

Investment planning of energy systems in an urban context

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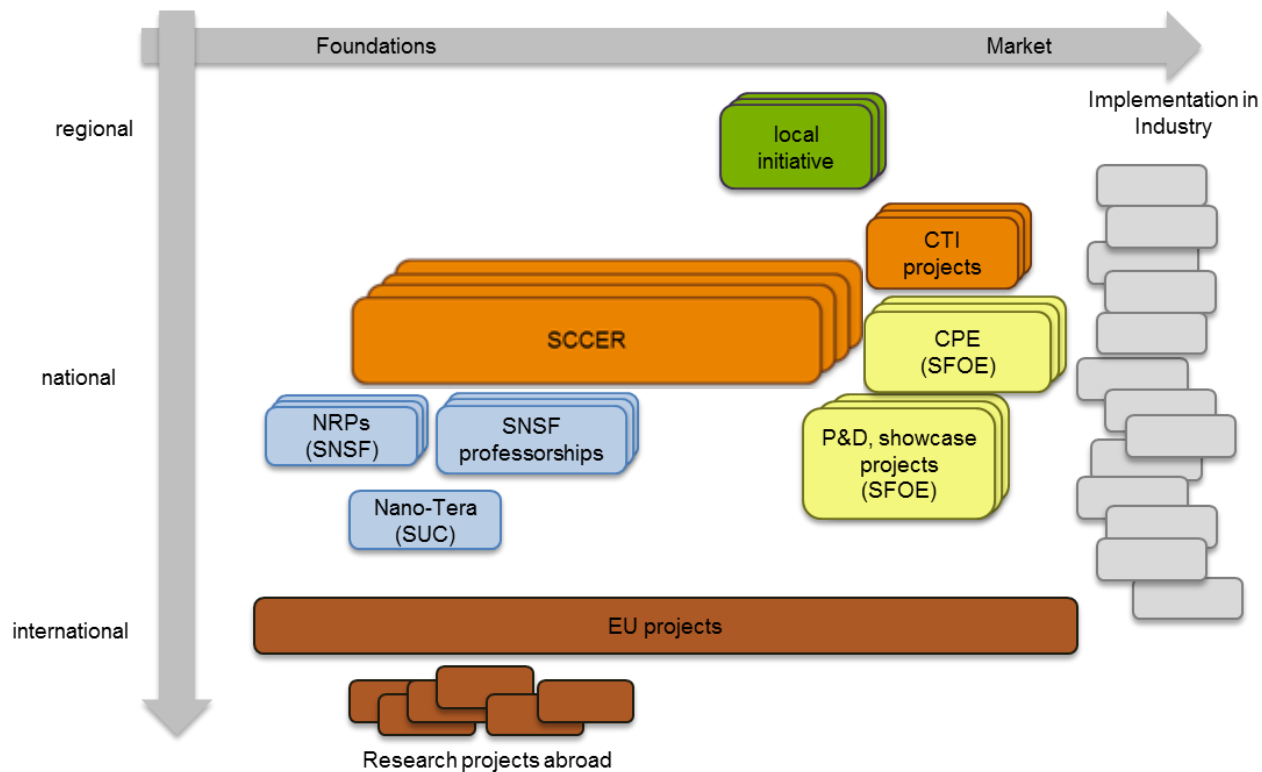


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Introduction

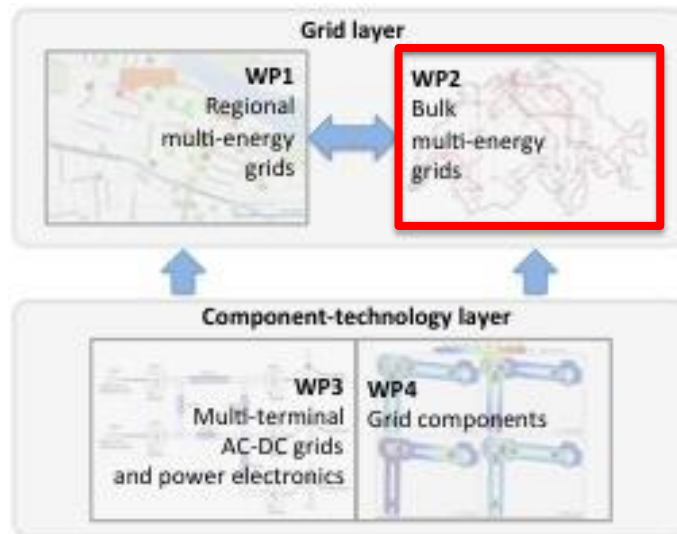
- The Swiss Competence Centres for Energy Research (SCCERs) have been established in support of the Swiss government's energy strategy for 2050 and funded by the Commission for Technology and Innovation (CTI)





- There are 8 SCCERs established covering the entire value chain of the energy sector namely:
 - 1a. SCCER-Future Energy Efficient Buildings & Districts (SCCER FEEB&D)
 - 1b. SCCER- Efficiency of Industrial Processes (SCCER EIP)
 2. Future Swiss Electrical Infrastructure (SCCER FURIES)
 3. Heat Electricity Storage (SCCER HaE)
 4. Supply of Electricity (SCCER SoE)
 5. Competence Center for Research in Energy, Society and Transition (SCCER CREST)
 6. Efficient Technologies and Systems for Mobility (SCCER Mobility)
 7. Biomass for Swiss Energy Future (SCCER BIOSWEET)

- SCCER-Furies structure



WP2

- Develop a model of the Swiss bulk energy system for planning and operation
- Provide advice to decision makers when planning the future Swiss energy system

Goal of this study

Develop a decision support tool for the long term investment planning of district energy systems and networks

