



Considering the Direct and Indirect Environmental Effects in a Multiobjective Synthesis of Bioenergy Systems

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Slovenia in Pictures

Area: 20,273 km²

Population: 2.0 million

Capital city: Ljubljana

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

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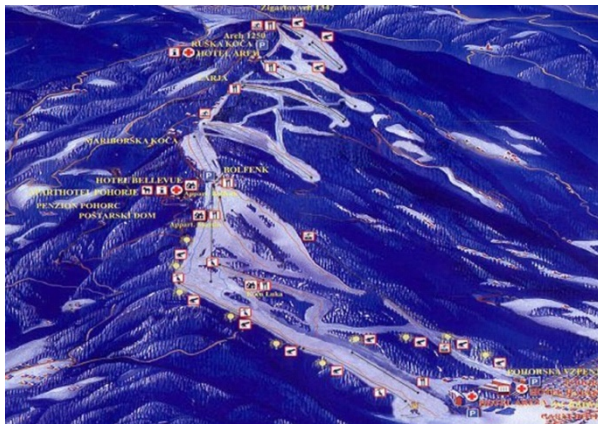
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OUTLINE



- Incentives and Different Views on Sustainability
- LCA-based Mathematical Programming Approach to the Sustainable Bioenergy System Synthesis:
 - New Concept Considering Direct and Indirect Effects on Environment
 - Upgraded Methods (Total LCA Index, Total Footprints, and Eco-profit)
 - Upgraded Tools (MINLP Synthesizer MIPSYN)
 - More Sustainable Applications
- Synthesis Applications for the Production of Bioenergy
- Conclusion



- How prevent the warming for 2°C in the next 2 decades?!
- General problems that have to be circumvented:
 - Population growth
 - Limited resources
 - Environmental and society destruction
- Renewables are becoming important as energy and raw materials for different supply-chains:
 - **Prices** of renewables have been rising substantially
 - **Competition:**
 - Food and energy sector when utilizing e.g. corn
 - Furniture industry and energy utilizing wood biomass
 - Using land for biomass, food, photovoltaic or wind energy, etc.



Environmentally conscious economical and social progress

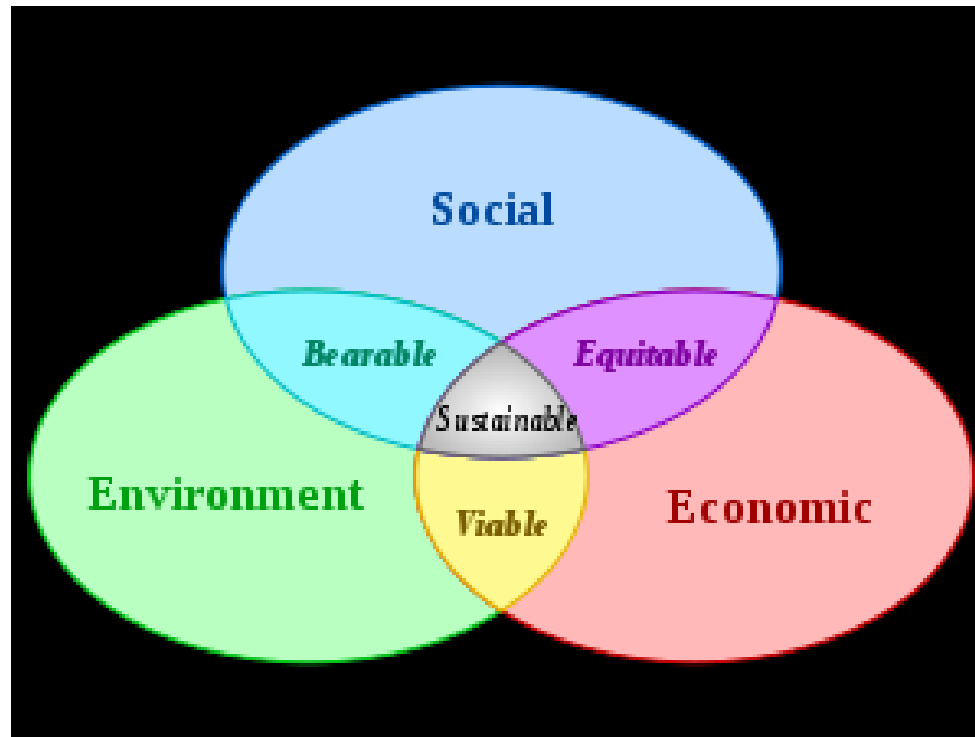


Figure 1: Overlapping three dimensions of sustainability



3x3x3 Matrix of Sustainability



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

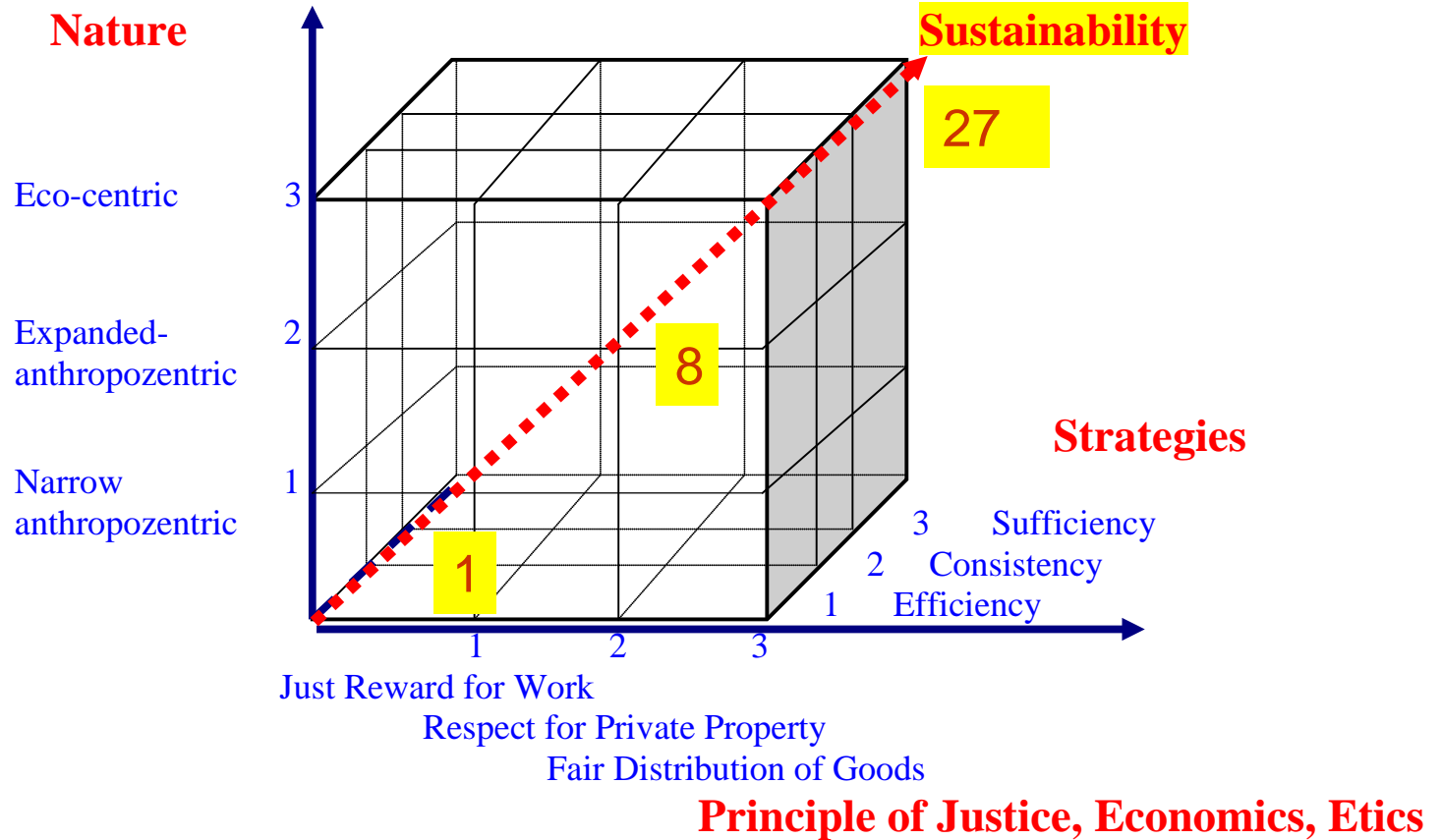


Figure 2: Diagonal as a measure of sustainability



Key Idea for Tomorrow



*Obtain efficient, consistent and sufficient solutions
that are **more profitable**
and yet **socially more acceptable** and
environmentally less harmful.*

How?

*The LCA-based systems approach with its
mathematical programming can in many respects
provide such an advanced solution framework for
the sustainable synthesis of complex
supply-chains and supply-networks.*

Sustainable Bioenergy System Synthesis I.



New Concept?

Upgraded Methods

Upgraded Tools

More Sustainable Applications



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

A. W. Westerberg, 1991

1. System boundaries expanded to the synthesis of whole supply-chains and their networks comprising of **sustainable alternatives**
2. Multiobjective LCA-based system synthesis considering **direct** and **indirect** environmental impacts
3. Automatic flowsheet **synthesizer**, e.g. MIPSYN

Gives rise to economical, environmentally conscious and socially integrated solutions

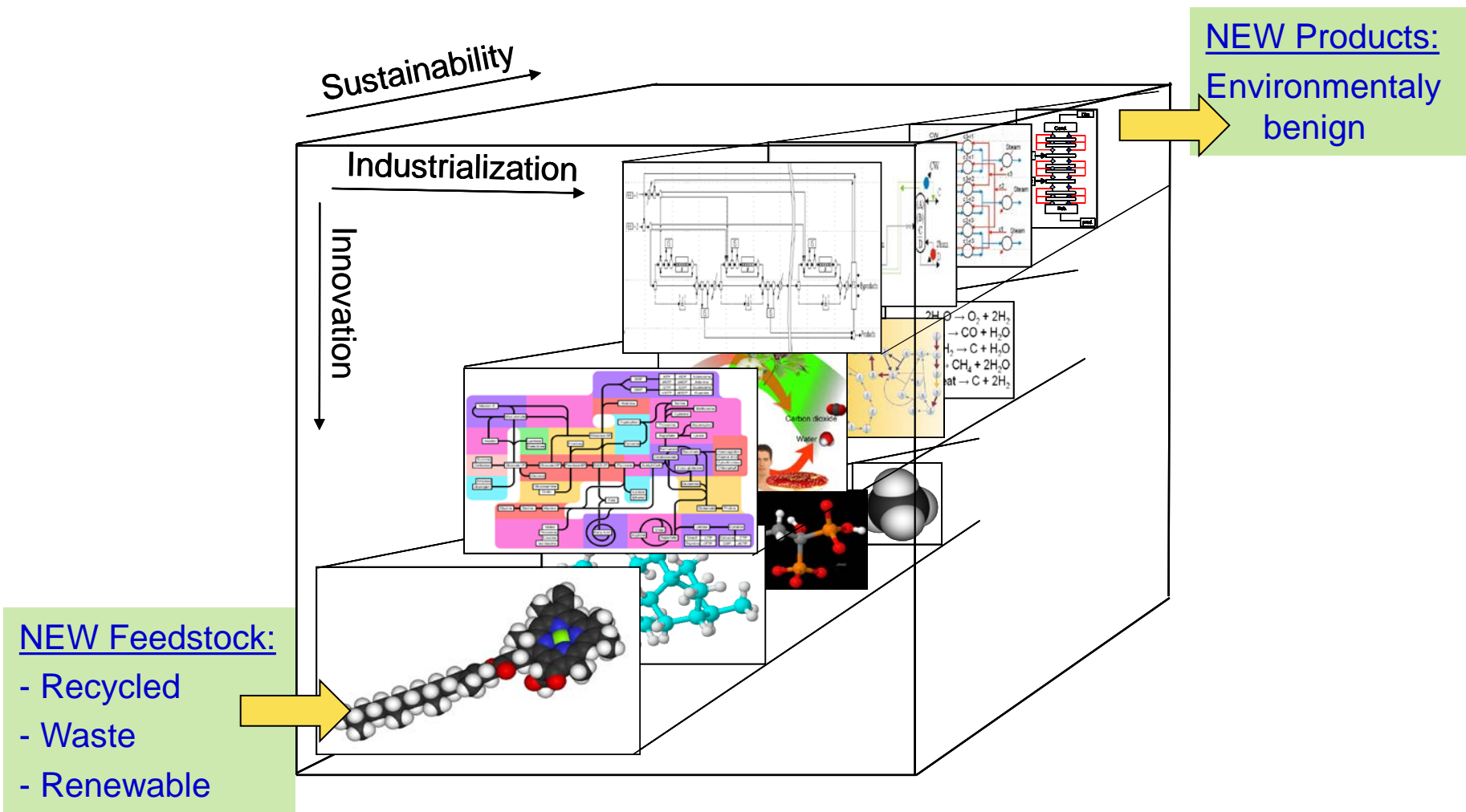


Fig. 3: Simplified (bio)-chemical supply chain.

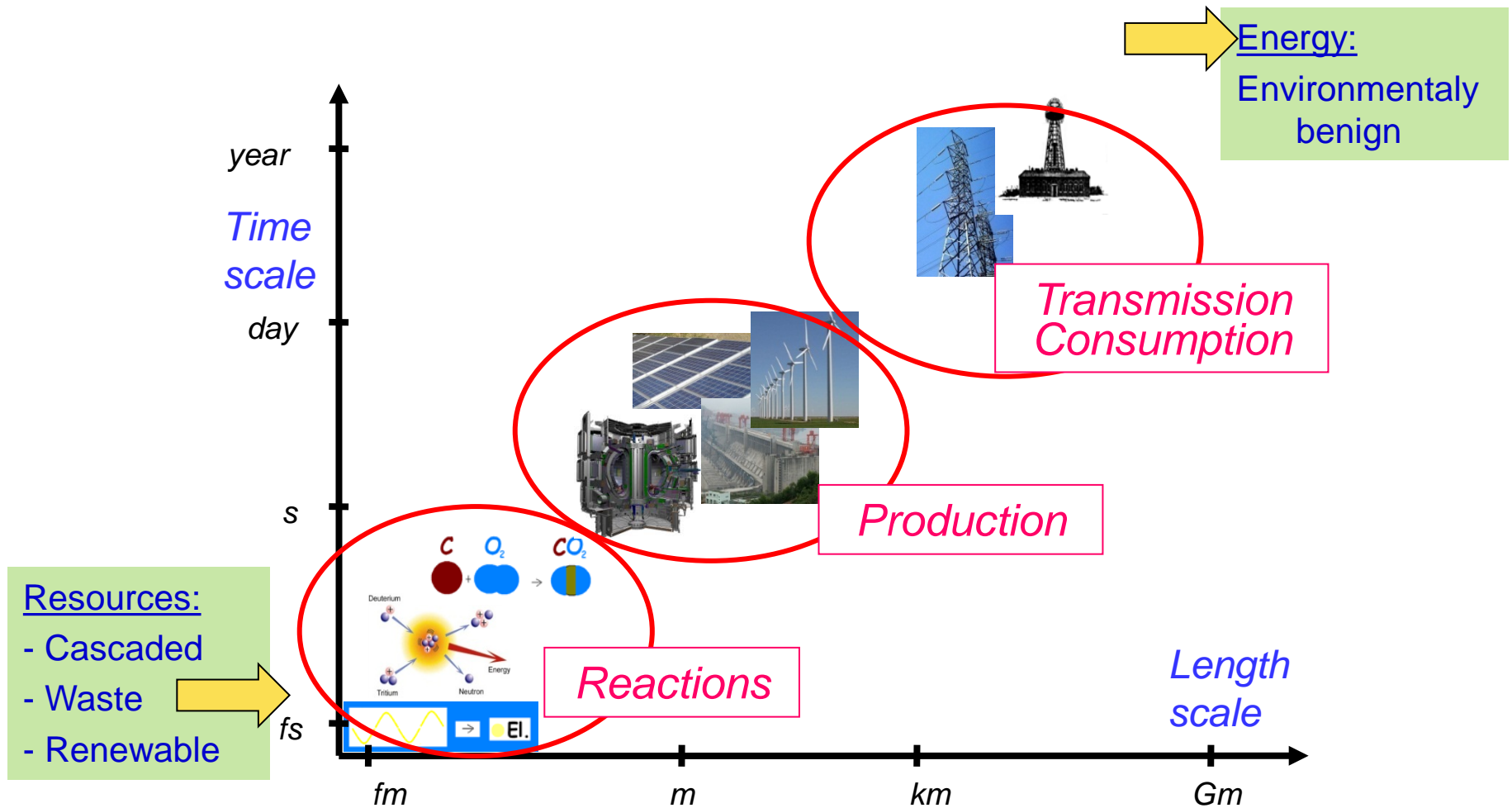
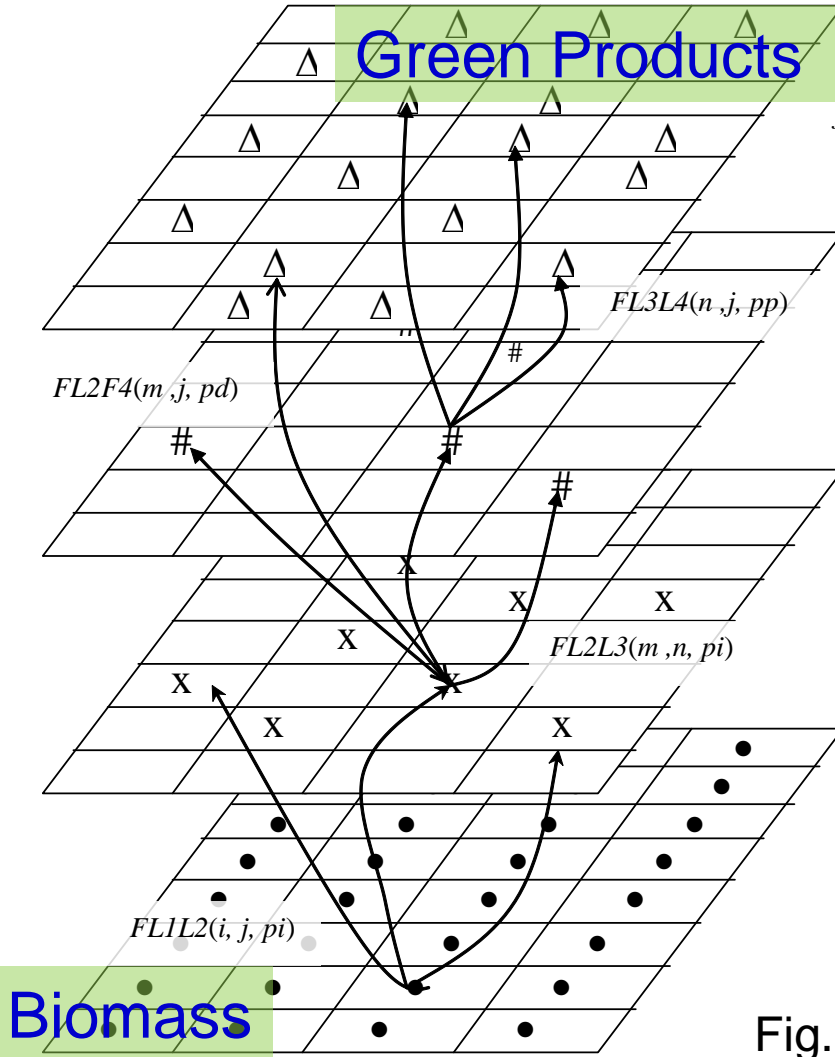


