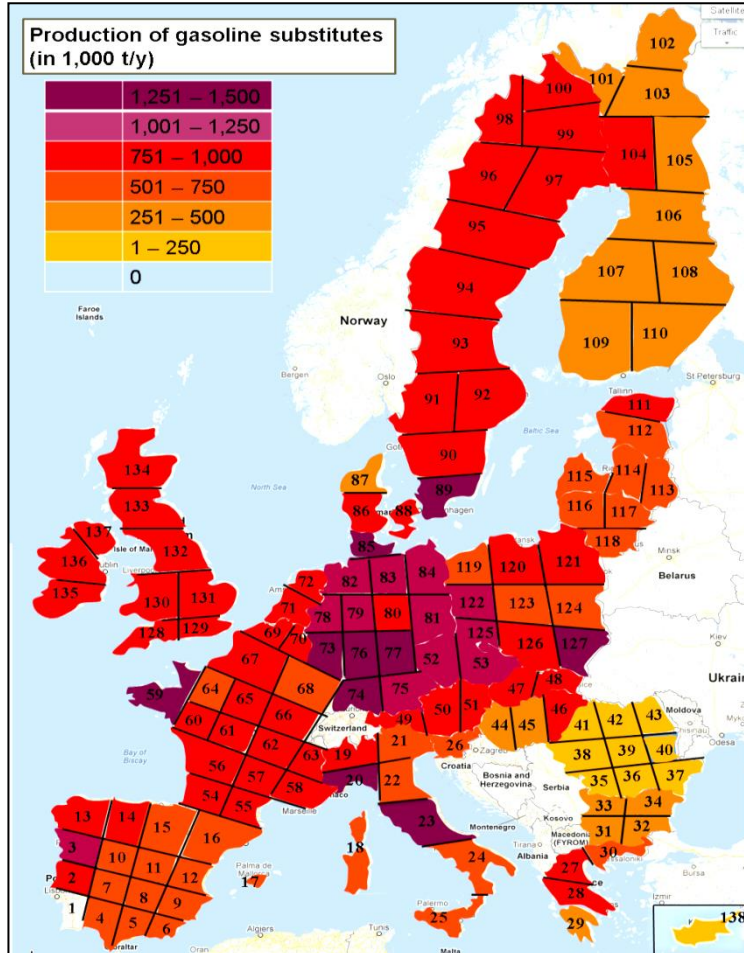


Fig. 46: Profit 134,457 M\$/y,  
67.8 % substitution

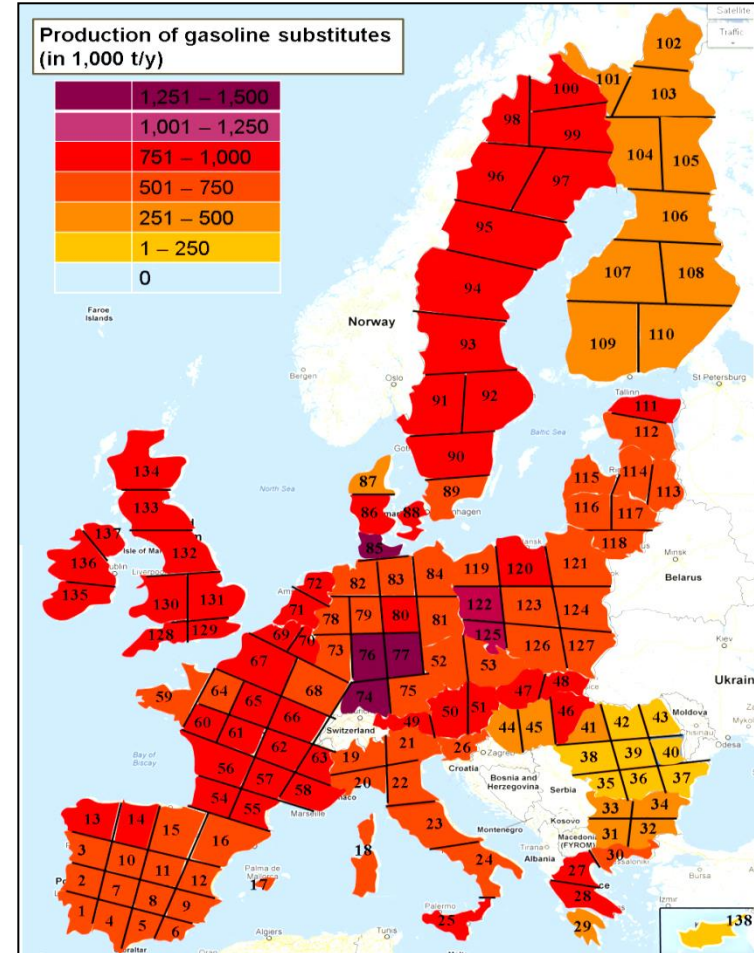


Fig. 47: Total Profit 155,655 M\$/y,  
63.9 % substitution



- The role of **holistic approach** was highlighted for sustainable systems synthesis.
- When considering only **direct (burdening)** effects on environment, **incomplete and even wrong solutions** can be obtained.
- **Indirect (unburdening) effects** caused by products' substitution should also be **considered** in MOO.
- **New perception:**
  - Better searching solutions by maximizing the difference between unburdening and burdening effects than just minimizing burdening effects.
  - **Unburdening alternatives** will thus have **higher priority** than those having just smaller burdening effects.

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