Problem

Problem

Development of a new district

Energy services to provide



Heating



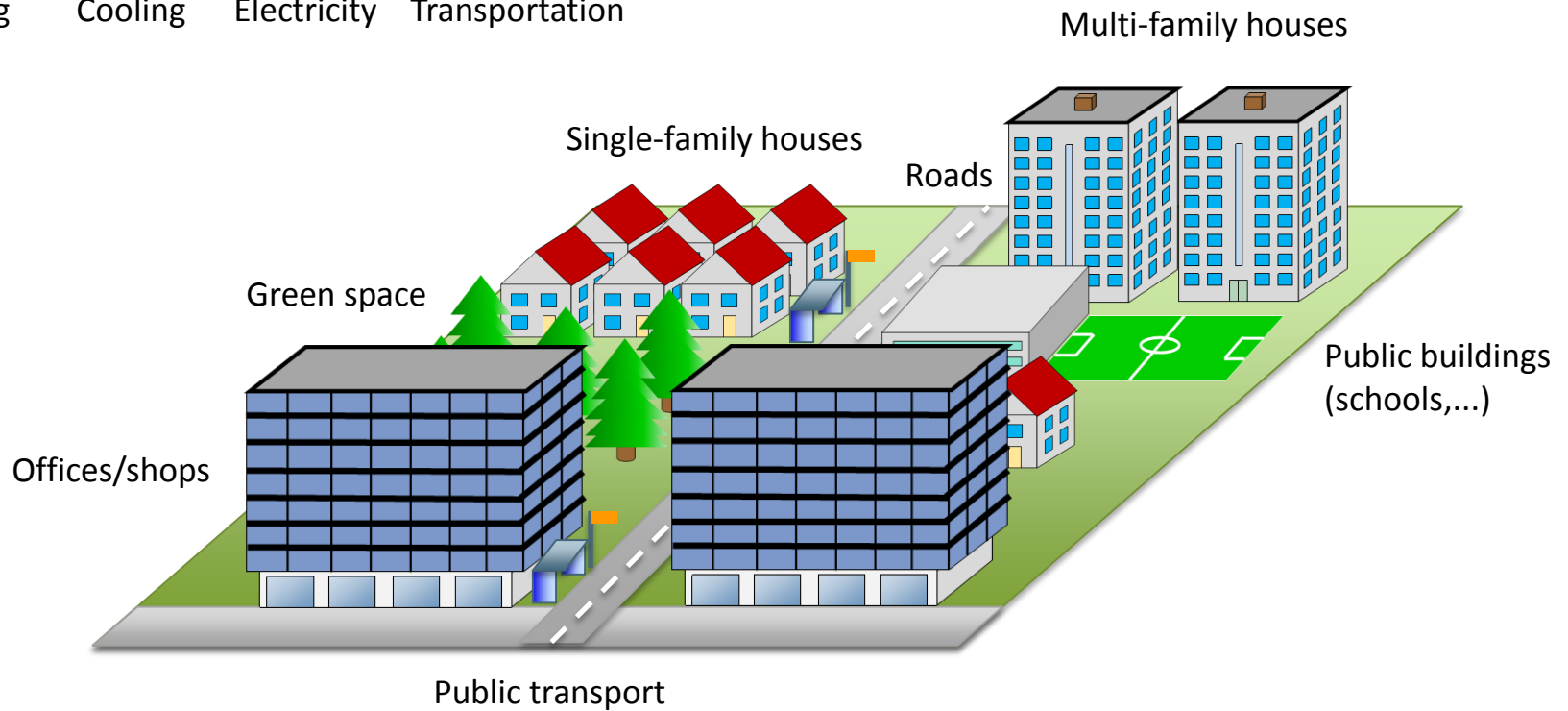
Cooling



Electricity



Transportation



Energy services to provide



Heating



Cooling



Electricity



Transportation

Limit costs and impact



CO₂



Which energy systems to choose?

Gas boilers

Geothermal heat pumps

Solar PV

Biomass boilers

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Which networks to develop?