Fig. 4: Achieving global solutions through the integrated energy supply chain



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
 $i = \text{zones}$

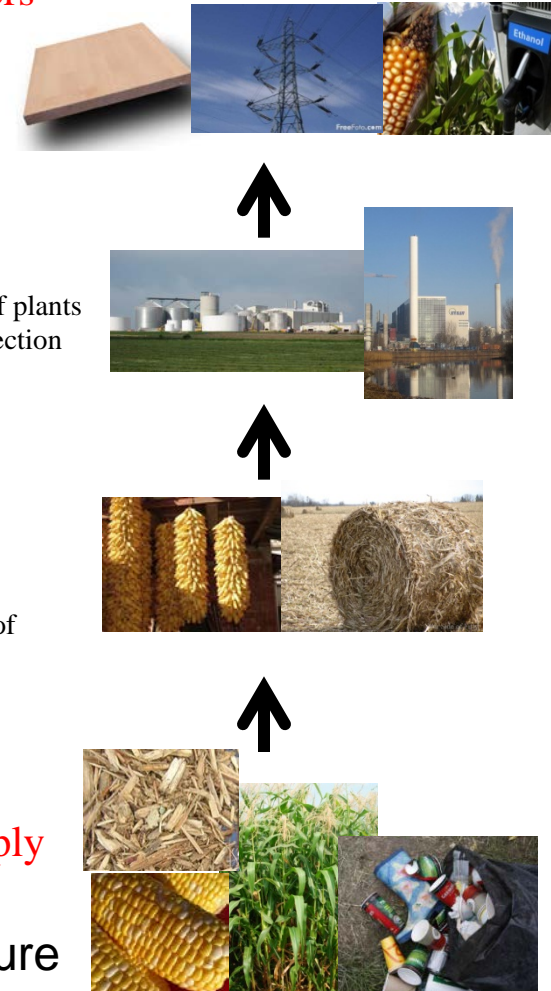


Fig. 5: SDRN superstructure



Direct and Indirect Effects

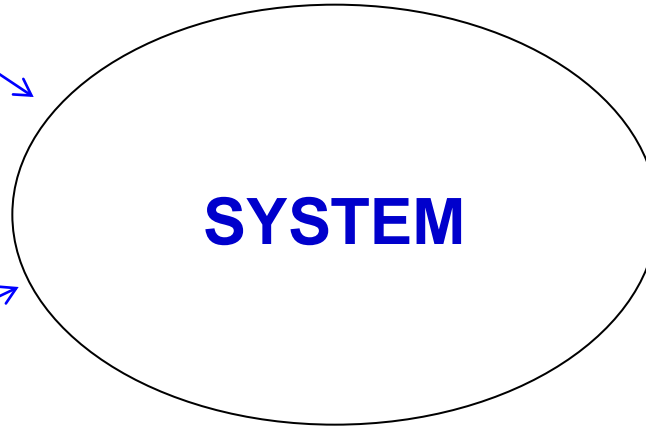


Raw materials, which *only burden* the environment if they are processed

DIRECT impacts

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

DIRECT and INDIRECT impacts



Products, which *only burden* the environment related to processing, disposal, and transportation

DIRECT impacts

Products, which *also unburden* or benefit the environment due to *products' substitution*

DIRECT and INDIRECT impacts

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. LCA Index
2. Footprints
3. Eco-cost

+ Indirect eff.



Total Effects:

1. Total LCA Index
2. Total Footprints
3. Eco-profit



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Sustainable Bioenergy System Synthesis II.



New Concept
Upgraded Methods?
Upgraded Tools
More Sustainable Applications



- **Powerful creative principles of Mathematical programming approach:**
 - **Optimality** - > competitive advantage
 - **Feasibility** -> fulfilling constraints
 - **Integrality** -> economically, environmentally and socially integrated solutions
- **Important challenges:**
 - How to solve **complex** supply-networks integrally
 - Defining **suitable sustainability measures** for LCA-based optimization and synthesis
 - Performing **efficient multi-objective optimization** and synthesis when confronted with many different and opposed criteria



1. LCA Index multi-objective:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Max } z &= \text{Profit}(x,y) \\ \text{s.t. } h_{ls}(x,y) &= 0 \\ g_{ls}(x,y) &\leq 0 \end{aligned} \quad \text{LCAI-MINLP}$$

$$\text{LCAI}(x,y) \leq \varepsilon$$

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

2. Footprint multi-objective:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Max } z &= \text{Profit}(x,y) \\ \text{s.t. } h_{ls}(x,y) &= 0 \\ g_{ls}(x,y) &\leq 0 \end{aligned} \quad \text{F-MINLP}$$

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3. Ecocost single-objective:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Max } z &= \text{Profit}(x,y) - \text{Ecocost}(x,y) \\ \text{s.t. } h_{ls}(x,y) &= 0 \\ g_{ls}(x,y) &\leq 0 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \forall l \in \text{Levels} \\ \forall S \in \text{Supply chains} \end{array} \right\} \text{Ecocost-MINLP}$$

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



1. Total LCA Index multi-objective:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Max } z &= \text{Profit}(x,y) \\ \text{s.t. } h_{ls}(x,y) &= 0 \\ g_{ls}(x,y) &\leq 0 \end{aligned} \quad \text{TLCAI-MINLP}$$

$$\text{Total LCAI}(x,y) \leq \varepsilon$$

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

2. Total footprint multi-objective:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Max } z &= \text{Profit}(x,y) \\ \text{s.t. } h_{ls}(x,y) &= 0 \\ g_{ls}(x,y) &\leq 0 \end{aligned} \quad \text{TF-MINLP}$$

$$\text{Total footprint}(x,y) \leq \varepsilon$$

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

3. Eco-profit single-objective:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Max } z &= \text{Profit}(x,y) + \text{Eco-profit}(x,y) \\ \text{s.t. } h_{ls}(x,y) &= 0 \\ g_{ls}(x,y) &\leq 0 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \forall l \in \text{Levels} \\ \forall S \in \text{Supply chains} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x \in X &= \{x \in R^n : x^{LO} \leq x \leq x^U\} \\ y \in Y &= \{0,1\}^m \end{aligned} \quad \text{Ecoprofit-MINLP}$$



1. Relative Approach: Definition and Normalization of LCA Index



- Indicators are normalized, e.g. by the values from a given base case
- **Economic indicators:**
 - Yearly profit (P) or the net present worth (NPW)
 - Relative profit and relative NPW:

$$RP = P / P^0; \quad RNPW = NPW / NPW^0$$

- **Environmental and social indicators:**
 - Environmental: resource usage and pollution indicators
 - Social: assessment is difficult
 - Normalized indicators are composed into:

Negative values!

LCA Index (direct effects)

or

Total LCA Index (direct + indirect effects)

$$LCAI = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cdot \frac{I_i^d}{I_i^{d,0}}$$

$$TLCAI = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cdot \frac{I_i^d + I_i^{ind}}{I_i^{d,0}} = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cdot \frac{I_i^t}{I_i^{d,0}}$$

Since I_i^{ind} are negative, $TLCAI < LCAI$



1. LCAI-Based MINLP Synthesis



Two-step multiobjective superstructural MINLP approach:

Step I: Base case design, best available technique or MINLP I

Economic-based synthesis for **basic process superstructure** that comprises **technological end economical** alternatives

Base case solution

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

MINLP step II:

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

Sustainable solution

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



Relative Profit before
taxation

$$\max RP = (c^T y + f(x)) / P^0$$

$$\text{s.t. } \left. \begin{array}{l} h_l(x, y_{ls}) = 0 \\ g_l(x, y_{ls}) \leq 0 \\ LCAI(x, y_{ls}) \leq \varepsilon_k \end{array} \right\} \forall l \in L, s \in S$$

$$x \in X = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}^n; x^{LO} \leq x \leq x^{UP}\} \quad (LCAI-MINLP)_k$$

$$y_l = Y_l, \forall l \in L; Y_1 \cup Y_2 \dots \cup Y_L = Y = \{0, 1\}^m$$

$$\varepsilon_k = \varepsilon_{k-1} - \Delta\varepsilon$$

Loop around Solve
statement in GAMS

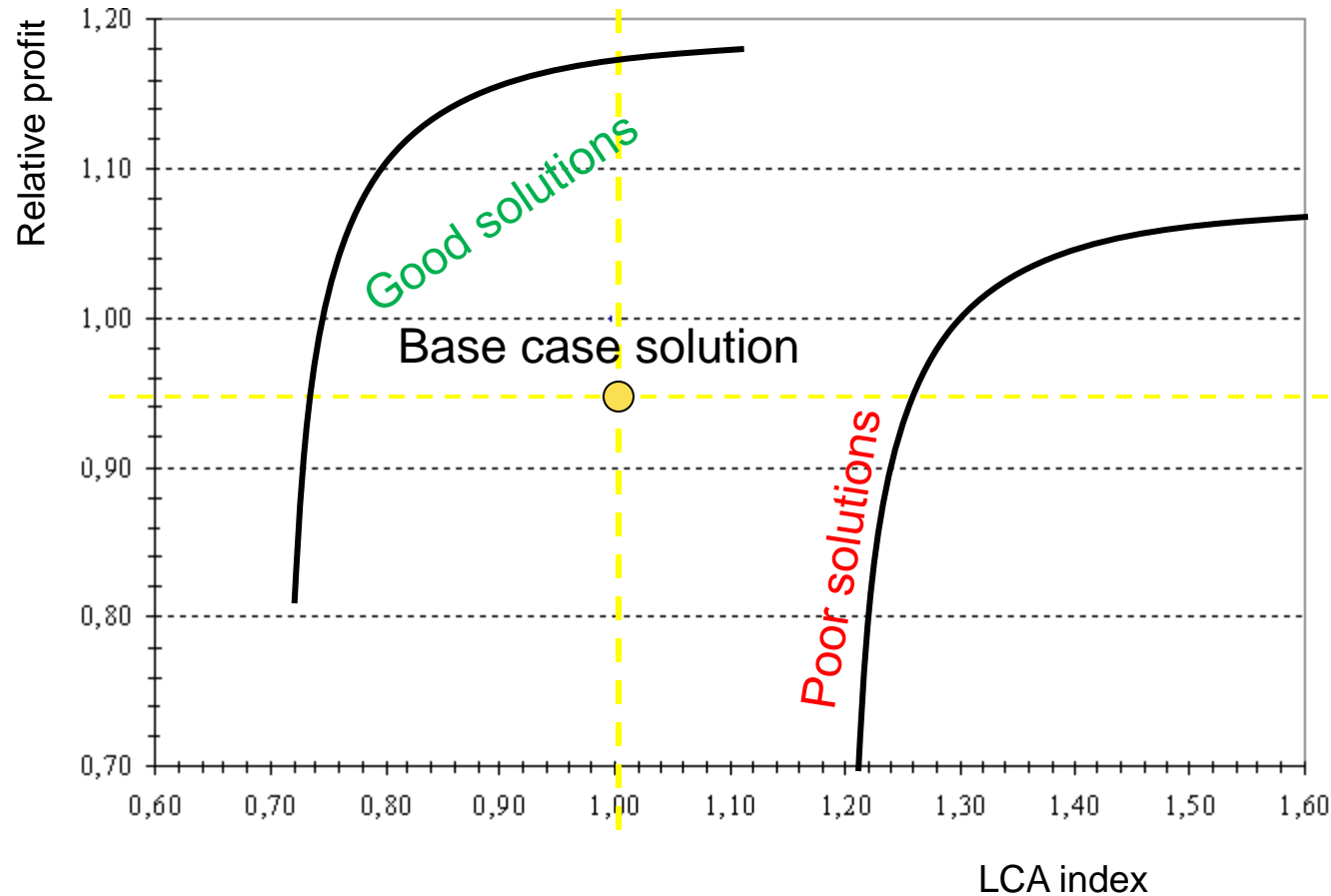


Fig. 6: Good and poor Pareto solutions



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

(TLCAI-MINLP)_k

$$TLCAI = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cdot \frac{I_i^d + I_i^{\text{ind}}}{I_i^{\text{d},0}} = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cdot \frac{I_i^t}{I_i^{\text{d},0}}$$



1. Total Effects

TLCAI-Based Pareto Solutions, MINLP II

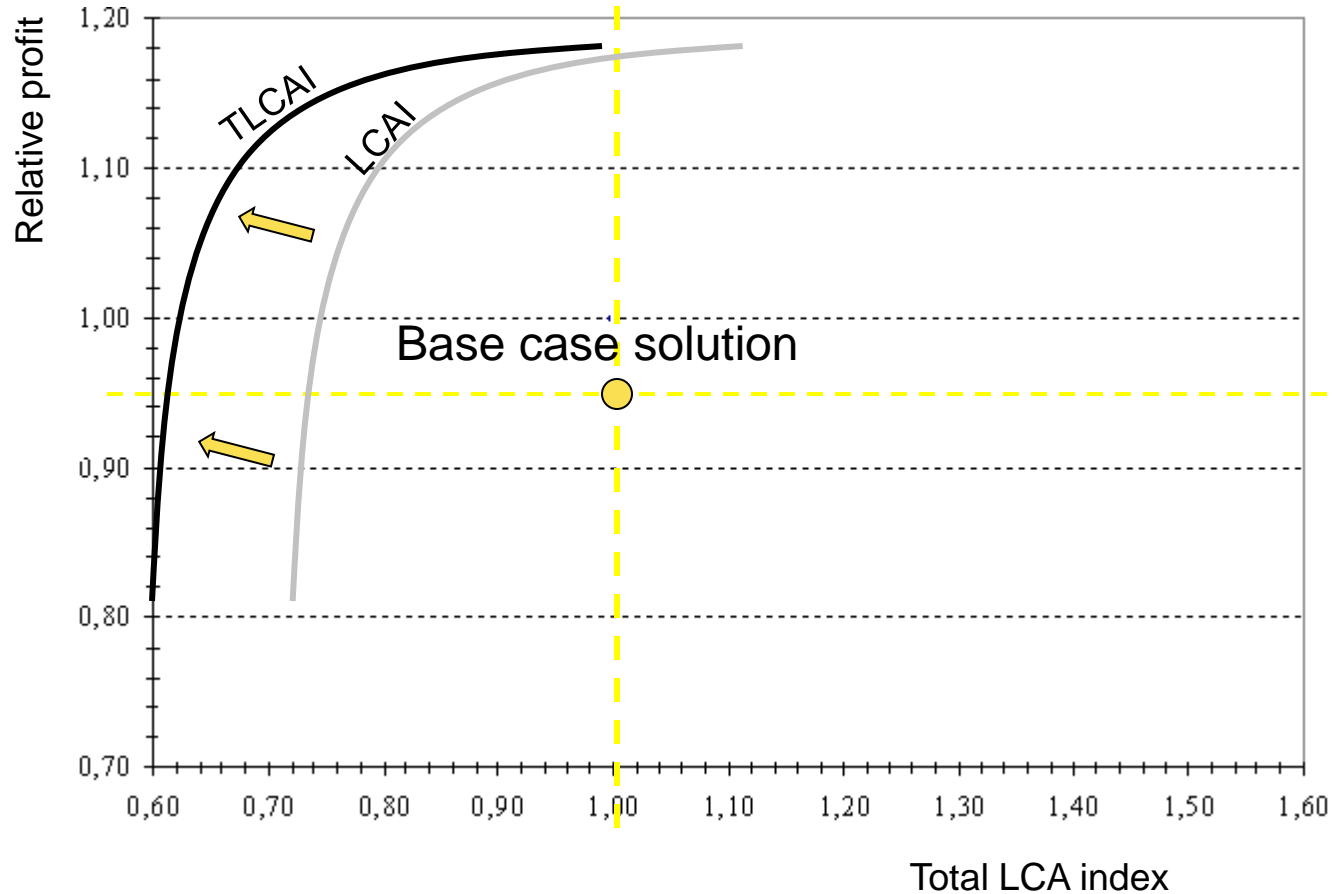


Fig. 7: Total LCAI Pareto solutions

2. Relative Approach: 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

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

Total relative footprint

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

Direct Footprint at the maximal profit



Two-step **multiobjective** superstructural MINLP approach:

MINLP step I:

At the first level (MINLP-1) different footprints are obtained by the maximization of profit from a given base-case design :

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

Reference point

MINLP step II:

At the second level (MINLP-2), the superstructure can be augmented by **sustainable alternatives** and the **ϵ -constraint method** is applied for each **relative footprint** $f \in F$.

