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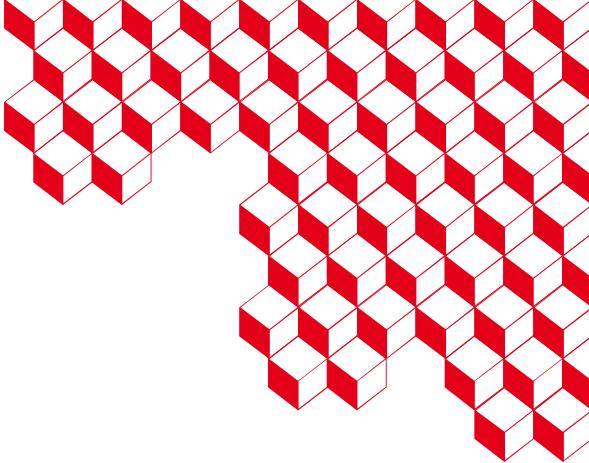
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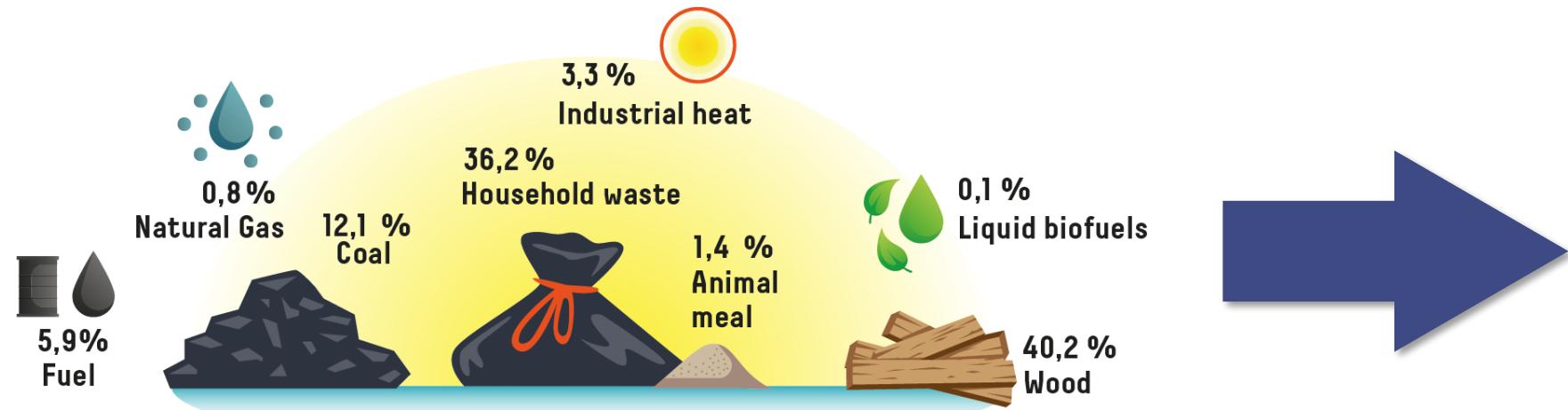
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# Context : Grenoble district heating

Case study based on the district heating of Grenoble (French Alps)

- ▶ Second French district heating (777 GWh delivered, 1/3 of the urban area)
- ▶ 5 plants (biomass, house-hold waste, gas, coal and industrial waste heat)