Electricity

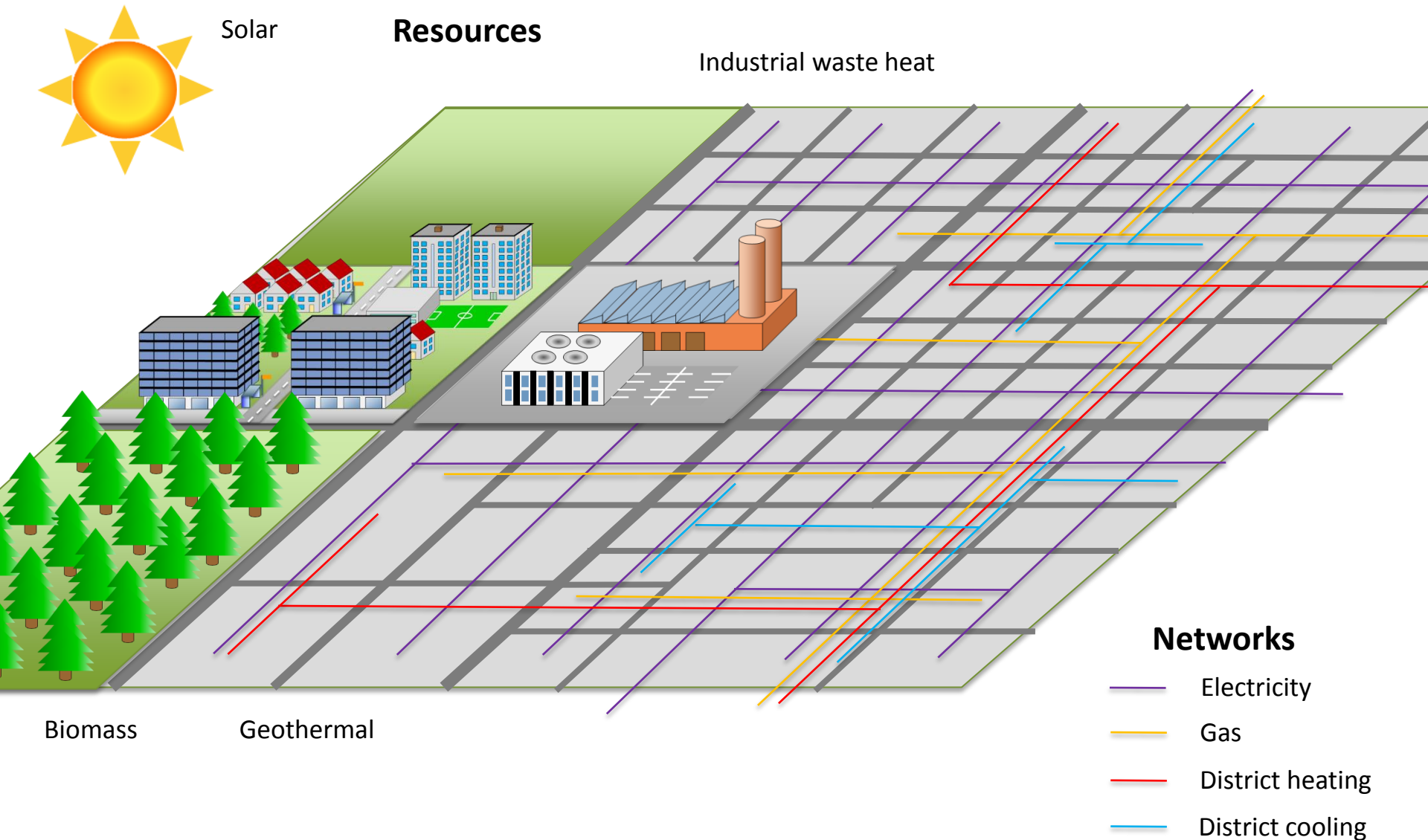
Gas

District heating

District cooling

Problem

Local resources and infrastructure



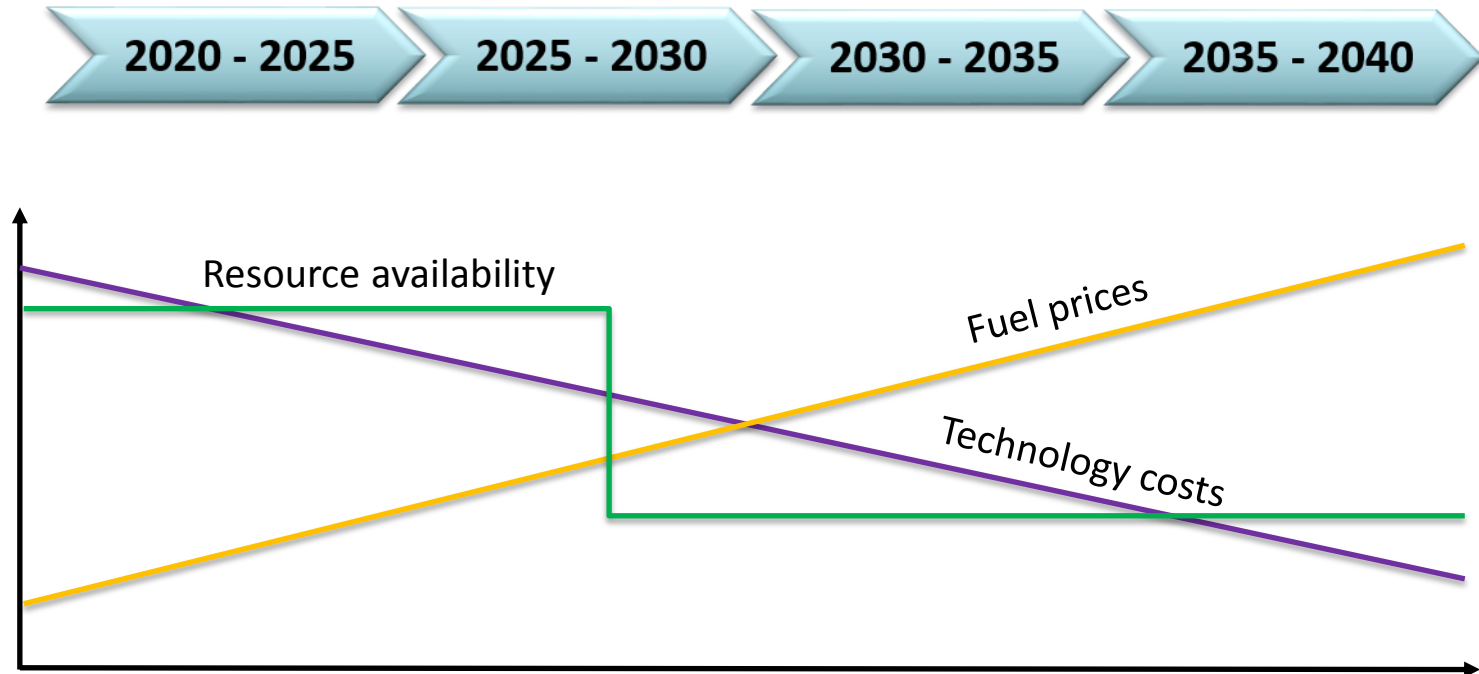
Problem

Phasing of construction



Problem

Evolving costs and resource availability



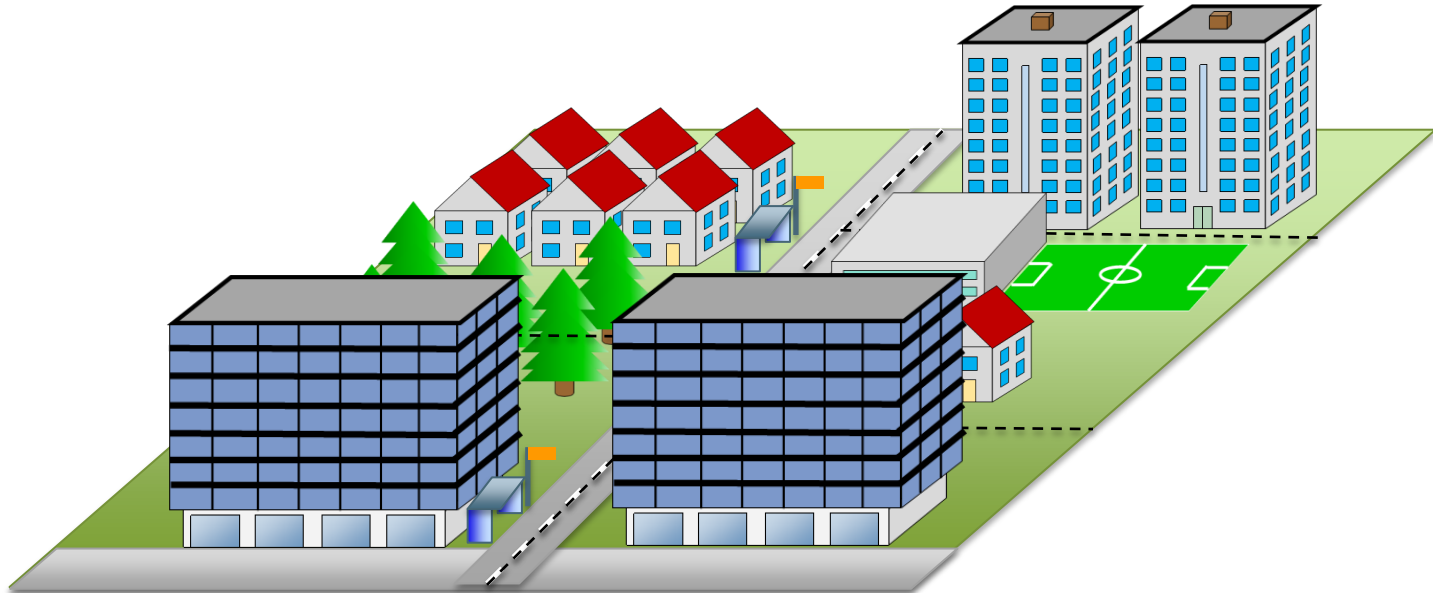
Model

- Develop a decision support tool for the long term investment planning of district energy systems and networks
- Based on optimisation using Mixed Integer Mathematical Programming (MILP)
- Minimising economic costs and environmental impact
- Taking into account
 - Energy demand profiles
 - Local resources
 - Existing infrastructure in surrounding area
 - Phasing of construction
 - Evolving fuel and technology costs
 - Evolving resource availability