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

Multiobjective Pareto solutions



2. Direct Effects Footprint-Based MINLP II



Small- and medium-sized supply-networks

Lam, et al., 2011,
Energy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Direct relative footprint

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

Direct footprint at the maximal profit

Loop around Solve statement
in GAMS



2. Direct effects

Footprint-Based Pareto Solutions, MINLP II

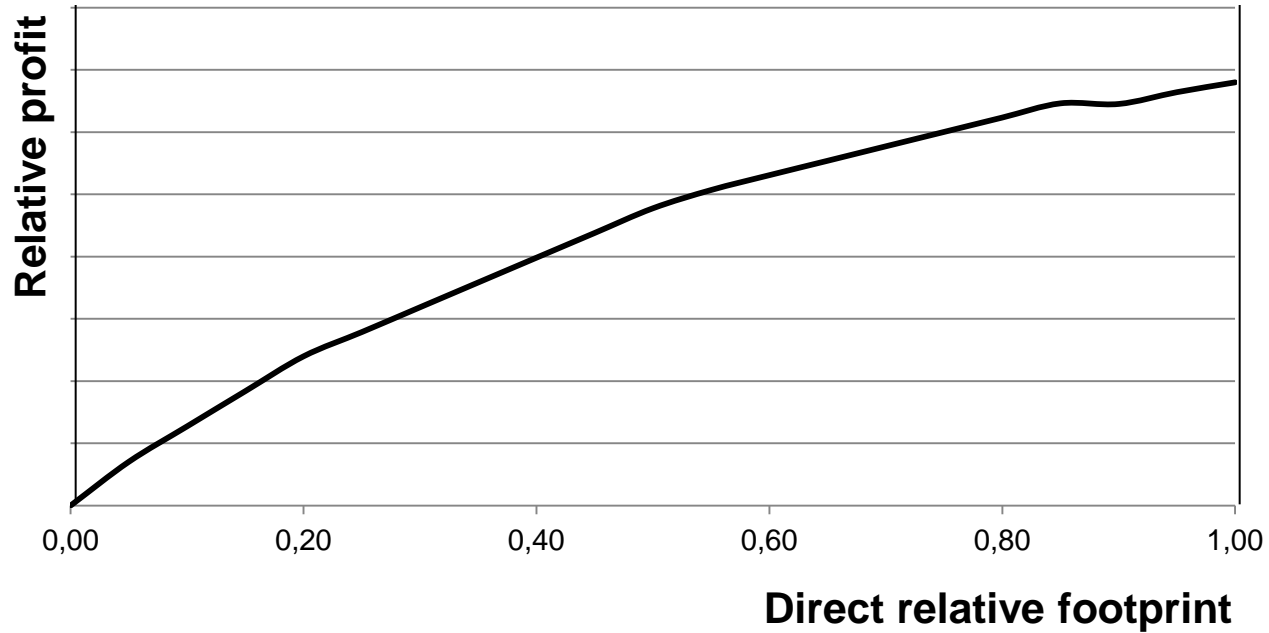


Fig. 8: Profit vs. Direct footprint



2. Total Effects

Total Footprint–Based MINLP II



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Total Effects: Total Footprint-Based Pareto Solutions, MINLP II

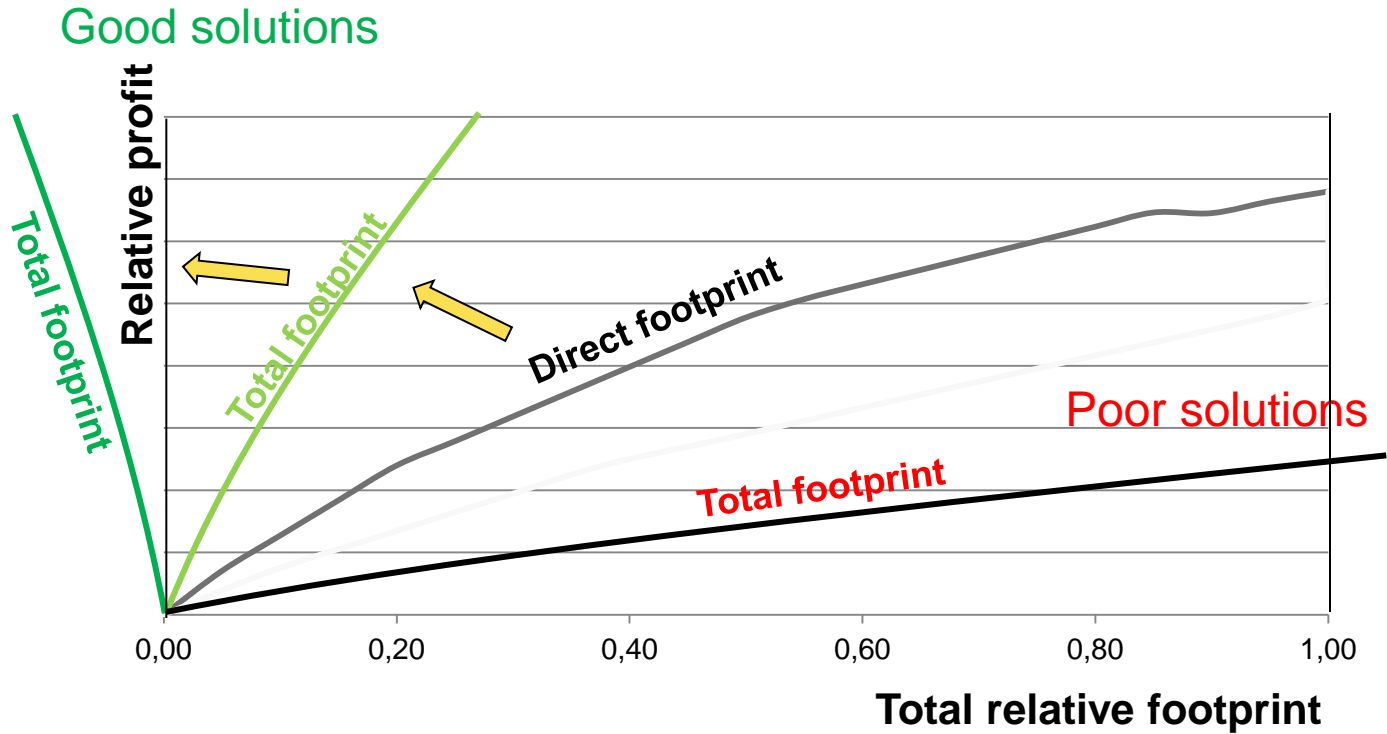


Fig. 9: Profit vs. Total footprint

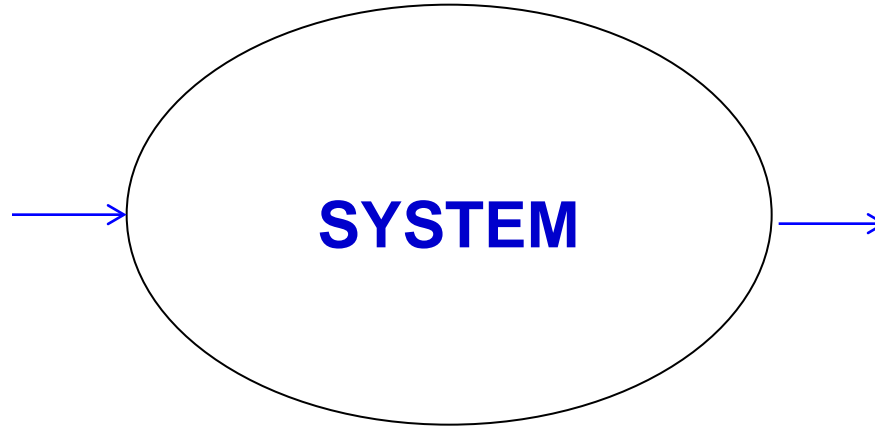


3. Direct Effects in Composite-Criterion : Profit-Eco-cost



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) :

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

Total profit (€/yr) = Economic profit - Eco-cost

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

Eco-cost coefficients: Delft University of Technology, <www.ecocostsvalue.com>

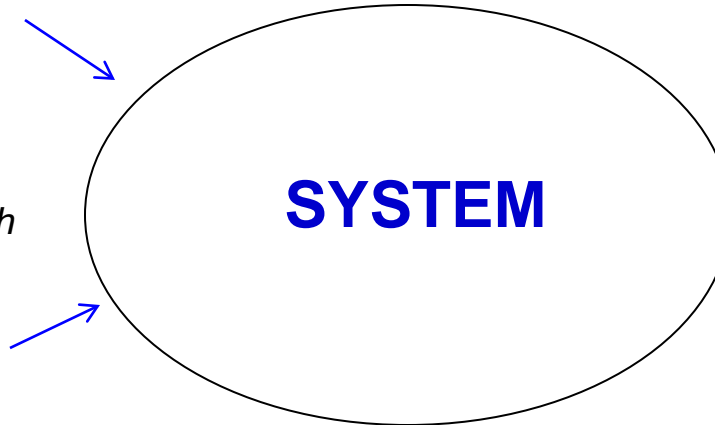


3. Total Effects in Composite-Criterion: Profit + ECO-PROFIT



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

$$TP = (R - E - D) + (EB - EC) \quad \text{Čuček, Drobež, Pahor, Kravanja, 2011}$$



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Sustainable Bioenergy System Synthesis III.



New Concept
Upgraded Methods
Upgraded Tools?
More Sustainable Applications



- Several general MINLP solvers, e.g. DICOPT
www.gamsworld.org/minlp/solvers.html
- Logic-based solver LOGMIP
(Vecchietti and Grossmann, 1997)
- Global MINLP Optimizer BARON
(Sahinidis, 2000)
- Almost no tool specialized in MINLP synthesis or multiobjective optimization and synthesis

Kravanja and Grossmann, 1990, 1994

Kravanja, 2010

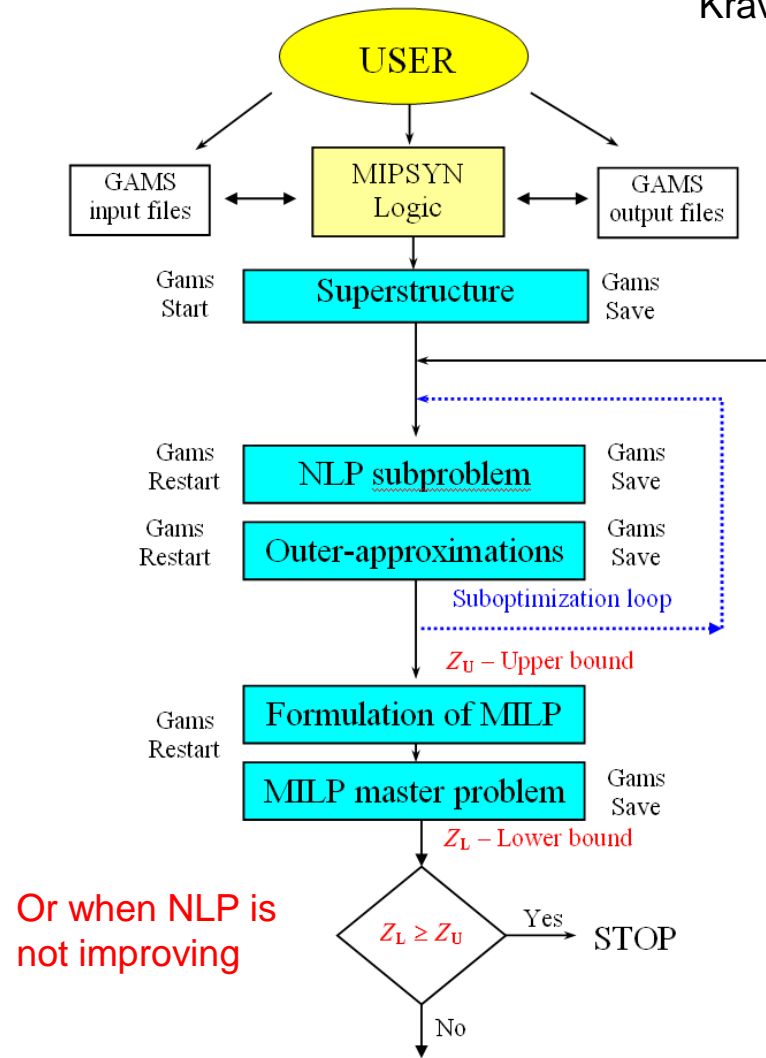


Fig. 10: MIPSYN OA

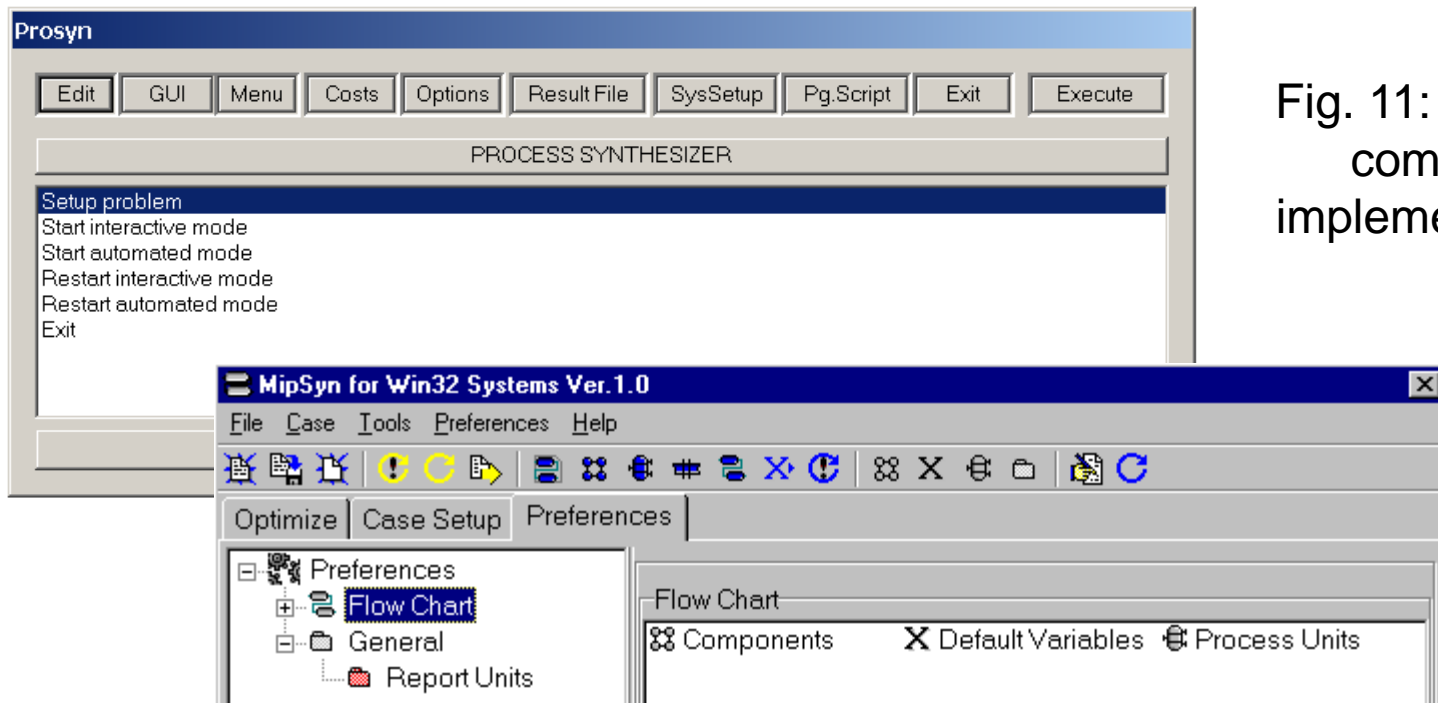


Fig. 11: Different computer implementations

MINLP synthesizer shell:

- Chemical processes
- Biochemical processes
- Mechanics





MIPSYN for Environmental Studies

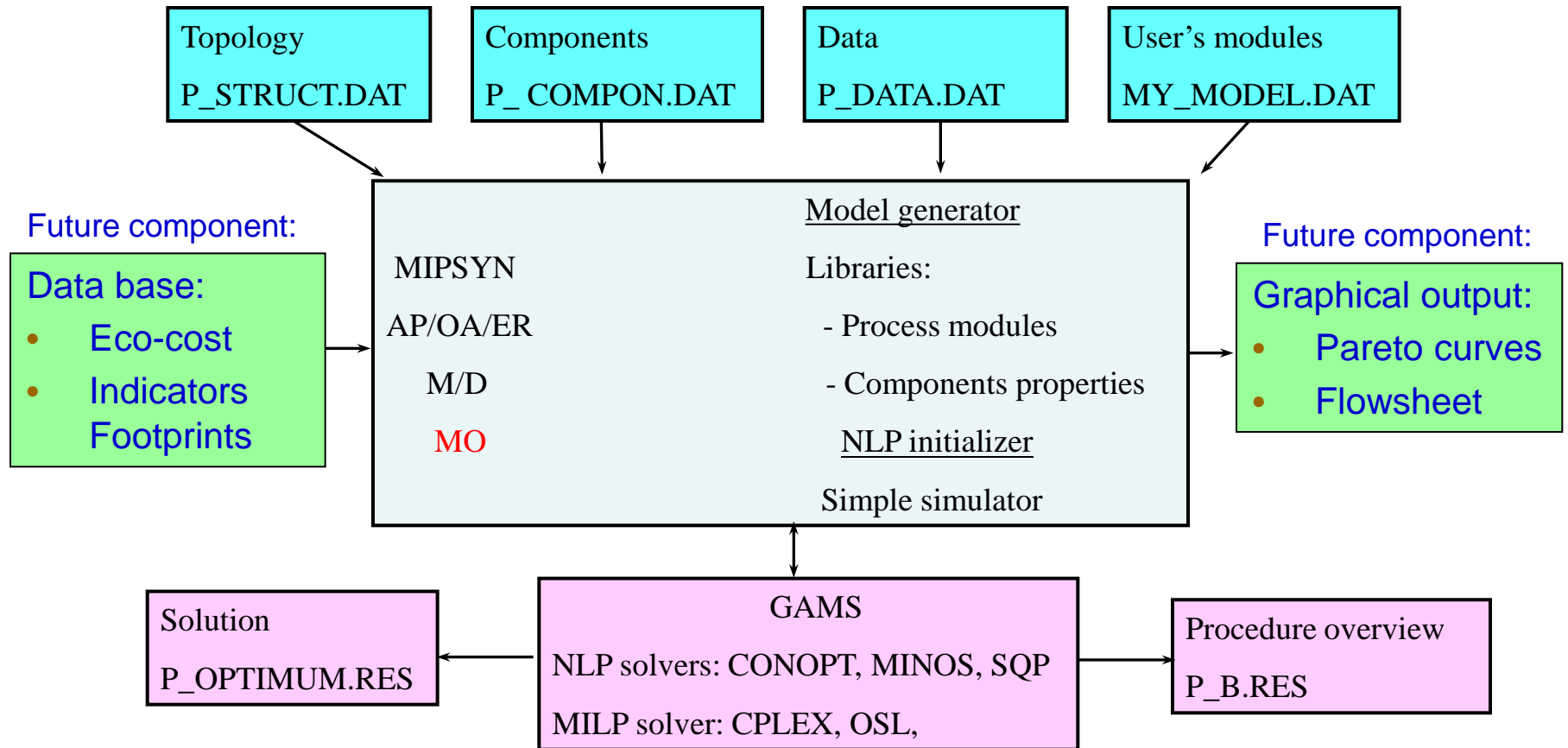
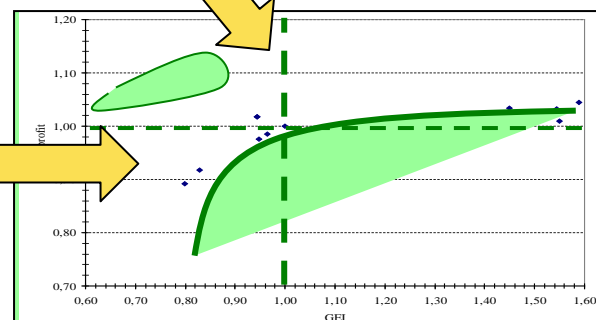
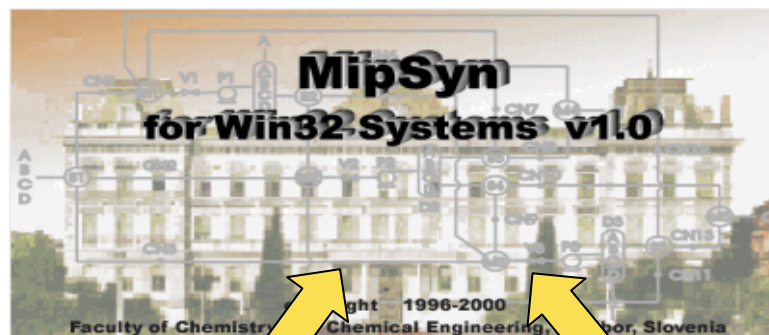


Fig. 12: Future MIPSYN flowchart

Synthesizer



LCA, Database

Graphical output

Fig. 13 LCA-based synthesizer MIPSYN



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Sustainable Bioenergy System Synthesis IV.