**100 %  
in 2033**

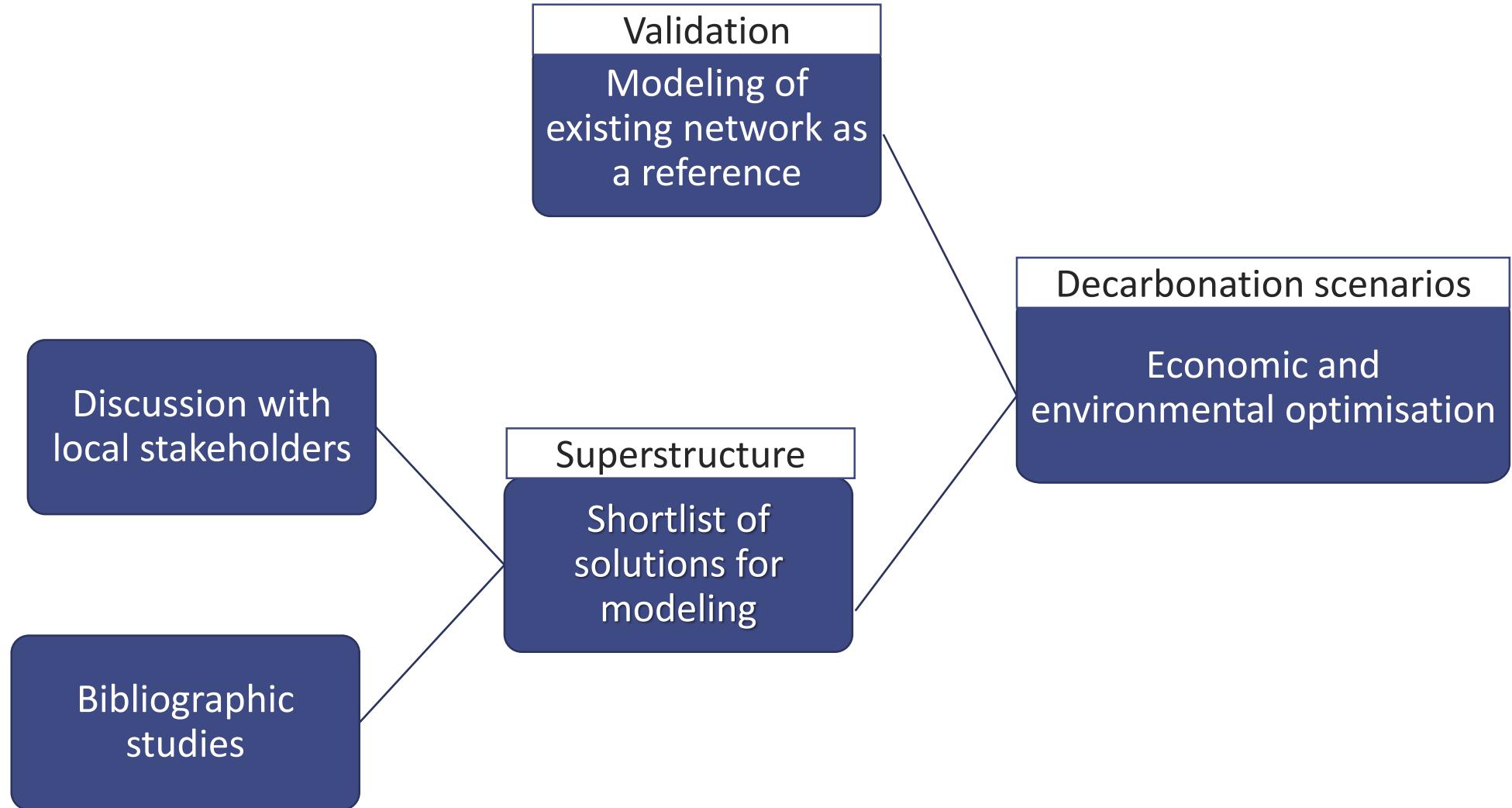
## Objectives



- ▶ Conduct prospective studies
- ▶ Study and model decarbonization scenarios
- ▶ How we can reach 100% renewable energy?