Model

Energy model

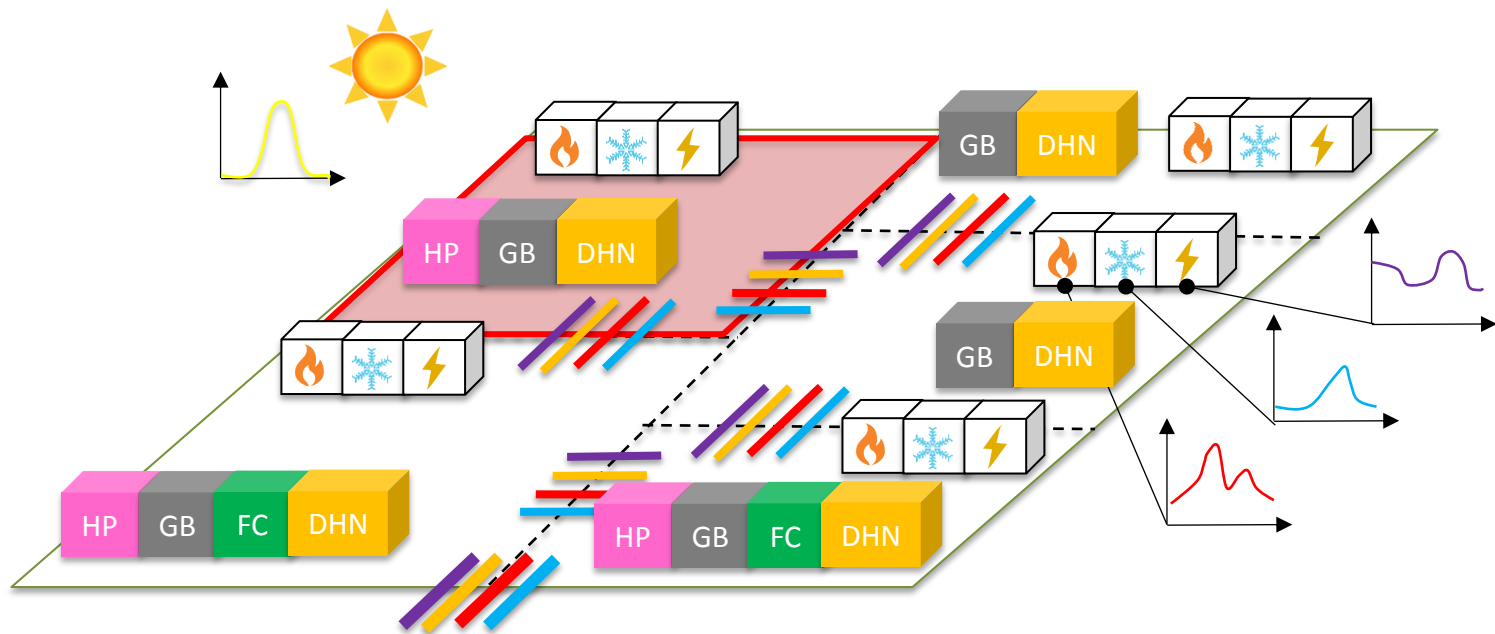
- District divided in zones



Model

Energy model

- District divided in zones
- Energy demand profiles for each zone
- Energy supply technology choices in each zone
- Network connection options (type & capacity)
- Indigenous resources

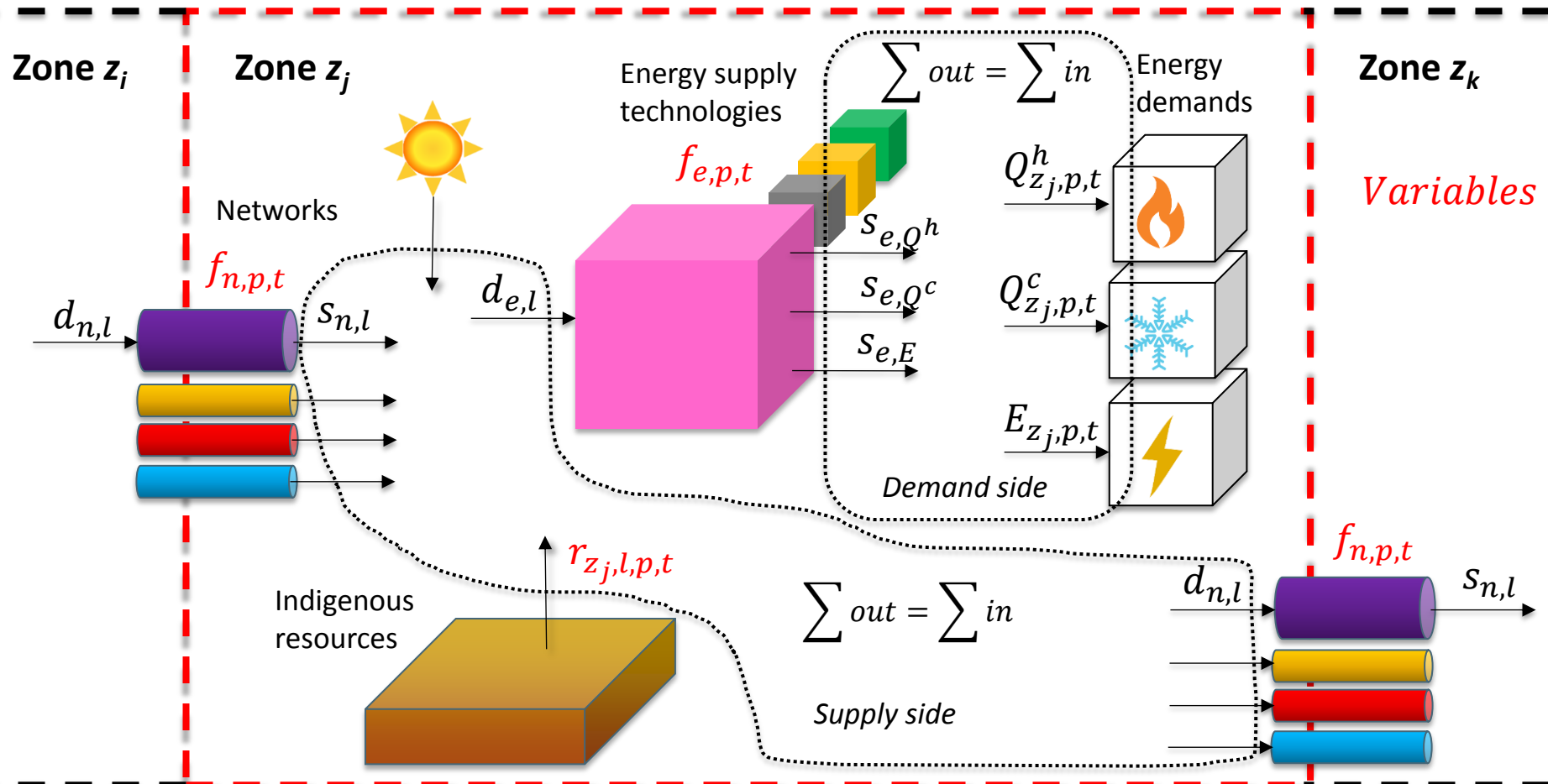


Model

Energy model

- Energy balance inside a zone

$$\forall p \in P, t \in T[p]$$



Model

Energy model


- Energy balance inside a zone (demand side)

Zone z_i

Zone z_j

Zone z_k

Max supply Unit usage factor (%)

$$\sum_{e \in E[z_j]} (s_{e,Q^h} \cdot f_{e,p,t}) = Q_{z_j,p,t}^h \quad \forall p \in P, t \in T[p]$$