New Concept
Upgraded Methods
Upgraded Tools
More Sustainable Applications

EXAMPLE PROBLEM 1



Bioethanol and Total LCAI

Biomass SC and Total Footprints

Biogas and Eco-profit

Total LCA Index =
 Σ (direct + indirect) effects

$$TLCAI = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cdot \frac{I_i^d + I_i^{\text{ind}}}{I_i^{\text{d},0}} = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cdot \frac{I_i^t}{I_i^{\text{d},0}}$$



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

Footprints based MINLP synthesis with:

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

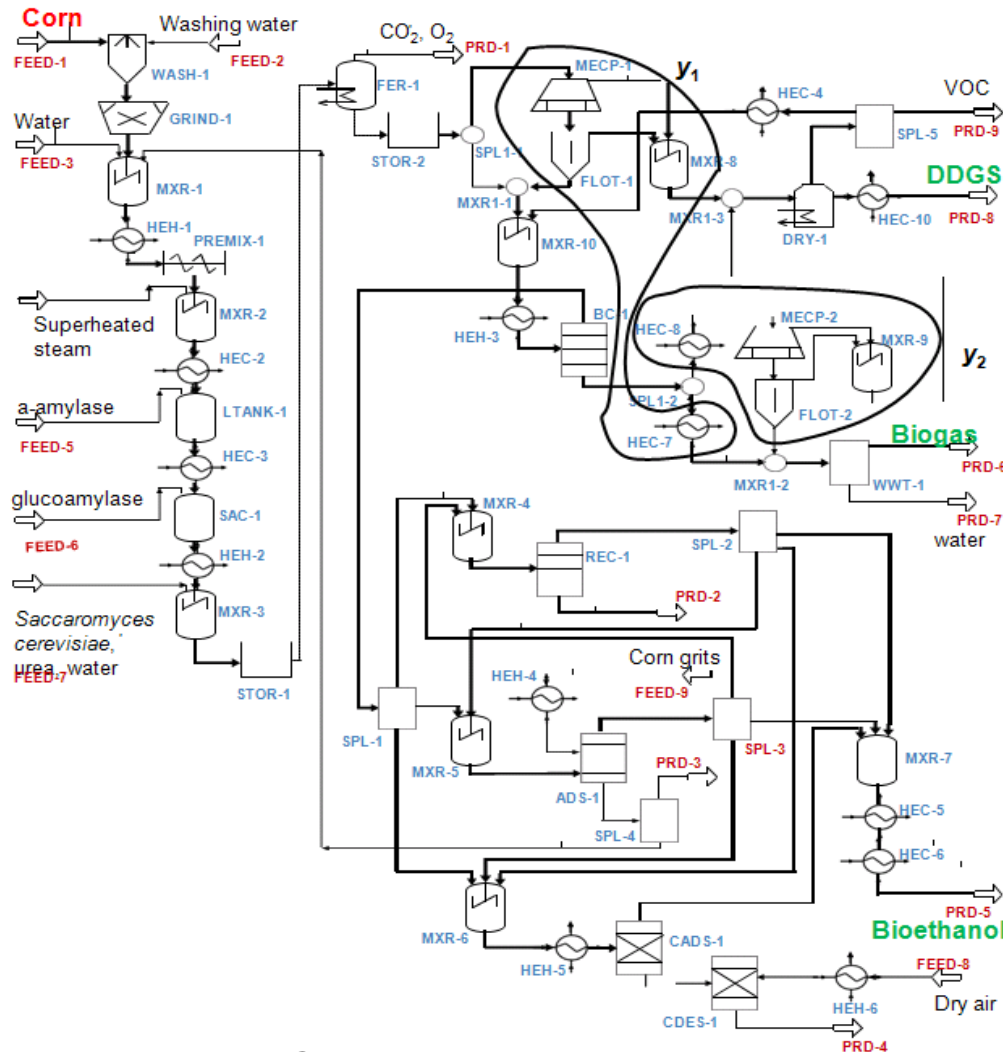


Bioethanol Process Synthesis Economic-based MINLP Step I



Karrupiah et al., 2008

Kravanja and Čuček, 2010



Solution:
P=22.786 M\$/yr

Fig. 14: Corn-based process superstructure (1st generation)

Bioethanol Process Network

Multiobjective Sustainable MINLP Step II

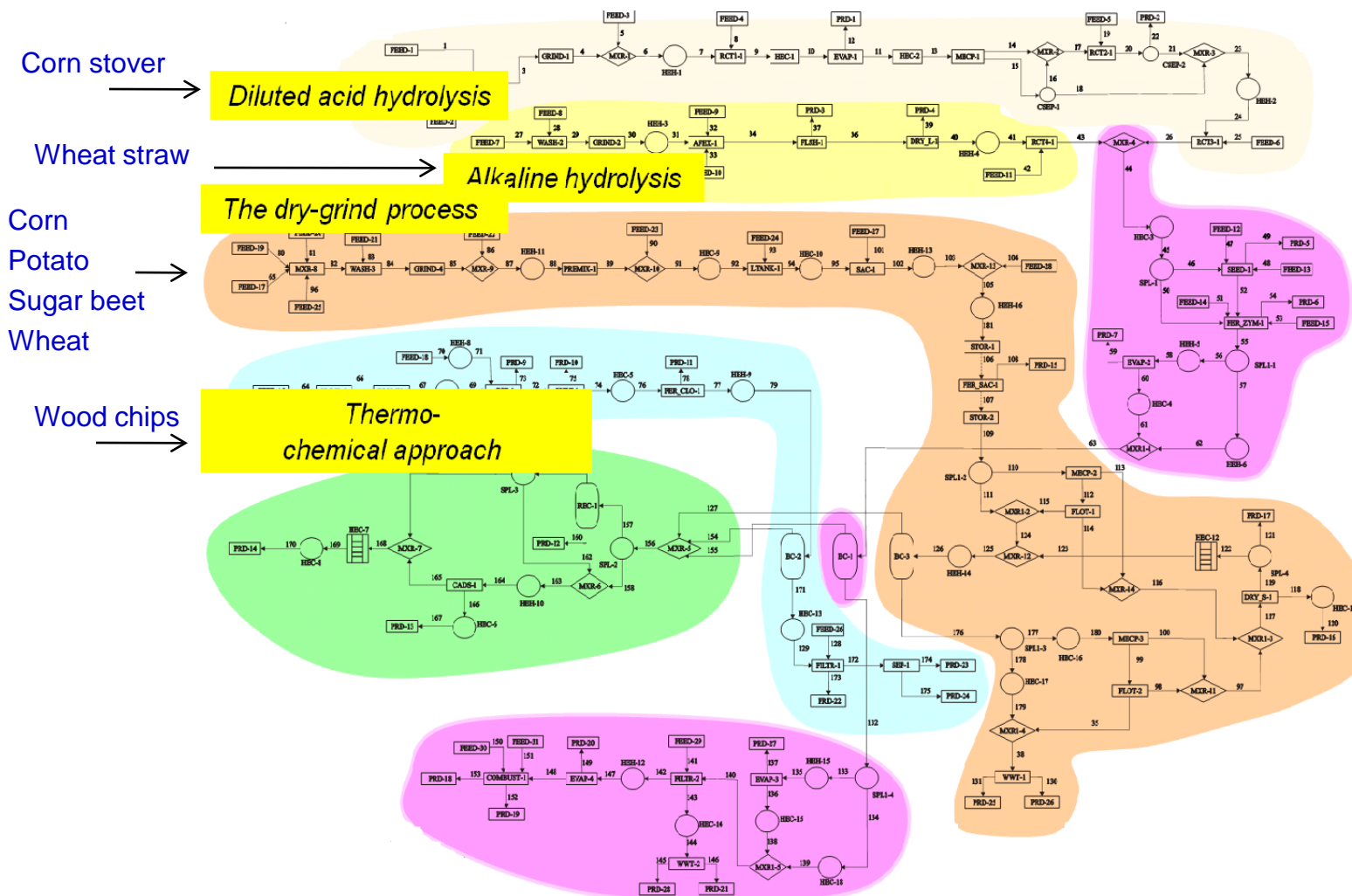


Fig. 15: Superstructure, enlarged by sustainable alternatives (2nd generation)



LCAI-Based Bioethanol Synthesis

Multiobjective Sustainable MINLP Step II



Economic indicator:

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

LCA index:

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

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

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



Total LCA index:

Direct and **Indirect** CO₂ equivalent emissions

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

The same weights as before:

- 1/3 CO₂ emissions to the air
- 1/3 social indicator (food to energy)
- 1/3 all other indicators

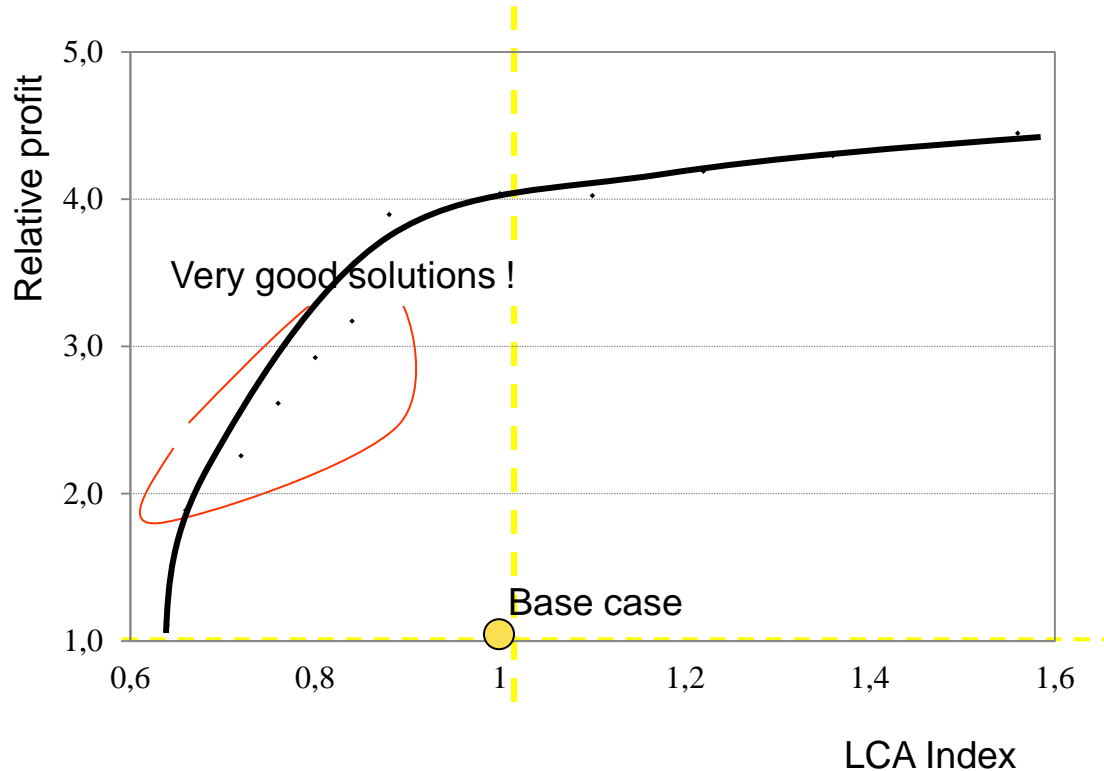
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Total LCAI} = & \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{q_{m,ea}}{q_{m,ea}^0} - \frac{q_{m,ea}^{\text{Ethanol}}}{q_{m,ea}^{\text{Ethanol},0}} \cdot f_{\text{Gasoline/Ethanol}}^{\text{Sub}} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{q_{m,fe}}{q_{m,fe}^0} + \\
 & \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{9} \cdot \left(\frac{q_{m,su}}{q_{m,su}^0} + \frac{q_{m,fu}}{q_{m,fu}^0} + \frac{q_{m,pu}}{q_{m,pu}^0} + \frac{q_{m,wu}}{q_{m,wu}^0} + \frac{(A/q_m)_{\text{land}}}{(A/q_m^0)_{\text{land}}} + \frac{q_{m,fc}}{q_{m,fc}^0} + \frac{q_{m,eu}}{q_{m,eu}^0} + \frac{q_{m,es}}{q_{m,es}^0} + \frac{q_{m,ew}}{q_{m,ew}^0} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$



LCAI-Based Solution from Multiobjective MINLP Step II



Scalar parametric optimization:



Variable raw materials input from the area of 50 000 ha

Variable total production of ethanol

Fig. 16: "Pareto curve" for Bioethanol problem obtained by LCA Index

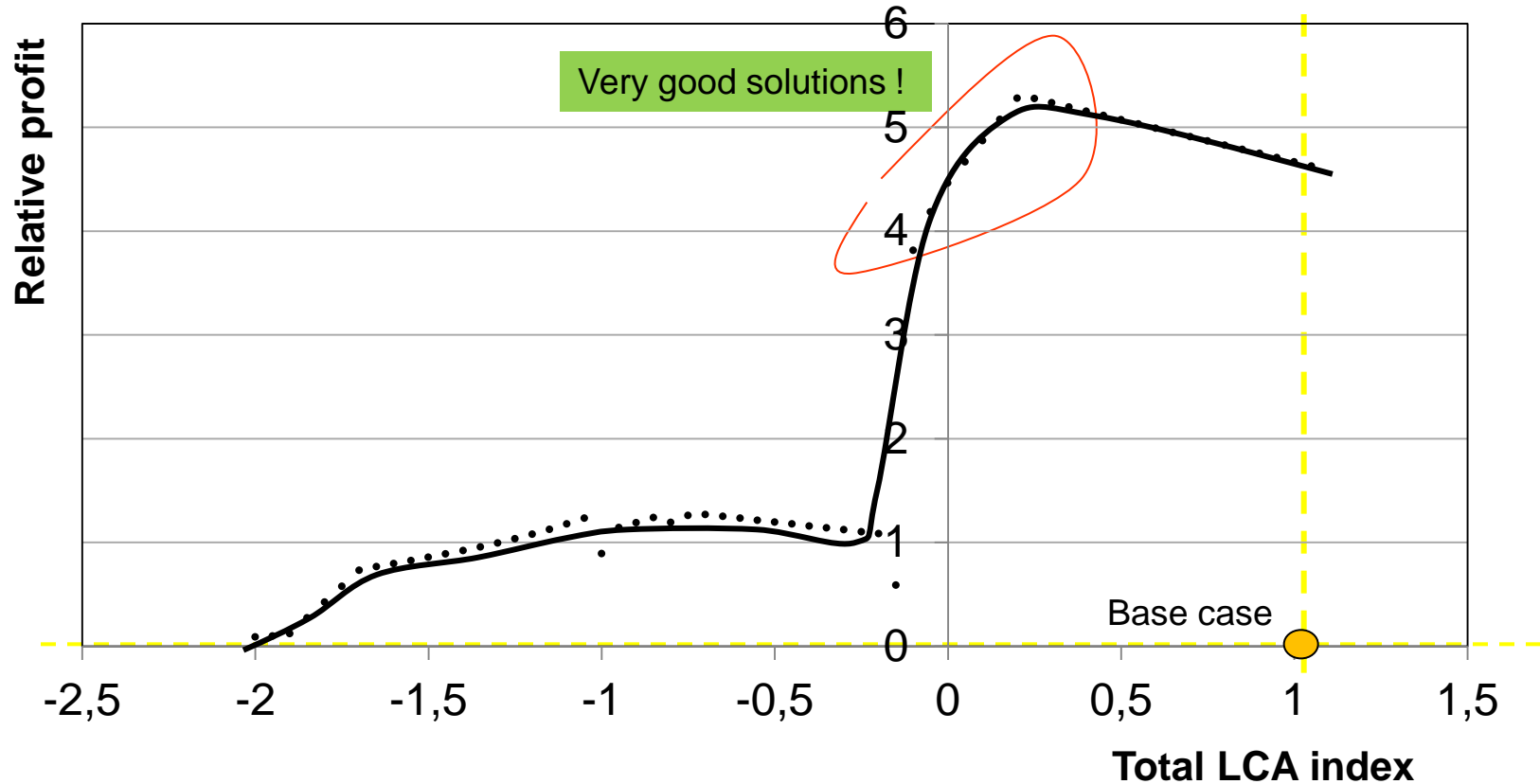


Fig. 17: “Pareto curve” for Bioethanol problem obtained by Total LCA Index



LCAI-Based Bioethanol Synthesis Solution: Energy and Food Production

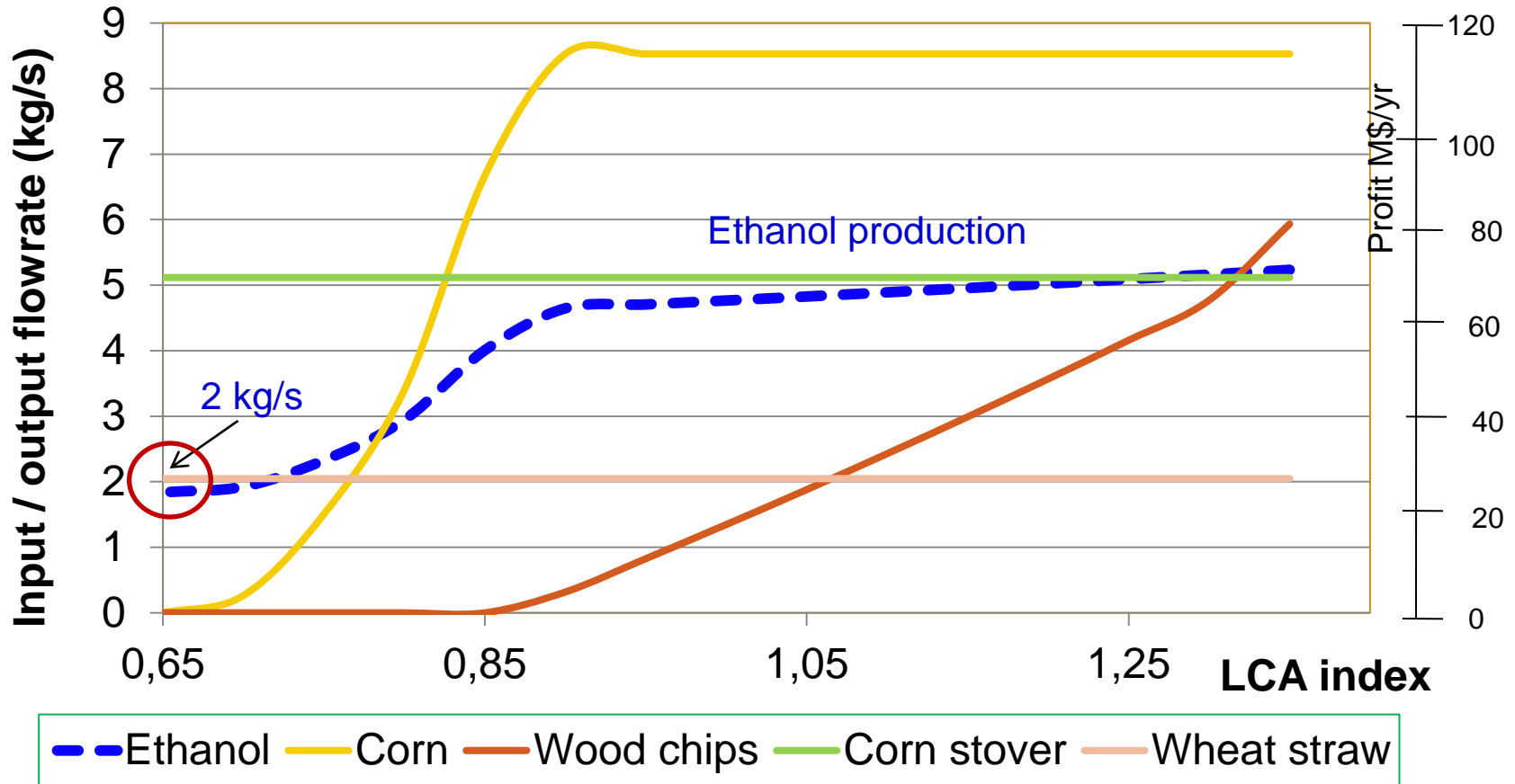


Fig. 18: Raw material and bioethanol production by LCA Index



Total LCAI-Based Bioethanol Synthesis Solution: Energy and Food Production

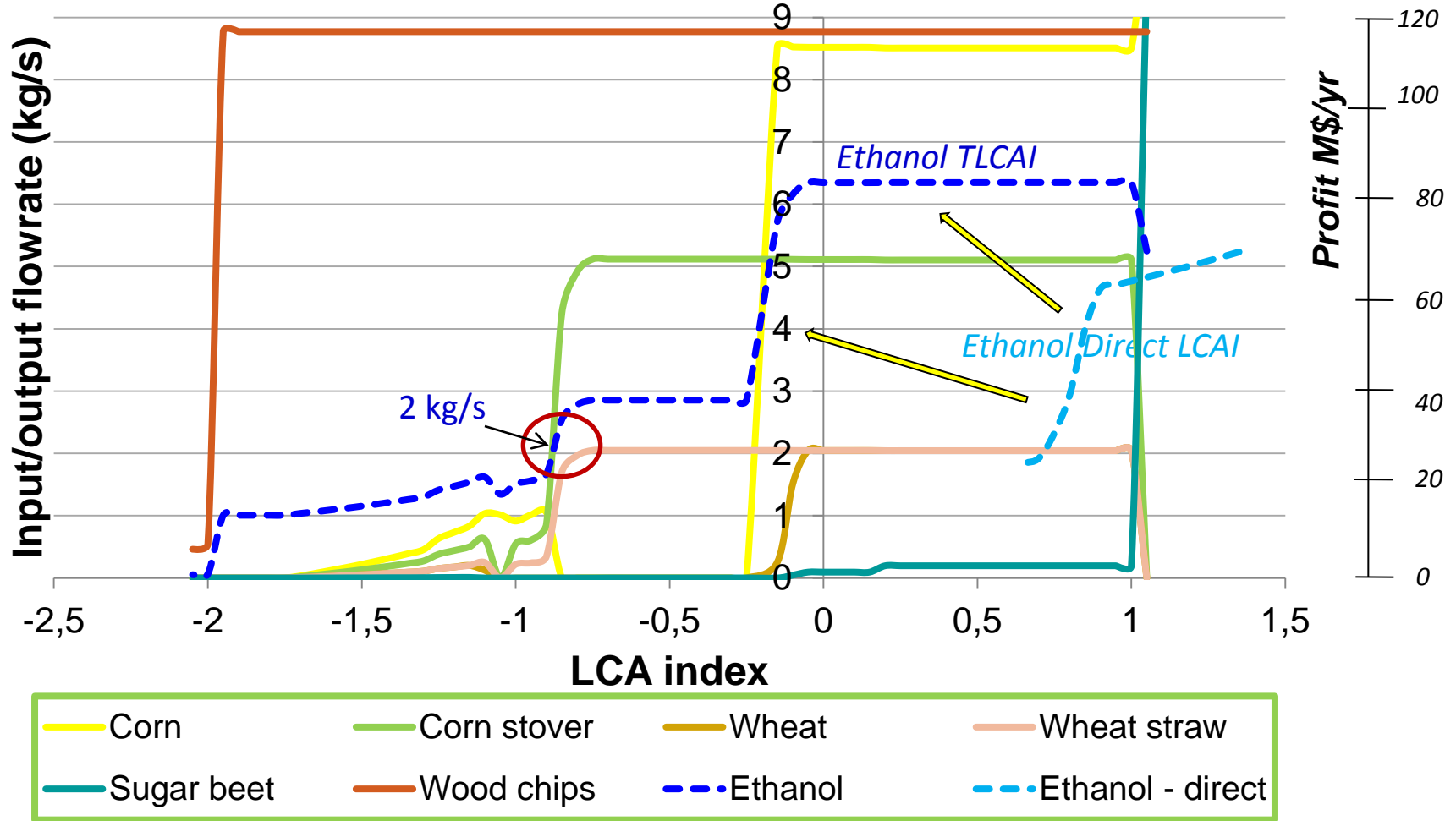


Fig. 19: Raw material and bioethanol production by Total LCA Index



- Significantly **different solutions** can be obtained with Direct LCA Index and Total LCA Index
- Indirect effects by products' substitution can even cause the **Total LCA** Index to become **negative**.
- Total LCAI < Direct LCA Index:
 - The target of 2 kg/s bioethanol was achieved at very negative Total LCA Index although the corresponding weight is 1/3.
- When using Direct LCA Index **alternatives** with smaller environmental impact are preferred, while with Total LCA Index those that **unburden environment the most** (different perception).

EXAMPLE PROBLEM 2



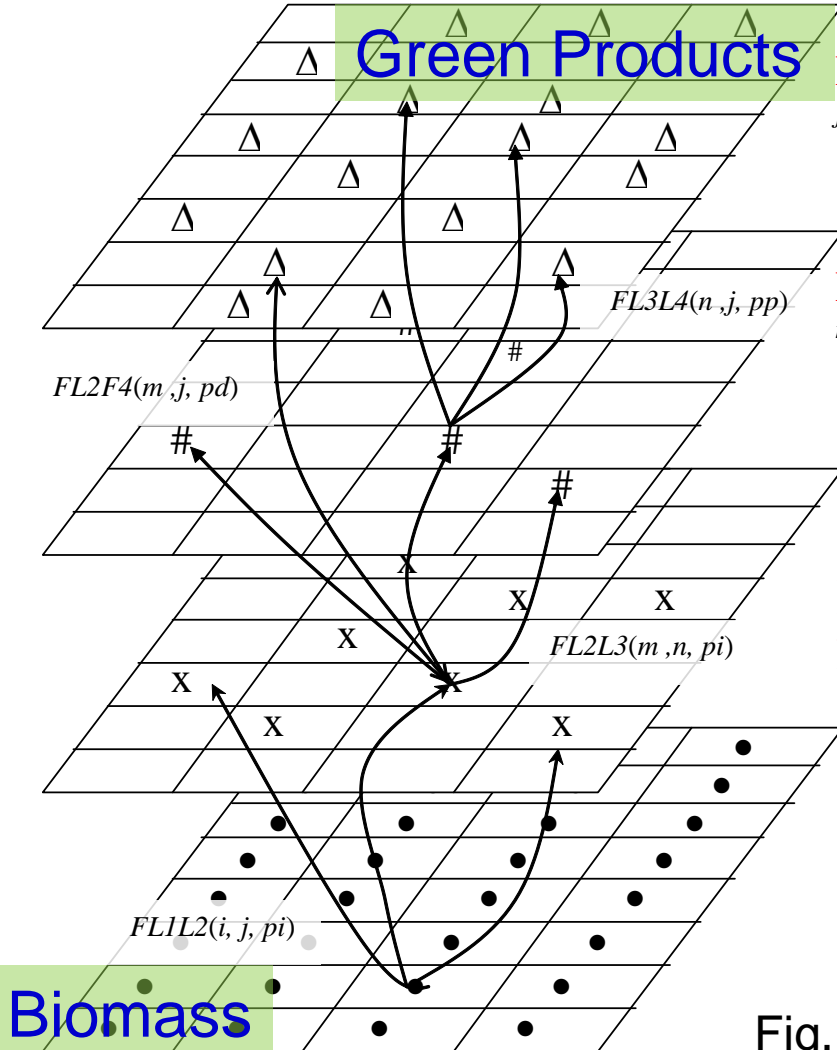
Bioethanol and Total LCAI Biomass SC and Total Footprints Biogas and Eco-profit

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

Synthesis of Regional Biomass Supply Chain by Total Footprints



Čuček, Klemeš, Varbanov, Kravanja, submitted to Energy



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
 $i = \text{zones}$

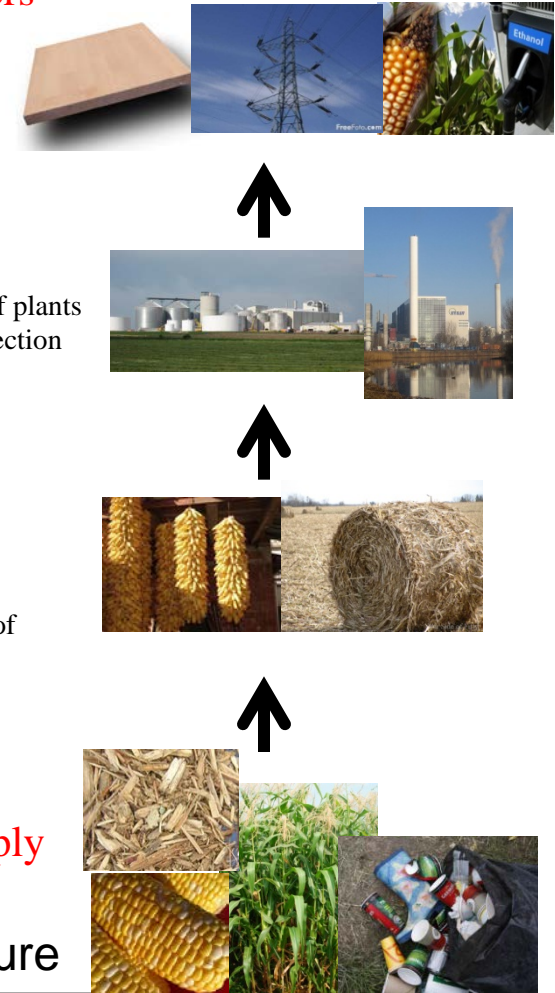


Fig. 5: SDRN superstructure



Biomass Supply Chain – Mathematical Model (1)



Čuček, Lam, Klemeš, Varbanov, Kravanja, *Clean technol. environ. policy* 2010

Lam, Klemeš, Kravanja, *Energy*, 2011

Layer: L1 – L2

Production rates of products pi at zone i :

$$PR(i, pi) = HY(i) \times AP(i, pi) \quad \forall pi, i$$

$$\sum_{pi} AP(i, pi) \leq AT(i) \quad \forall i$$

Collection and transportation to L2

$$PR(i, pi) = \sum_m FL1L2(i, m, pi) \quad \forall pi, i, m$$

Layer: L2

Determine the location of collection and pre-treatment centres $CC(m)$

$$\sum_{i, pi} FL1L2(i, m, pi) \leq MAXTFCC \times yL2(m) \quad \square m$$

$$\sum_i FL1L2(i, m, pi) \leq MAXPFCC \times yL2(m) \quad \square m, pi$$

$$MINTFCC \times yL2(m) \leq \sum_i FL1L2(i, m, pi) \quad \square m$$

$$MINPFCC \times yL2(m) \leq \sum_i FL1L2(i, m, pi) \quad \square m, pi$$

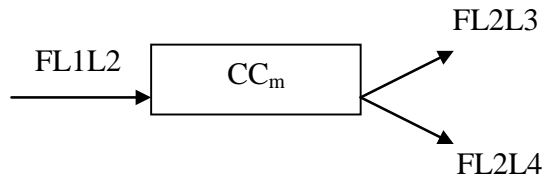


Biomass Supply Chain – Mathematical Model (2)



Layer L2-L3 and L2-L4

Product pi can be transported from CC (m) to Plant (n) or directly to the customer (j)



$$\sum_i FL1L2(i, m, pi) \times CONFCC(pi) = \sum_n FL2L3(m, n, pi) + \sum_j FL2L4(m, j, pi) \quad \square pi, m$$

Layer L3, and L3-L4

Determine the location of process plants PL(n)

$$\sum_{m, pi} FL2L3(m, n, pi) \leq MAXTFPL \times yL3(n) \quad \square n$$

$$\sum_m FL2L3(m, n, pi) \leq MAXPFPL \times yL3(n) \quad \square n, pi$$

$$MINTFPL \times yL3(n) \leq \sum_{m, pi} FL2L3(m, n, pi) \quad \square n$$

$$MINPFPL \times yL3(n) \leq \sum_m FL2L3(m, n, pi) \quad \square n, pi$$

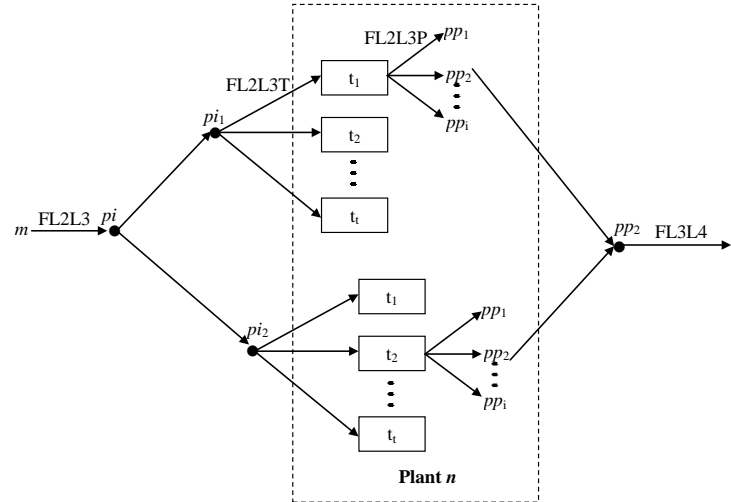


Biomass Supply Chain – Mathematical Model (3)



Layer L3, and L3-L4 (cont.)

Select Technology t that convert intermediate product pi to product pp .



For each selected Plant n only one type of technology t is selected for each type of pi .

$$\sum_{pi(pi,t)} yL3T(n, pi, t) \leq yL3(n) \quad \square n, pi$$

$$\sum_m FL2L3(m, n, pi) = \sum_{pi(pi,t)} FL2L3(n, pi, t) \quad \square n, pi$$

$$FL2L3T(n, pi, t) \leq MAXFT(t) \times yL3T(n, pi, t) \quad \square n, pi, t, pt$$

$$FL2L3T(n, pi, t) \times CONFPL(pi, pp, t) = FL2L3P(n, pi, pp, t) \quad \square n, pi, pp, t$$

$$\sum_{pip(pi,pp),pt(p,t)} FL2L3P(n, pi, pp, t) = \sum_j FL3L4(n, j, pp) \quad \square n, pp$$

Demand for products pp :

$$D(j^o, pp) \geq \sum_n FL3L4(n, j^o, pp) + \sum_m FL2L4(m, j^o, pd) \quad \forall j^o, pp, pd$$



Biomass Supply Chain – Mathematical Model (4)



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Max } P &= \text{Incomes} - \text{Outcomes} \\ &= \text{Sale incomes} - \\ &\quad (\text{Raw material cost} + \text{Transportation} + \text{Operation} + \text{Annualized investments}) \end{aligned}$$

Sales incomes:

$$\sum_{n,j,pp} FL3L4(n, j, pp) \times price(pp) + \sum_{m,j,pd} FL2L4(m, j, pd) \times price(pd)$$

Outcomes:

Feedstock cost:

$$\sum_{i,pi} PR(i, pi) \times pcost(pi) +$$

Transportation:

$$+ TCL1L2 + TCL2L3 + TCL2L4 + TCL3L4 +$$

Operational costs for Collecting Centers:

$$+ \sum_{i,m,pi} COCC(pi) \times FL1L2(i, m, pi) +$$

Operational costs for Plants and Technologies:

$$+ \sum_{n,pt(pi,t)} COPLT(pi, t) \times FL2L3T(n, pi, t) +$$

Annualized investment for Collecting Centers:

$$+ \sum_{i,m,pi} CFCC \times yL2(m) + CVCC \times FL1L2(i, m, pi) +$$

Annualized investment for Plants and Technologies:

$$+ \sum_{n,pt(pi,t)} (CFPLT(pi, t) \times yL2T(n, pi, t) + CVPLT(pi, t) \times FL2L3T(n, pi, t))$$



□ Implementation of footprints

Environmental footprints $f \in F$:

- **CFP (Carbon footprint)** – amount of CO₂ 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



E.g.: Environmental footprint – supply layer L1

All environmental are defined annually, and per unit of the supply-chain network's total area (A , km²).