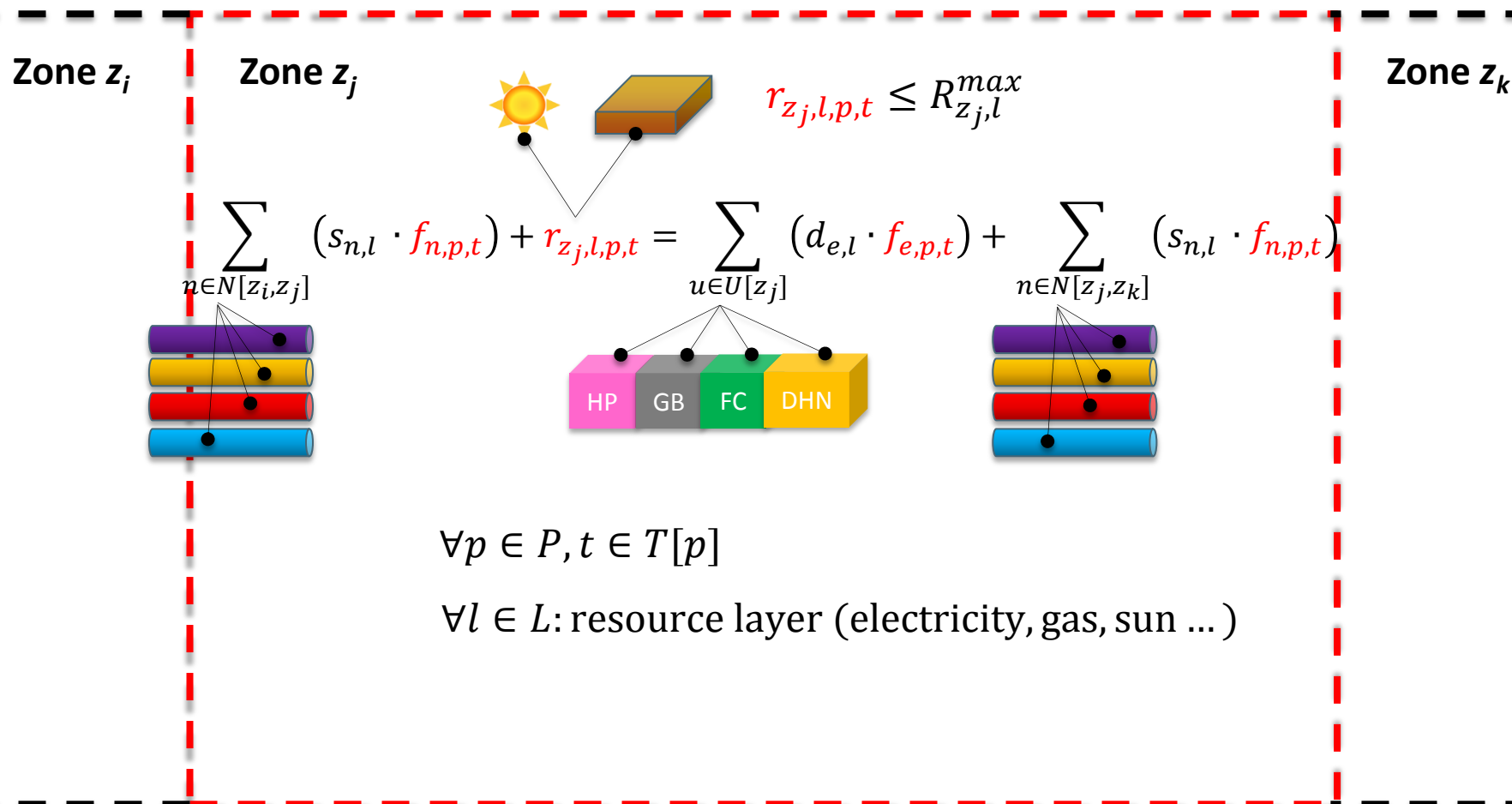
$$\sum_{u \in U[z_j]} (s_{e,Q^c} \cdot f_{e,p,t}) = Q_{z_j,p,t}^c$$

$$\sum_{u \in U[z_j]} (s_{e,E} \cdot f_{e,p,t}) = E_{z_j,p,t}$$

Model

Energy model

- Energy balance inside a zone (supply side)



- Unit sizing

Zone z_i

Zone z_j

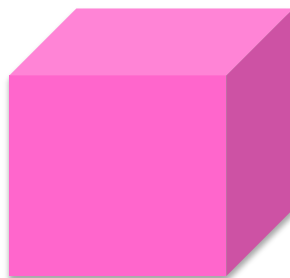
Zone z_k

Unit activation (0/1) Max size of unit

$$f_{e,p,t} \leq \overbrace{y_{e,p,t}}^{\text{Unit activation (0/1)}} \cdot \overbrace{F_u^{max}}^{\text{Max size of unit}} \quad \forall u \in U[z_j], p \in P, t \in T[p]$$

$f_{e,p,t} \leq F_{e,p}$: size of unit in period p

$y_{e,p,t} \leq Y_{e,p}$: existence of unit in period p

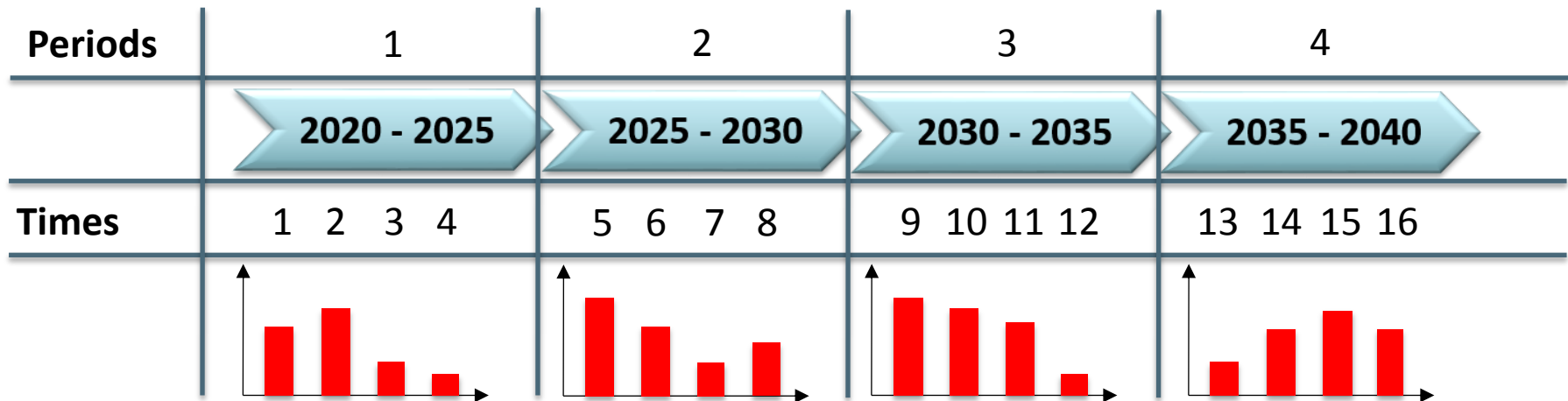


Same equations for networks

Model

Economic model

- Periods represent investment stages
 - Buildings (input) and energy system configuration (output) are fixed inside each period
- Times represent different operating conditions inside each period
 - Energy demands and supply technology/network usage is defined for each time
 - Energy balance is solved for each time



- Maximise Net Present Value (objective)

$$\max NPV = \sum_{p=1}^{n_p} \frac{CF_p}{(1+d)^p} - Inv^0$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the NPV formula:

- n_p : Number of periods
- CF_p : Cash flow
- d : Discount rate
- Inv^0 : Initial investment (in period 0)

$$CF_p = Rev_p - Inv_p + Dis_p$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the cash flow formula:

- Rev_p : Revenues
- Inv_p : Investment
- Dis_p : Disposal value

- Revenue

$$Rev_p = - \sum_{u \in U} \sum_{t \in T[p]} (C_{u,p,t}^{fix} \cdot y_{u,p,t} + C_{u,p,t}^{var} \cdot f_{u,p,t})$$

Units: energy supply technologies, networks, demands, imports (grid, biomass...)