For supply layer, $ENVB_f^{L1}$: as the production rate of biomass pi , $q_{i,pi}^{m,L1}$, multiplied by **Specific Environmental Footprint** for that biomass, $ei_{pi,f}^{L1}$, caused by growing biomass:

$$ENVB_f^{L1} = \left(\sum_{i \in I} \sum_{pi \in PI} q_{i,pi}^{m,L1} \cdot ei_{pi,f}^{L1} \right) / A \quad \forall f \in F$$



□ Environmental and social footprint

The **total environmental footprint** $f \varepsilon F$ of the supply chain network is defined:

$$ENVB_f = ENVB_f^{L1} + ENVB_f^{L2} + ENVB_f^{L3} + ENVB_f^{L4} + ENVB_f^{tr}$$

The social footprint – **food-to-energy footprint** is defined only for multi-functional (multi-product) crops which can result in a supply of food, fodder, and/or energy. The **food-to-energy footprint** is defined as a fraction of food-intended crops used for energy production:

$$FEFP = \left(\sum_{n \in N} \sum_{pi \in PI} \sum_{pp \in PP} \sum_{t \in T^e} \sum_{(pi, pp) \in PIP} q_{n, pi, pp, t}^{m, T, L2, L3} \right) / \left(\sum_{i \in I} \sum_{m \in M} \sum_{pi \in PI} q_{i, m, pi}^{m, L1, L2} \right)$$

$$T^e = \{ \text{energy production plants} \}$$

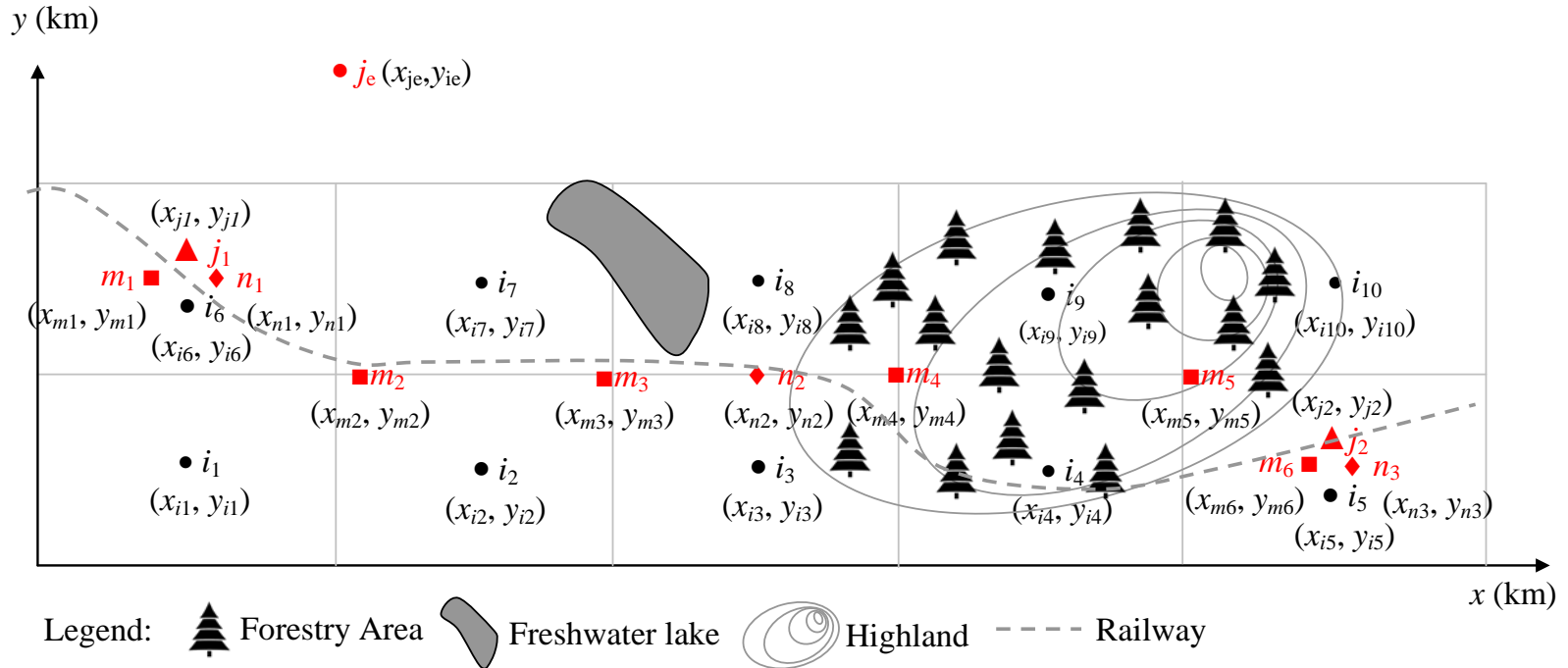


Fig.20: The supply-network structure of the demonstrated case study



Biomass Supply/Demand Renewable Networks



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



Footprints Obtained at MINLP-1



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

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

Direct Footprints

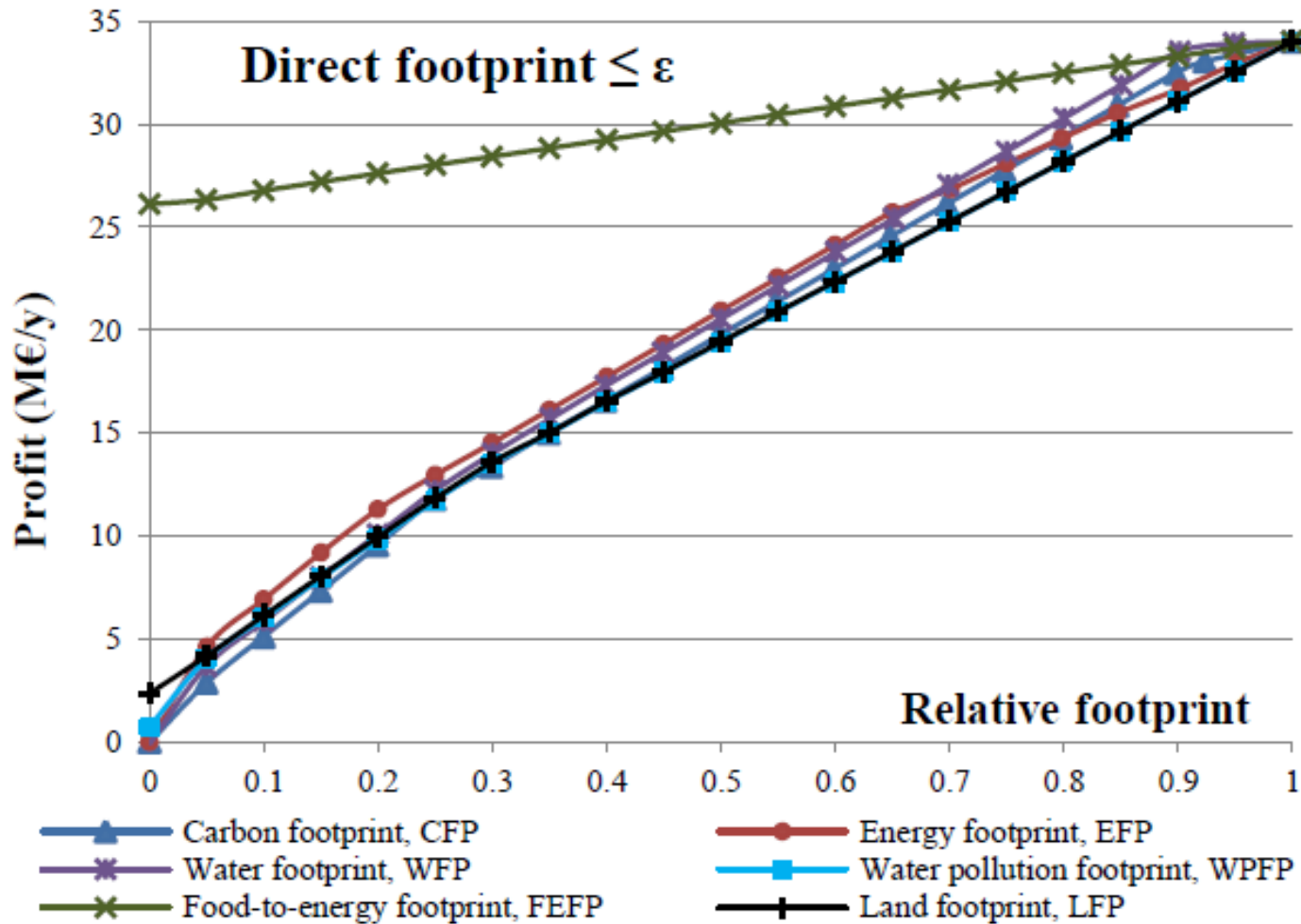


Fig. 21: Direct footprints for Biomass supply chain

Total/Direct Footprints

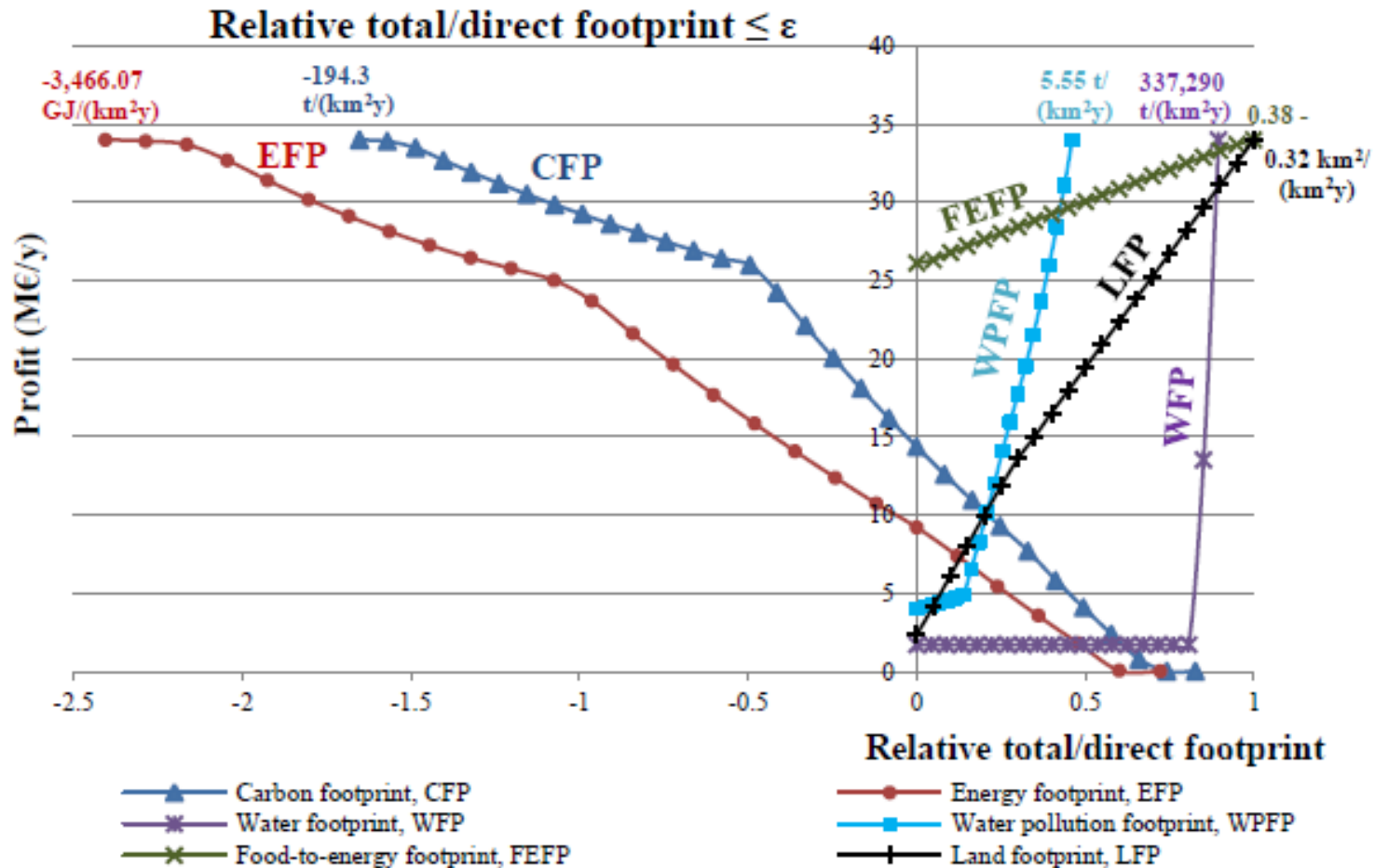


Fig. 22: Total/direct footprints for Biomass supply chain

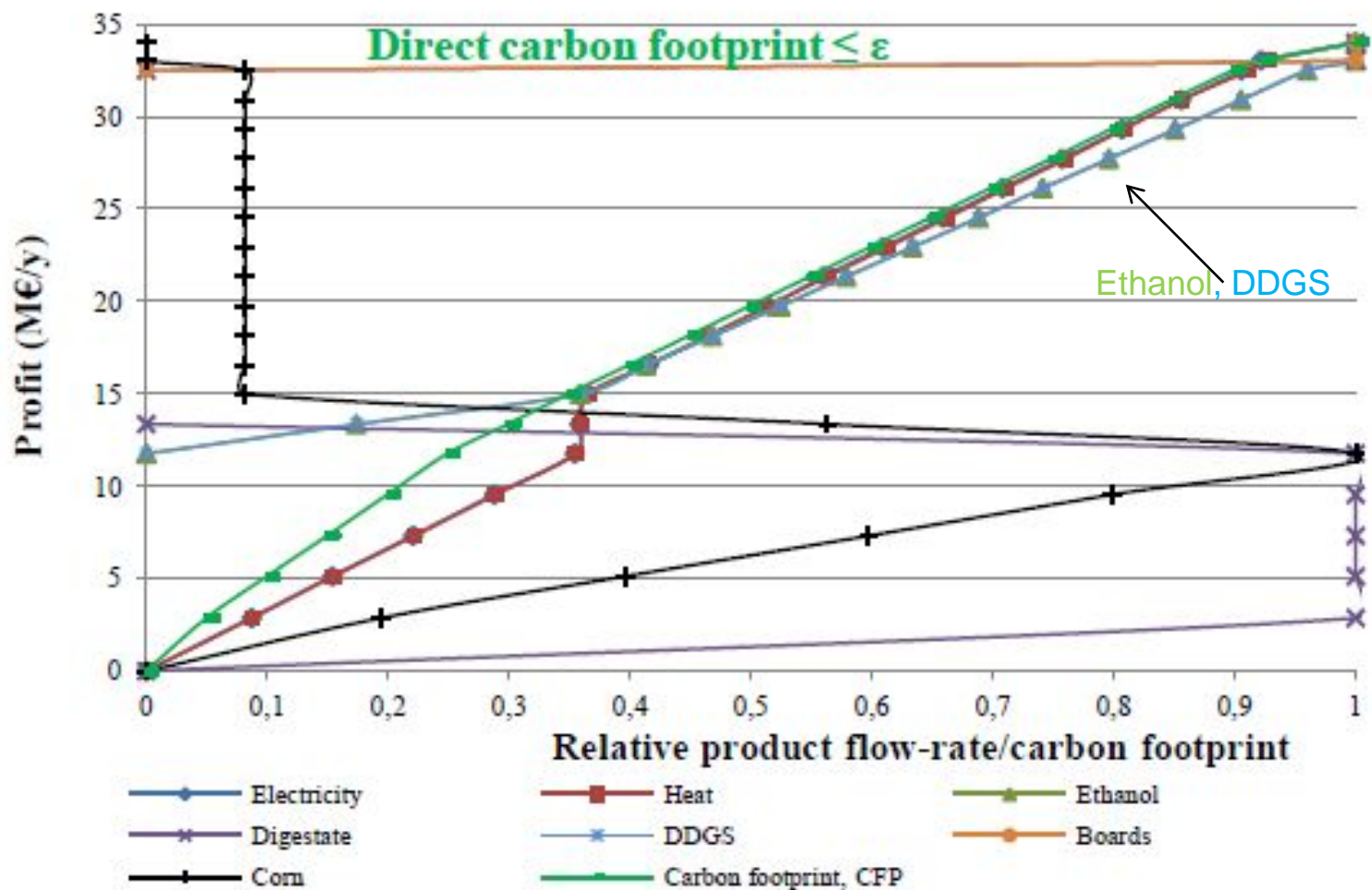


Fig. 23: Relative products flow-rates by Direct footprints

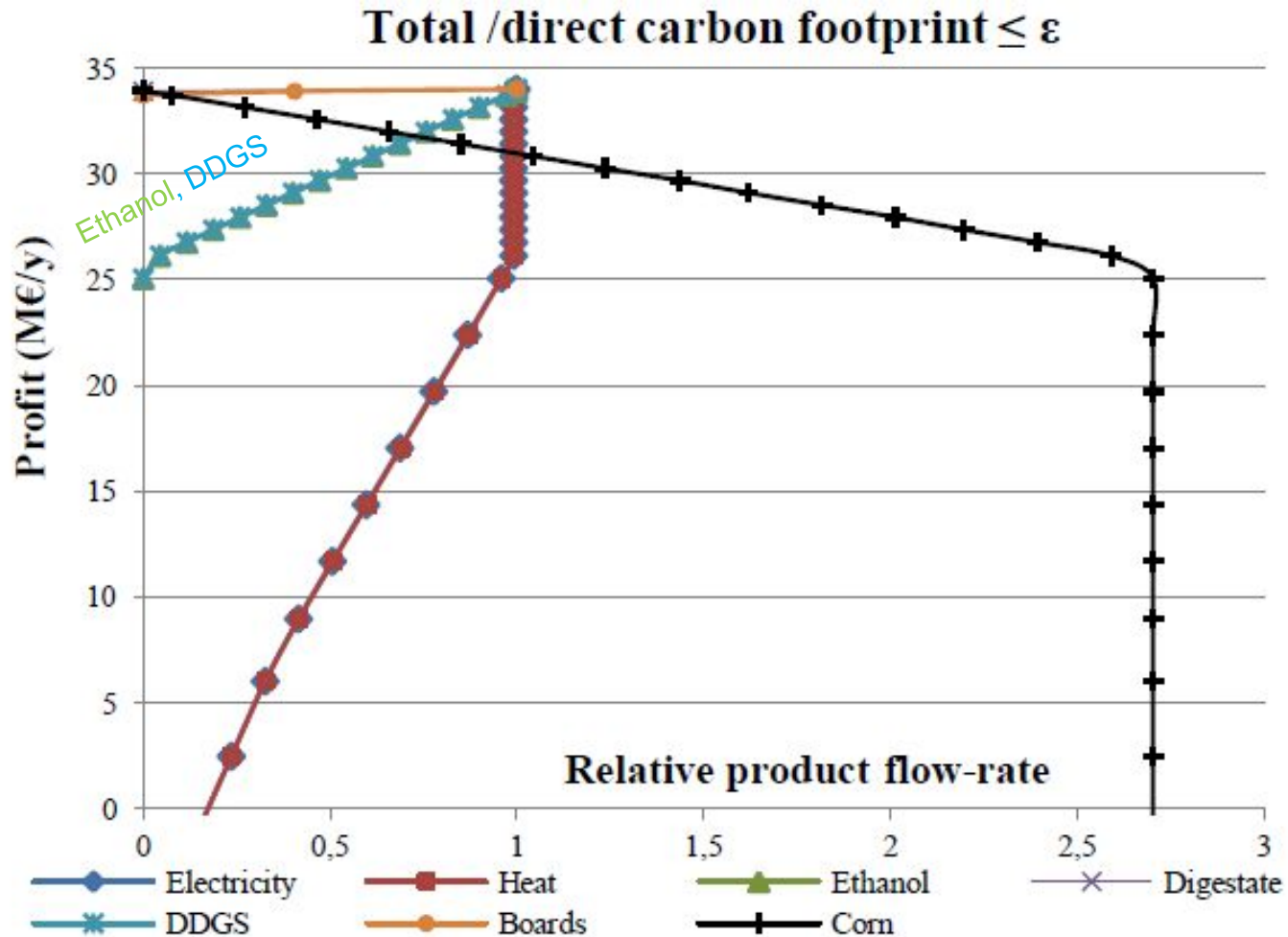


Fig. 24: Relative total/direct products flow-rates



- Significantly **different solutions** can be obtained with direct and total footprints
- Indirect effects by products' substitution can cause some footprints to become **negative**.
- Total Footprints \leq Direct Footprints:
 - Biomass supply chains have negative total CFP and EFP, reduced but still positive total WFPF and WFP, and unchanged LFP and FEFP, when compared to the corresponding direct footprints.
- When using direct footprints **alternatives** with smaller environmental impact are preferred, while with total footprints those that **unburden environment the most** (different perception).



EXAMPLE PROBLEM 3

Bioethanol and Total LCAI Biomass SC and Total Footprints Biogas and Eco-profit

$$\text{Eco-profit(€/yr)} = \text{Eco-benefit} - \text{Eco-cost}$$

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

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

$$\text{Total profit (€/yr)} = \text{Economic profit} + \text{Eco-profit}$$

$$TP = (R - E - D) + (EB - EC)$$

Eco-profit Based MINLP Synthesis of Biogas Process

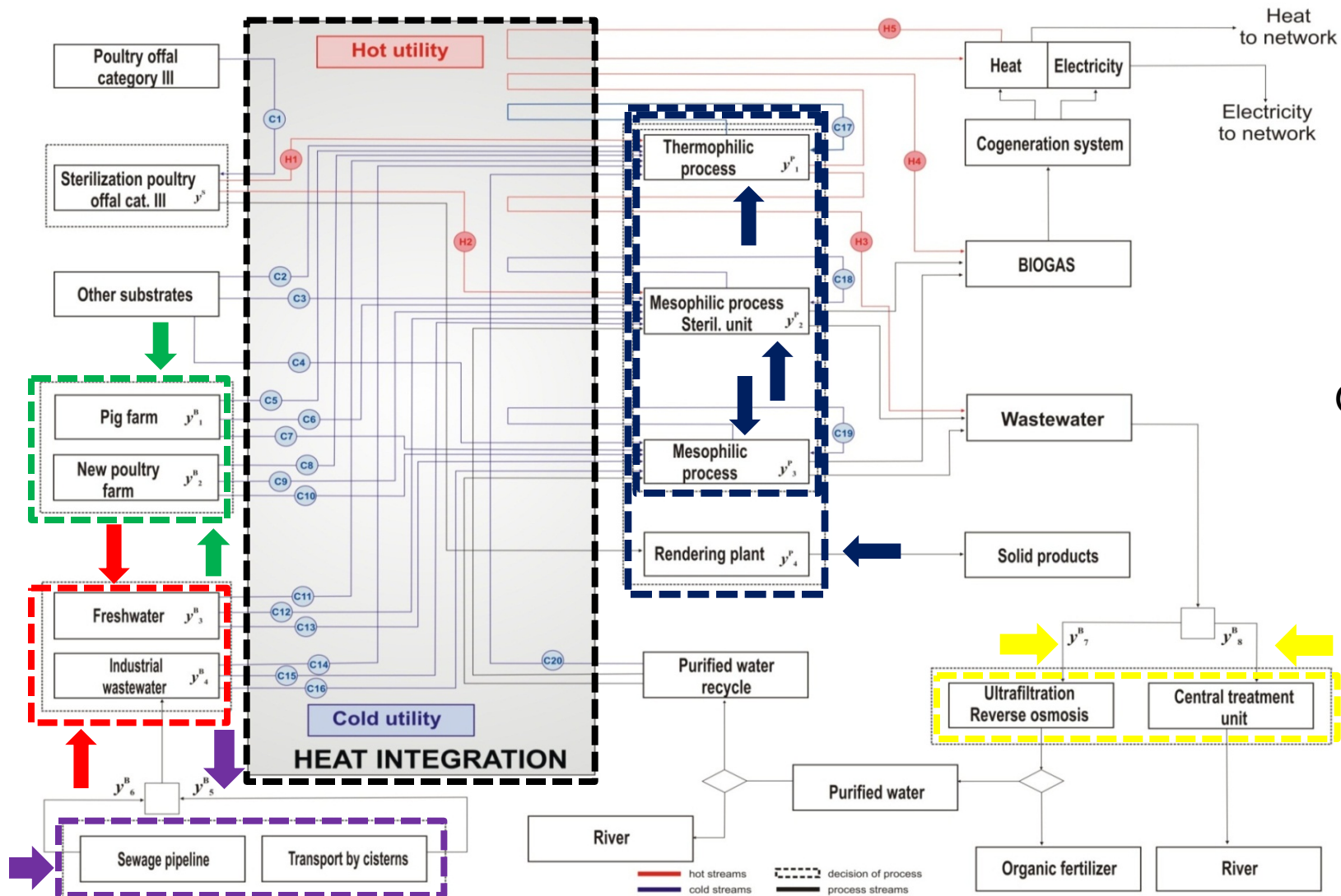


Fig. 25: Biogas from Organic and Animal Waste

study



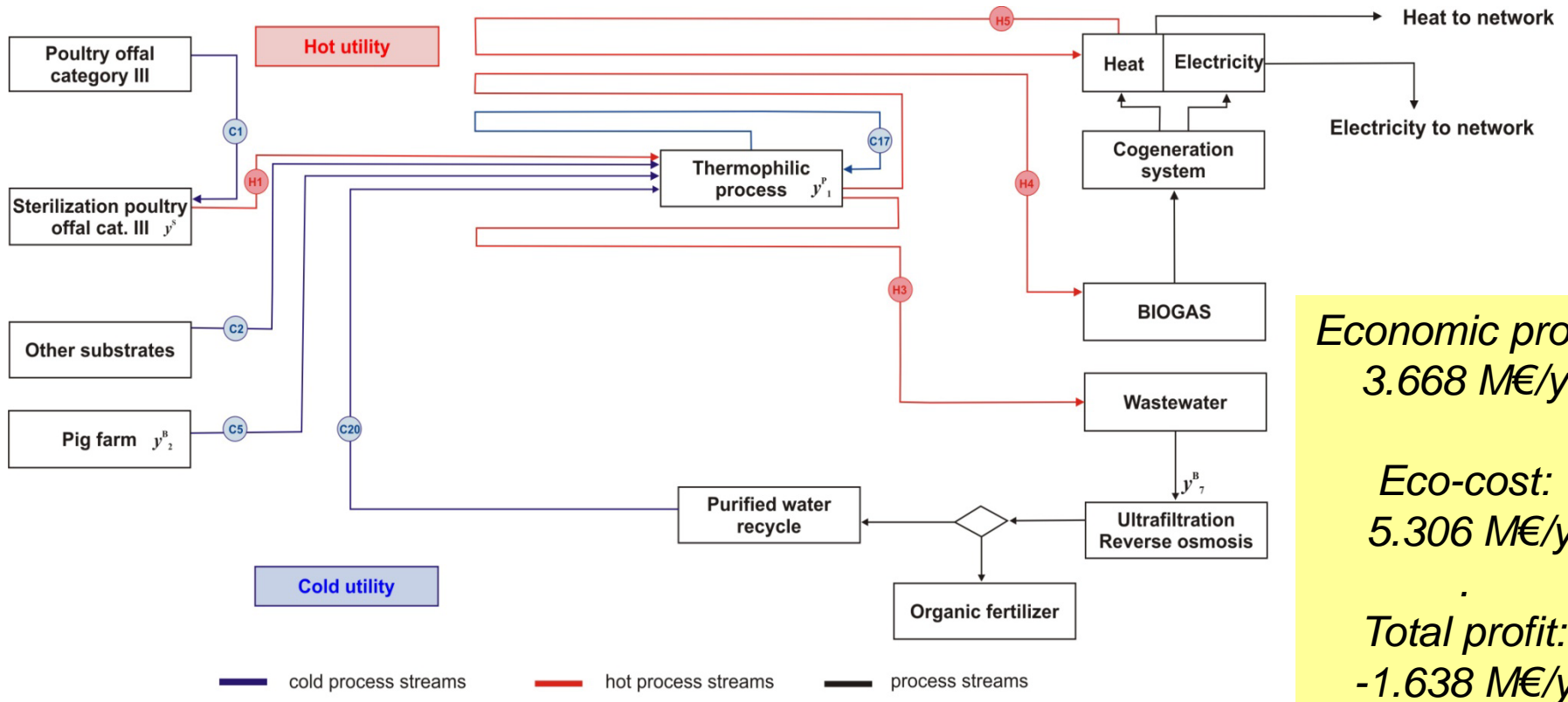
Results

Eco-cost:

- Economical profit maximization
 - Eco-cost minimization
 - Total-profit maximization

$$\text{Total profit (€/yr)} = \text{Economic profit} - \text{Eco-cost}$$

Maximization of the **economic profit**



Economic profit:
3.668 M€/y

Eco-cost:
5.306 M€/y

Total profit:
-1.638 M€/y

Fig. 26: Optimal Biogas production flowsheet



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

	Maximized economic profit (P)	Minimized eco-cost (EC)	Maximized total profit (TP)
Economic profit (M€/y)	3.308	0	0
Eco-cost (M€/y)	5.301	0	0
Total profit (M€/y)	-1.992	0	0
Income (M€/y)	7.546	0	0
Depreciation (M€/y)	2.943	0	0
Investment (M€)	20.727	0	0
Operating costs (M€/y)	4.238	0	0
Biogas production (m ³ /d)	43,281	0	0
The amount of used wastes (t/y)	122,861	0	0



Profit before taxes

$$\max_{x,y} P = (R(x, y) - E(x, y) - D(x, y))$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad h(x, y) = 0$$

$$y(x, y) \leq 0$$

$$EC(x, y) \geq \varepsilon_i$$

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

$$\varepsilon_i = \varepsilon_{i-1} + \Delta\varepsilon$$

Multi-criteria Optimization: Economic Profit vs. Eco-cost

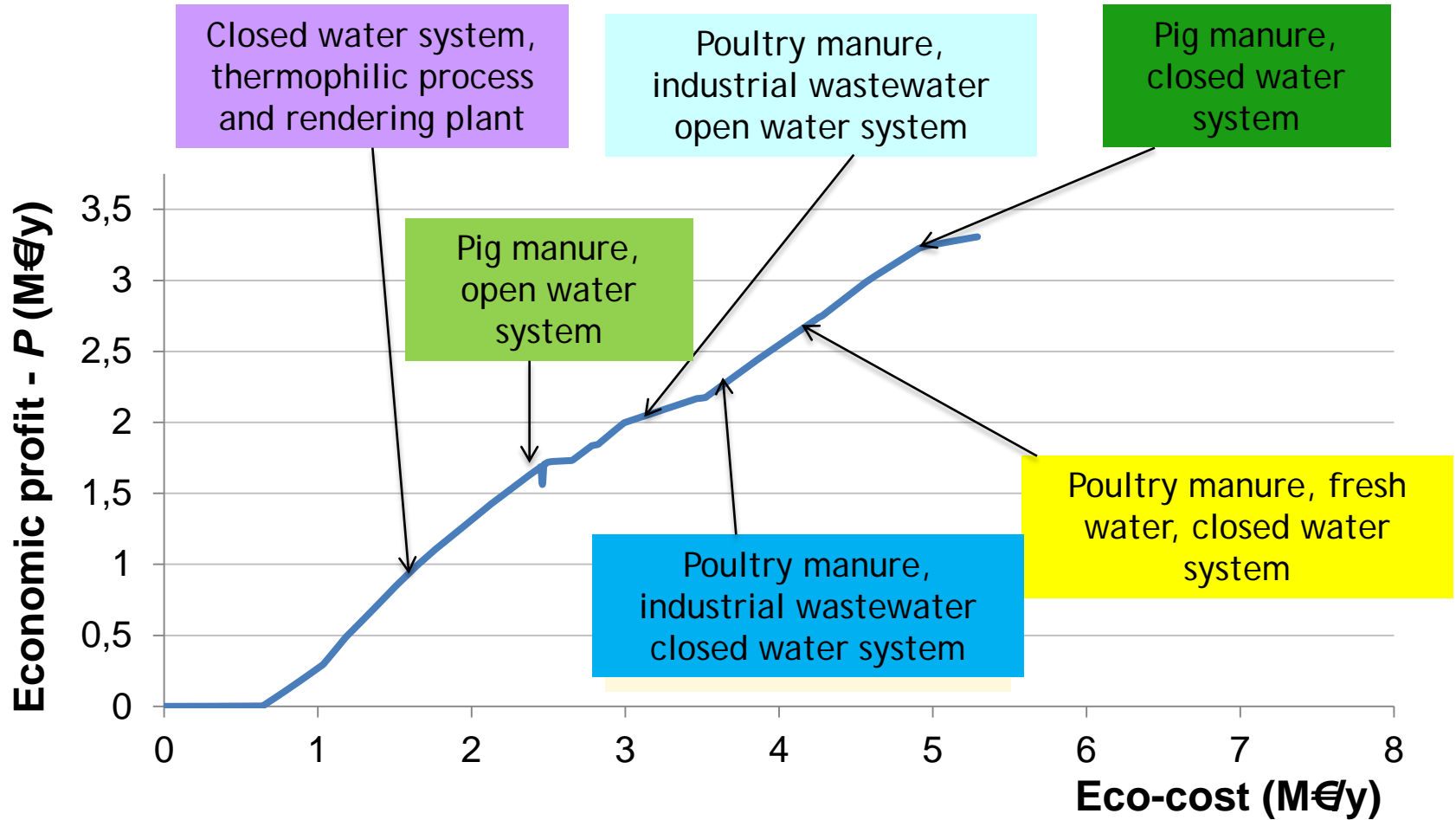


Fig. 27: Pareto curve which shows trade-offs between Economic profit and Eco-cost



Results

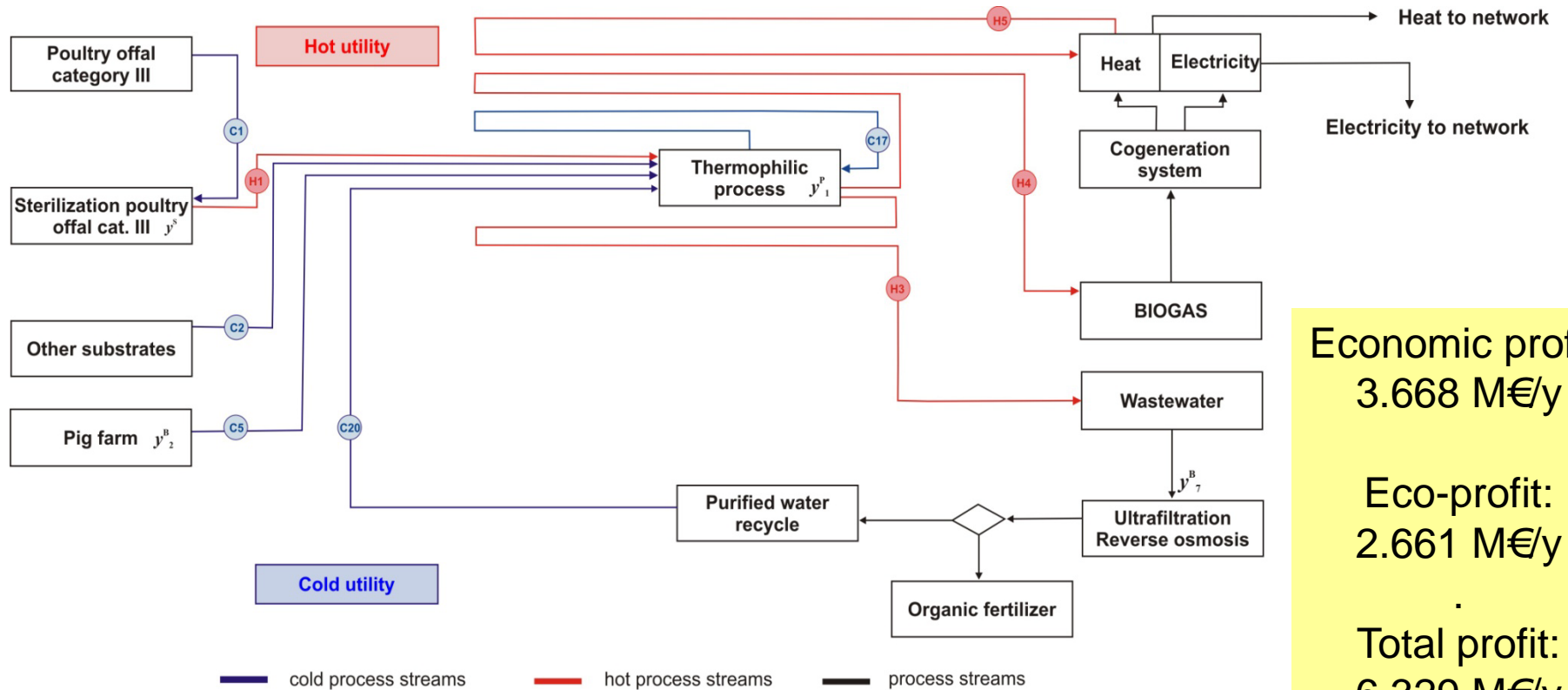
Eco-profit:

- Economical profit maximization
 - Eco-profit maximization
 - Total-profit maximization

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



Maximization of the **economic profit**



Economic profit:
3.668 M€/y

Eco-profit:
2.661 M€/y

Total profit:
6.329 M€/y

Fig. 28: Optimal Biogas production flowsheet



Maximization of the **eco-profit**

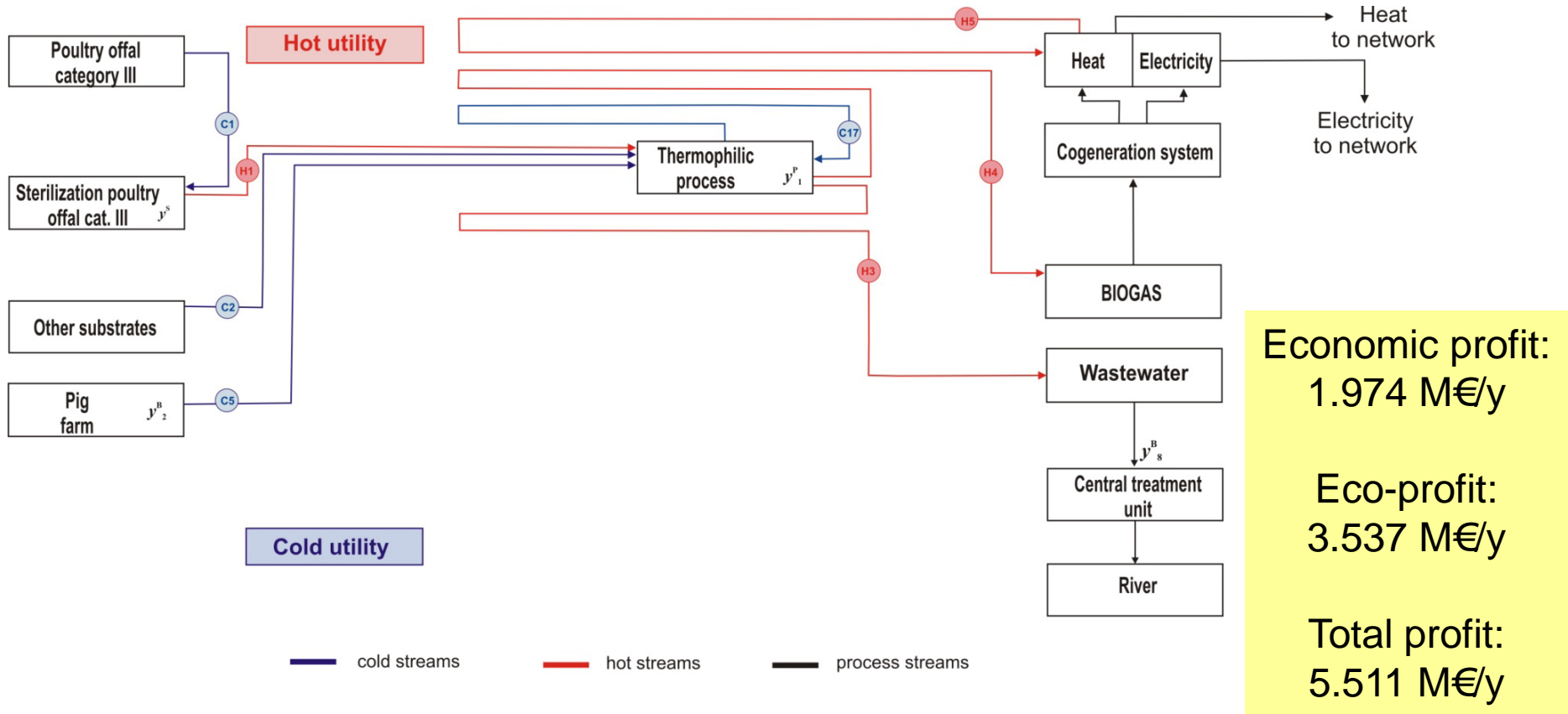
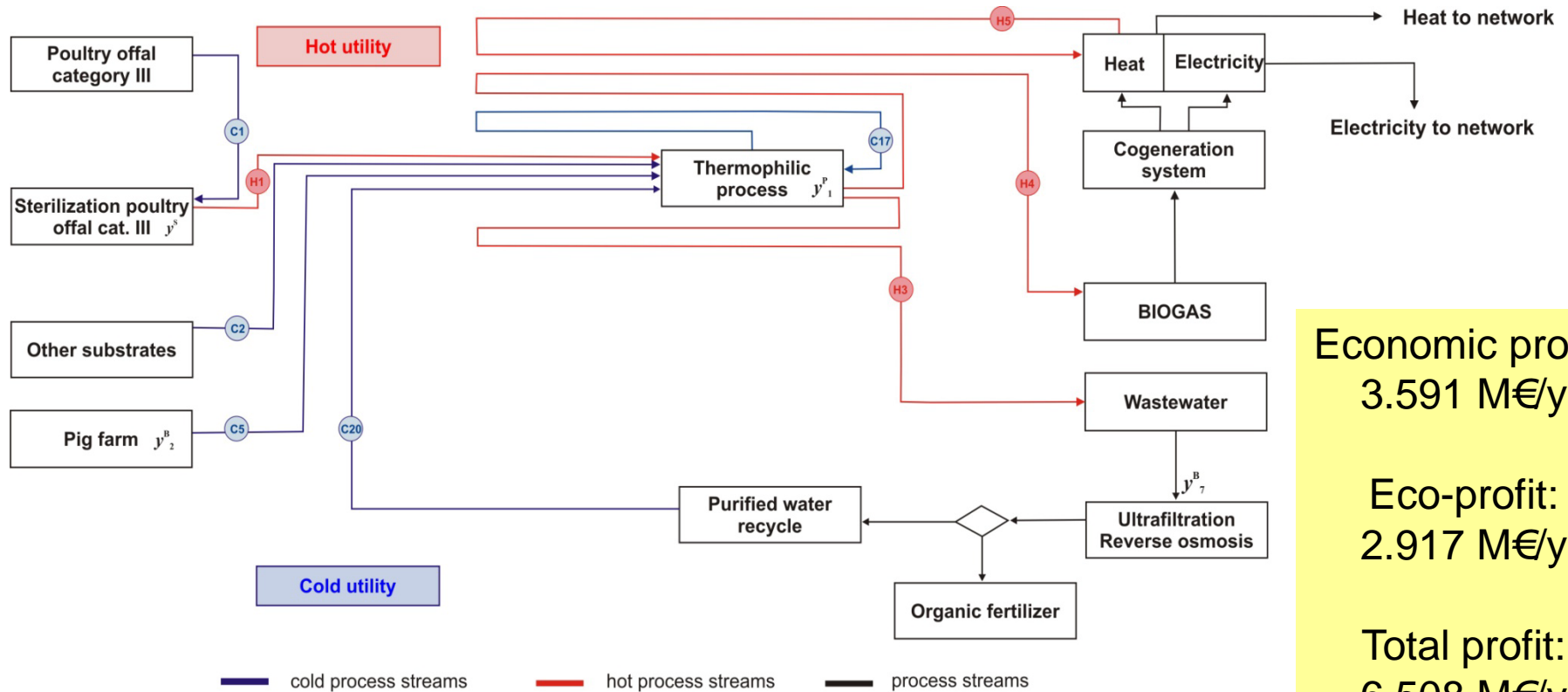


Fig. 29: Optimal Biogas production flowsheet



Maximization of the **total profit**



Economic profit:
3.591 M€/y

Eco-profit:
2.917 M€/y

Total profit:
6.508 M€/y

Fig. 30: Optimal Biogas production flowsheet



Table 3: Different optimization schemes with Eco-profit for Biogas problem

	Maximized economic profit (P)	Maximized eco-profit (EP)	Maximized total profit (TP)
Economic profit (M€/y)	3.668	1.974	3.591
Eco-profit (M€/y)	2.661	3.537	2.917
Total profit (M€/y)	6.329	5.511	6.508
Income (M€/y)	7.354	5.217	7.249
Depreciation (M€/y)	2.943	2.394	2.925
Investment (M€)	20.727	16.858	20.600
Operating costs (M€/y)	3.686	3.243	3.658
Biogas production (m ³ /d)	43,281	33,106	42,623
The amount of used wastes (t/y)	122,861	112,821	121,180



Profit before taxes

$$\max_{x,y} P = (R(x, y) - E(x, y) - D(x, y))$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad h(x, y) = 0$$

$$y(x, y) \leq 0$$

$$EP(x, y) \geq \varepsilon_i$$

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

$$\varepsilon_i = \varepsilon_{i-1} + \Delta\varepsilon$$

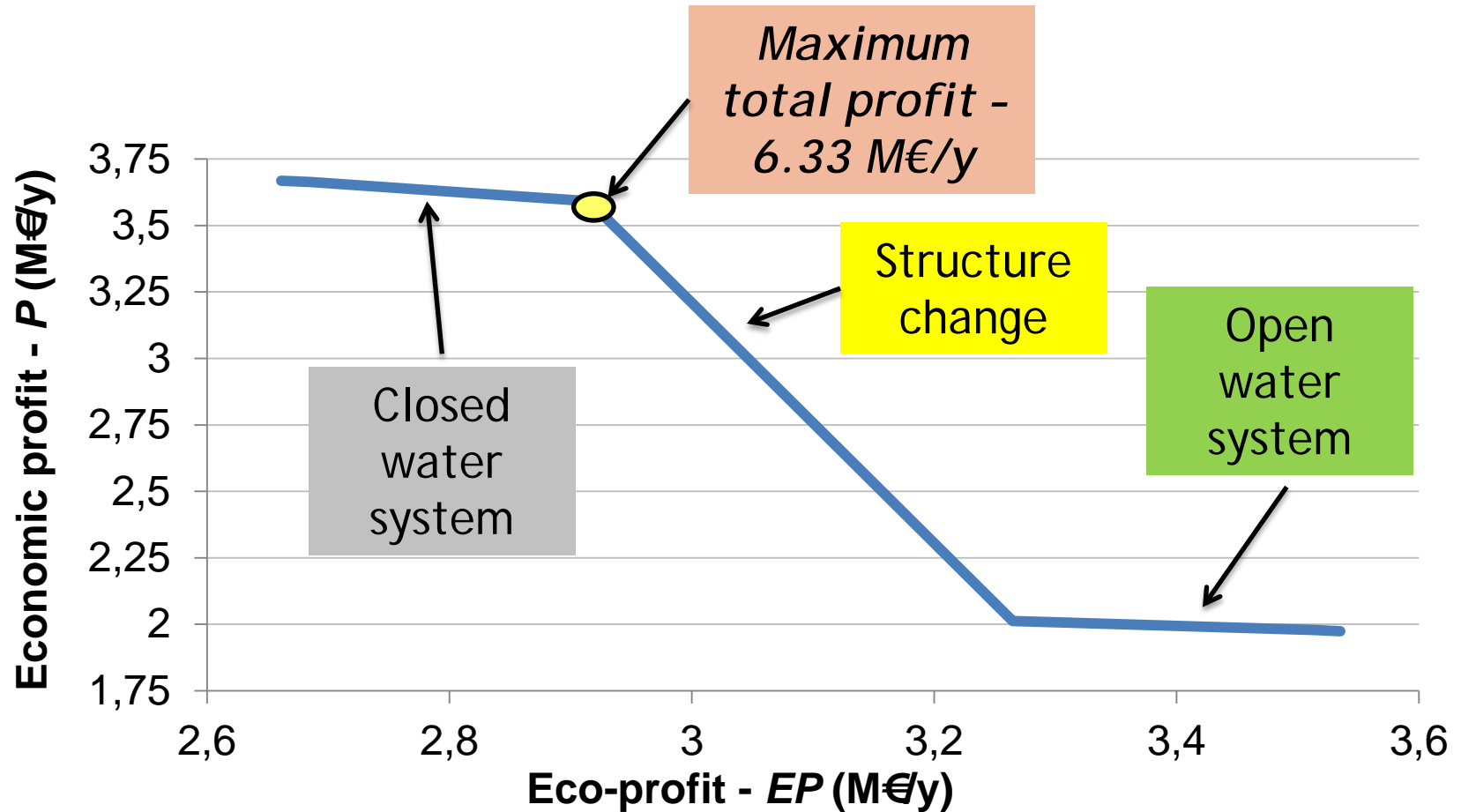


Fig. 31: Economic profit decreases with the increase of eco-profit



Economic Profit vs. Eco-cost and Eco-profit

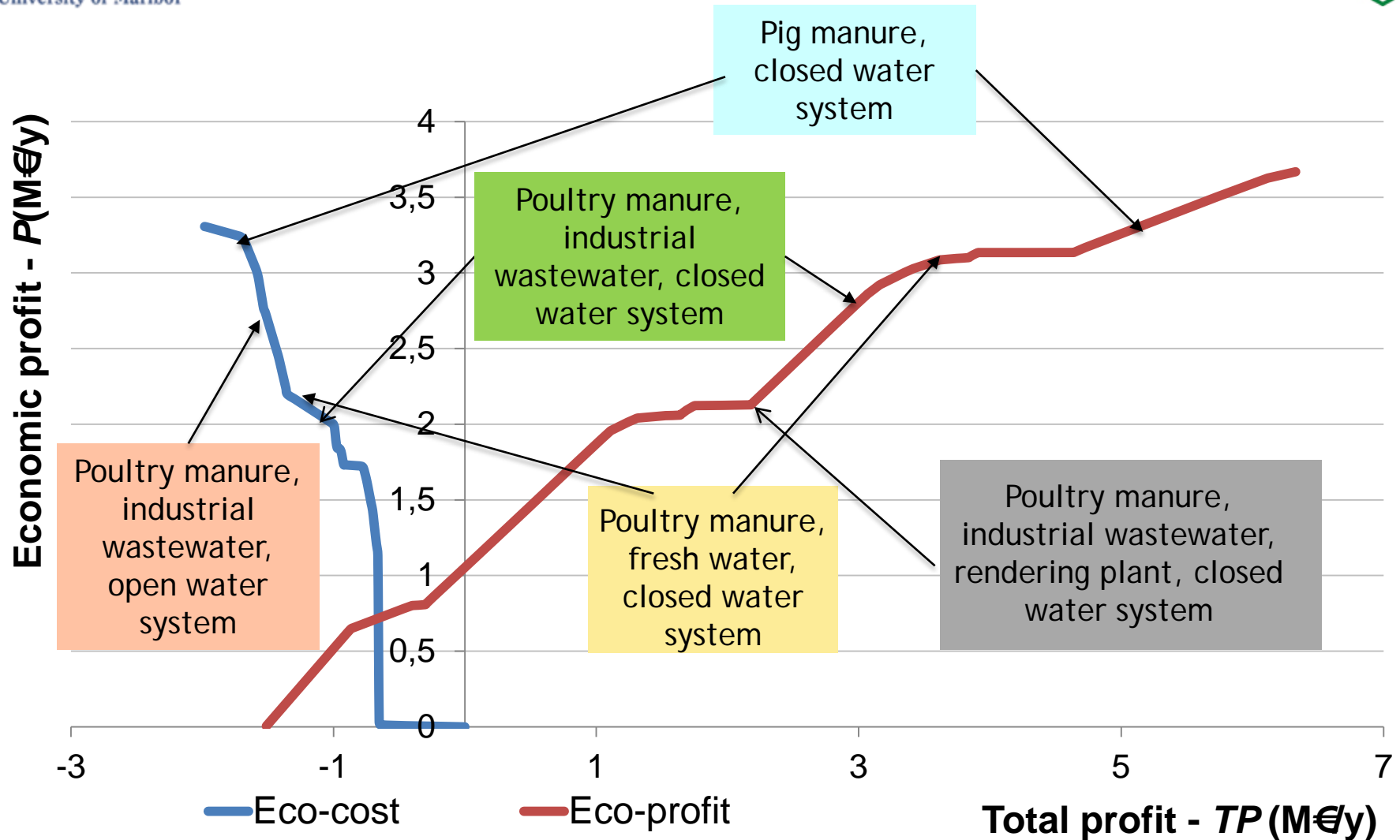


Fig. 32: Trade-offs between Economic profit vs. Eco-cost and Eco-profit



- Significantly **different solutions** can be obtained with eco-cost and eco-profit.
- Total profit based on eco-cost can be negative (no production).
- **Total profit** based on eco-cost \ll **Total profit** based on eco-profit:

When eco-cost is used, biogas production from animal and organic waste seems to be unsustainable. However, it is sustainable with significant economical and eco-profit.

Assessments based on direct eco-costs can be wrong!

- When using eco-cost alternatives with smaller environmental impact are preferred, while with eco-profit those that unburden environment the most (different **perception**).



Conclusion



- Indirect effects caused by products' substitution should be considered, besides direct effects.
- New concepts of Total LCA index, Total Footprints, and Total profit based on Eco-profit have been introduced.
- By considering both effects, alternatives that unburden the environment the most have higher priority than those with only smaller impacts.
- Considering total effects on the environment enables one to obtain more profitable and yet environmentally less harmful solutions.

Thank you!