Fixed cost

Variable cost (<0 if selling)

- Investment

$$Inv_p = - \sum_{u \in U} (I_{u,p,t}^{fix} \cdot y_{u,p,t} + I_{u,p,t}^{var} \cdot f_{u,p,t})$$

Fixed investment

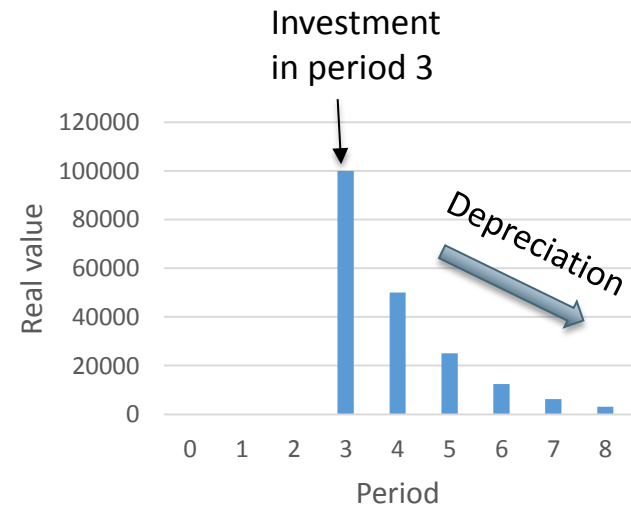
Variable investment

- Disposal value
 - Disposal value of asset (=unit) is recovered a) when unit is sold or b) at the end of the project (residual value)
 - Disposal value is equal to the real value (RV) of the unit

$$Dis_{u,p} = RV_{u,p}$$

$$RV_{u,p} = (1 - \delta_u) \cdot RV_{u,p-1} + Inv_{u,p}$$

↓
Depreciation rate



Application to case study

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Presentation of case study

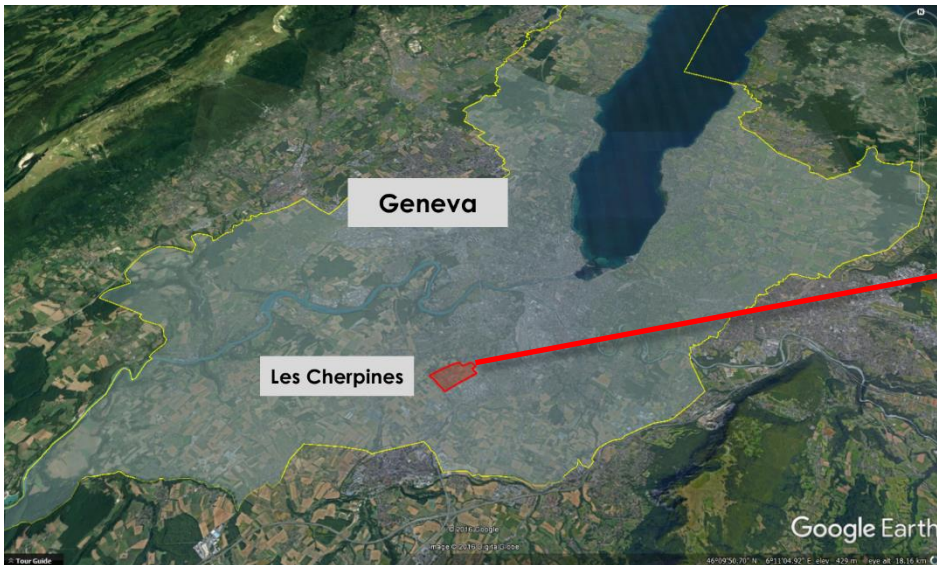
Canton of Geneva

Population: 490,578 (mostly urban)

Area: 282 km²

Density: 1740 inh./km²

Climate: temperate oceanic



Source: Google Earth



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Les Cherpines

Mixed use «eco-distict»

3000 dwellings, 2500 jobs

560,000 m² floor area

58 ha greenfield

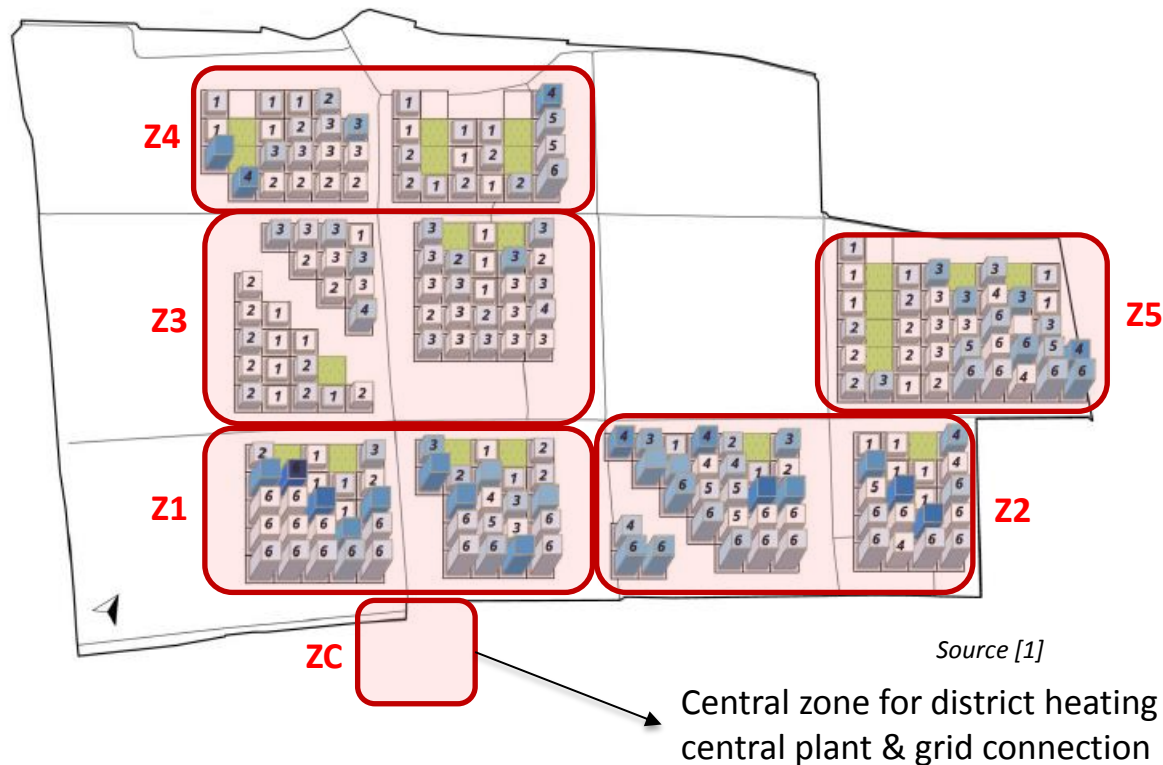
Construction: 2018-2035

Neighbouring industrial zone «ZIPLO»

Application to case study

Case study definition

- District layout
 - 11 building blocks modelled as 5 zones + central zone

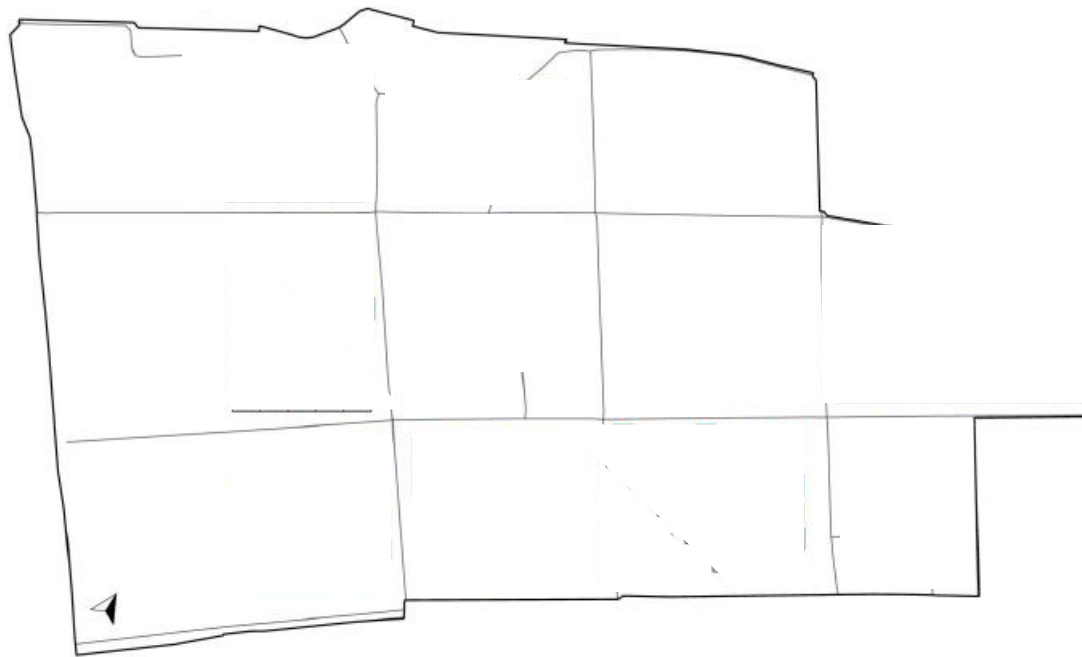


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Application to case study

Case study definition

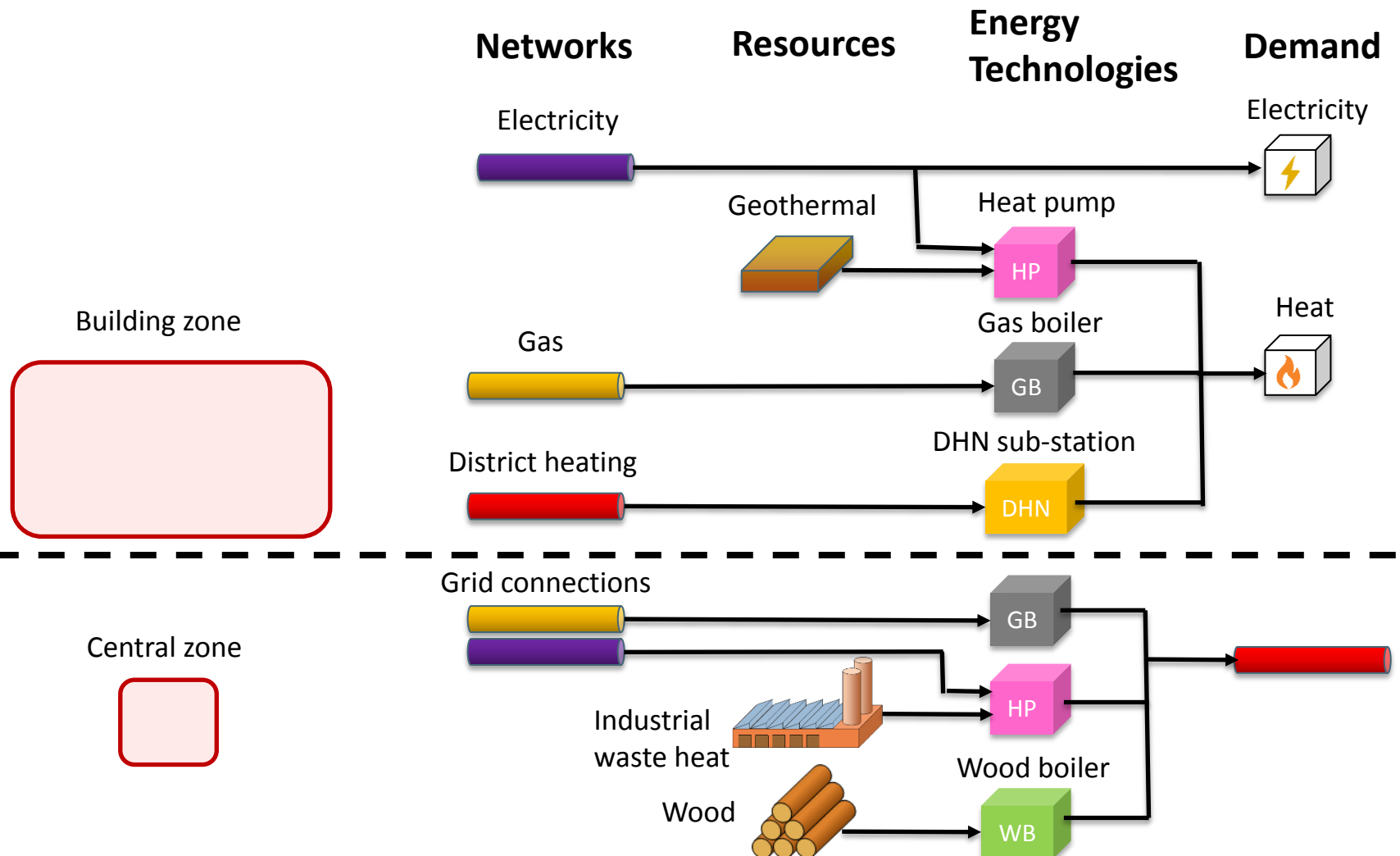
- Construction phases



Application to case study

Case study definition

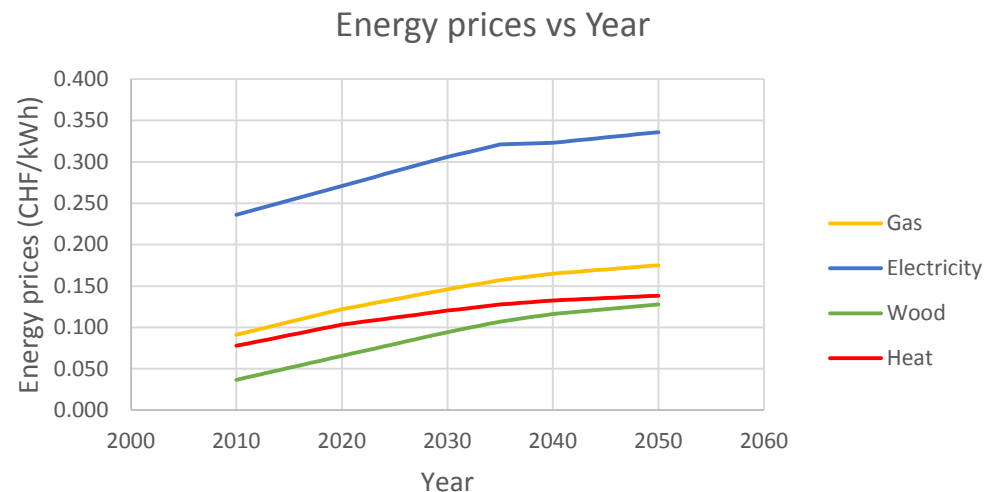
- Energy systems considered



Application to case study

Case study definition

- 30 periods (1 period = 1 year)
- 3 time-steps in each period (→ summer, winter, mid-season)
- Energy prices

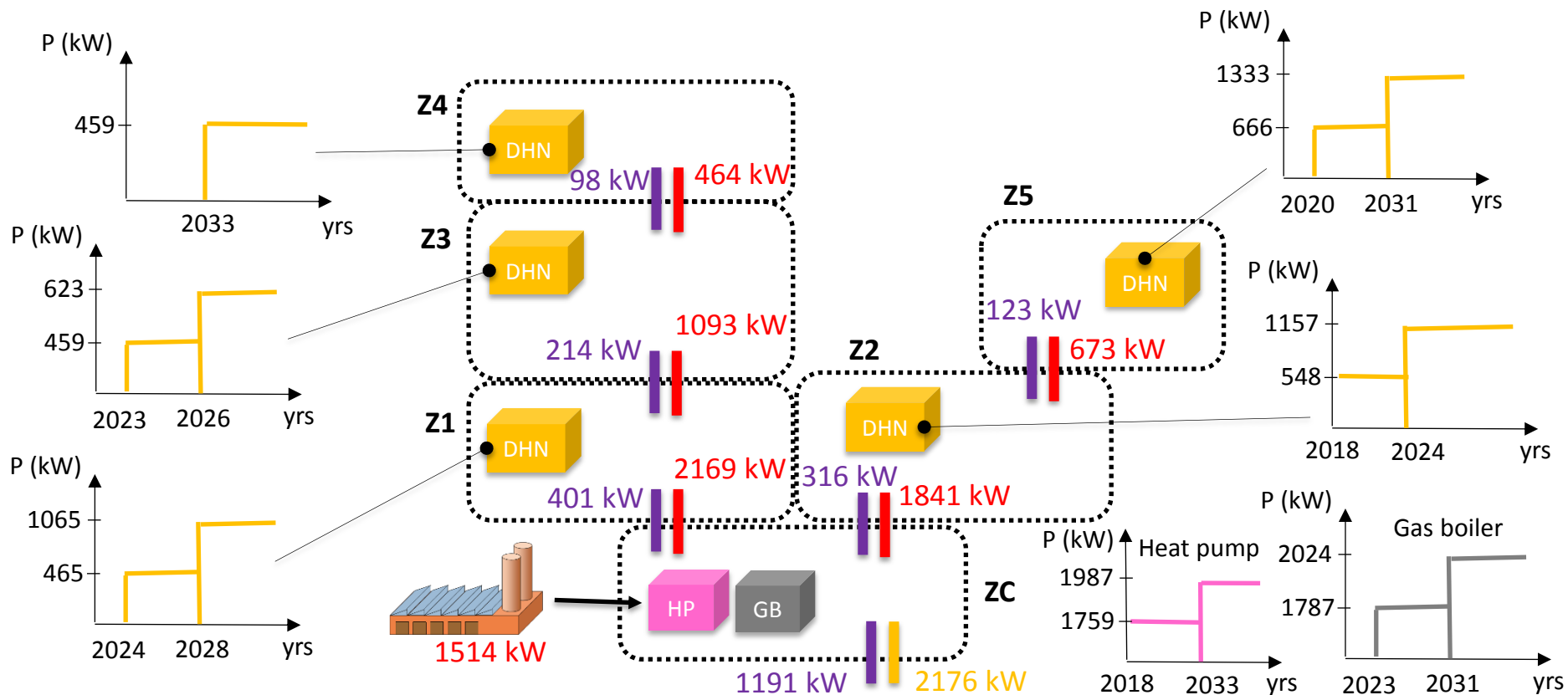


- Economic parameters
 - Discount rate = 6 %
 - Project lifetime = 30 years

Application to case study

Results

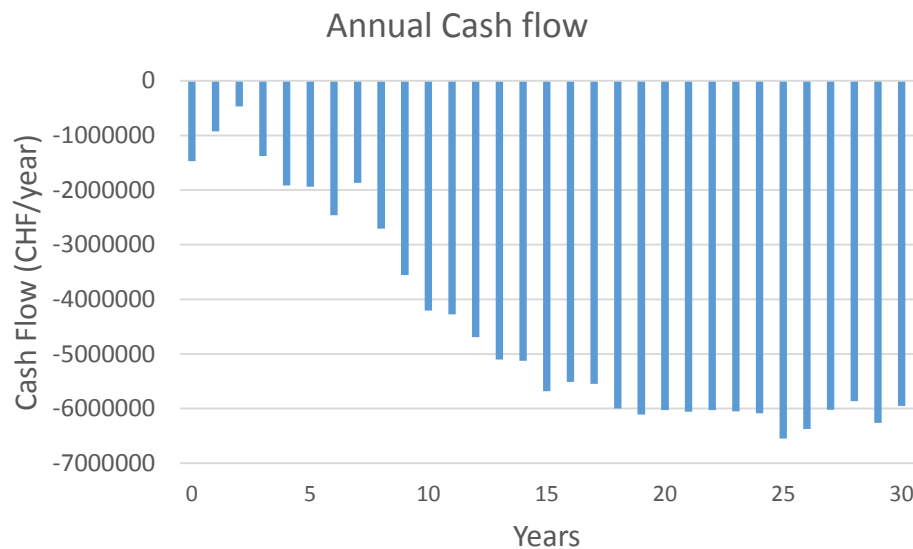
- All zones are connected to district heating network (no decentralised system)
- Central system consists of heat pump (→ industrial waste recovery) and gas boiler for peak (in winter)



Application to case study

Results

- Cash Flow is always negative → due to an error in energy selling price to final consumers (positive instead of negative)
- Should not affect the results (configuration) since these costs are constant in all cases



NPV = -51914 kCHF

Conclusion & Outlook

Conclusions

- A MILP model was developed to optimise long term investment planning of district energy systems and networks
 - Model can help identify which networks and energy systems to invest in
- Can serve as a basis for a future decision support tool for urban planners, utility system managers, etc.
- Model was applied to a case study in Geneva (new district development)
 - Promising first results but some data needs to be further corrected or refined
- Major drawback
 - Model takes a long time to converge (if it does at all)


- Ascertain some model constraints
- Correct data in case study
- Run case study for different scenarios (costs, district density, resource availability etc.)
- Apply uncertainty analysis
- Apply model to larger case studies
- Find a way to improve the calculation time

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