# Methodology

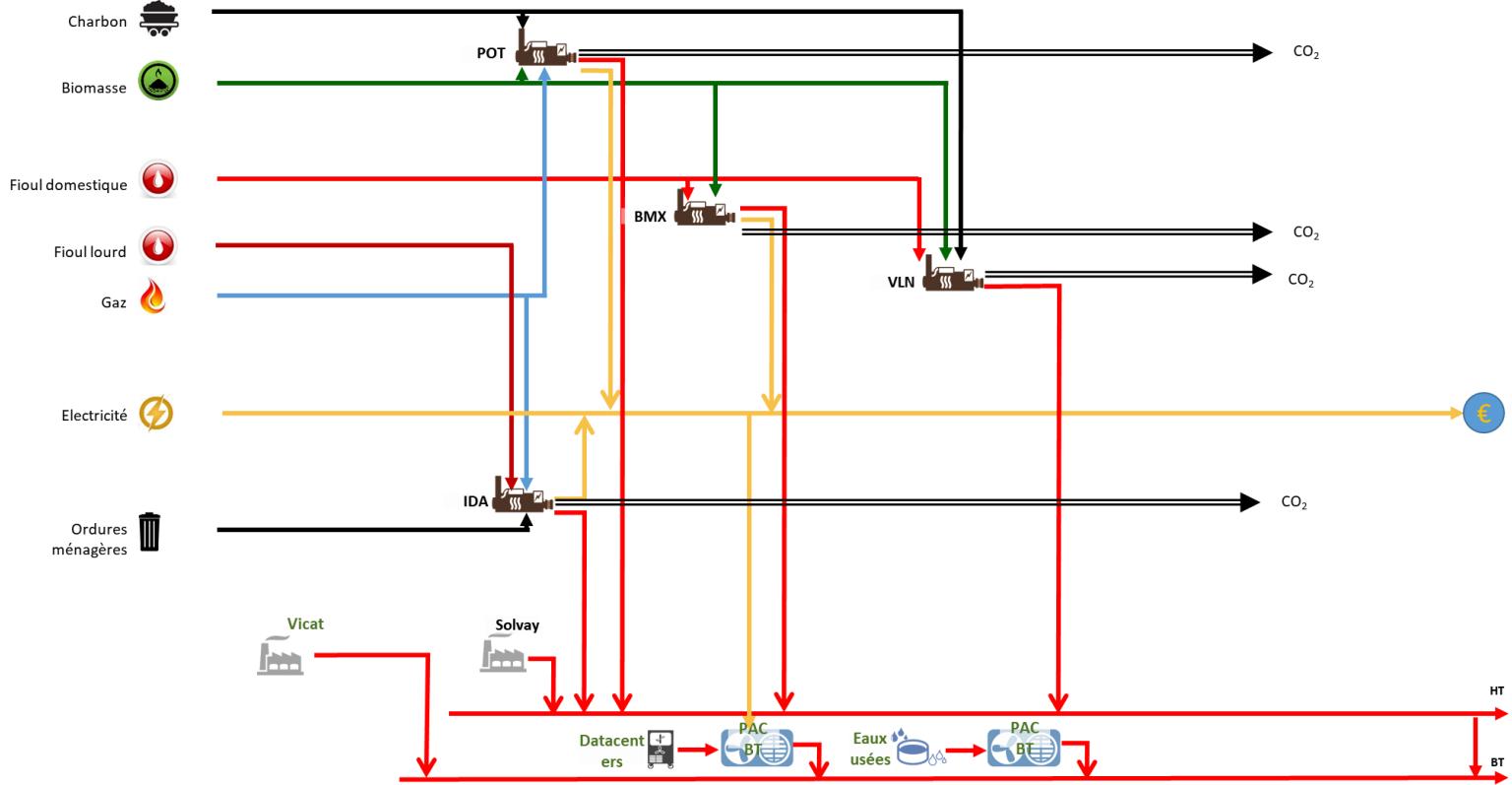




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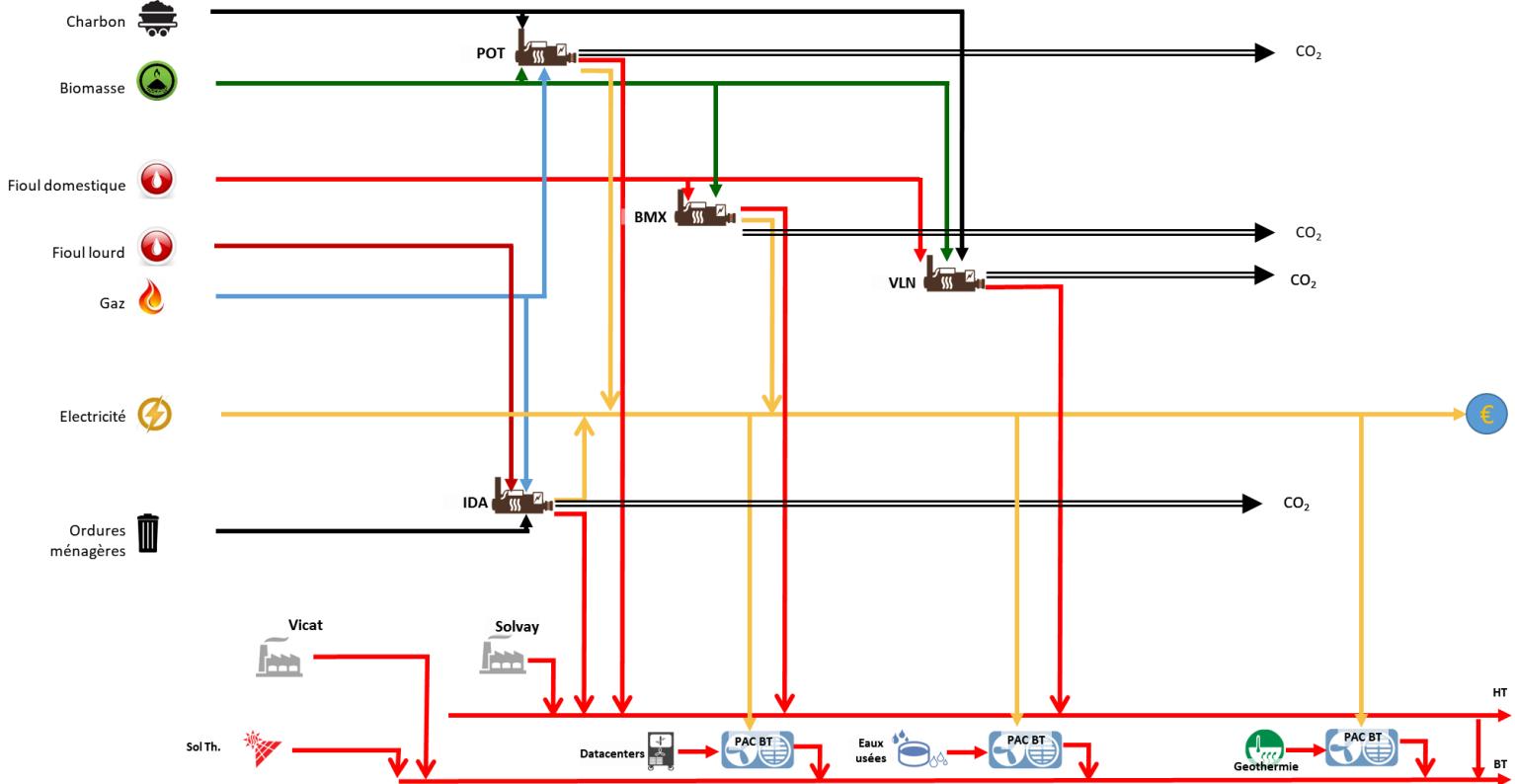




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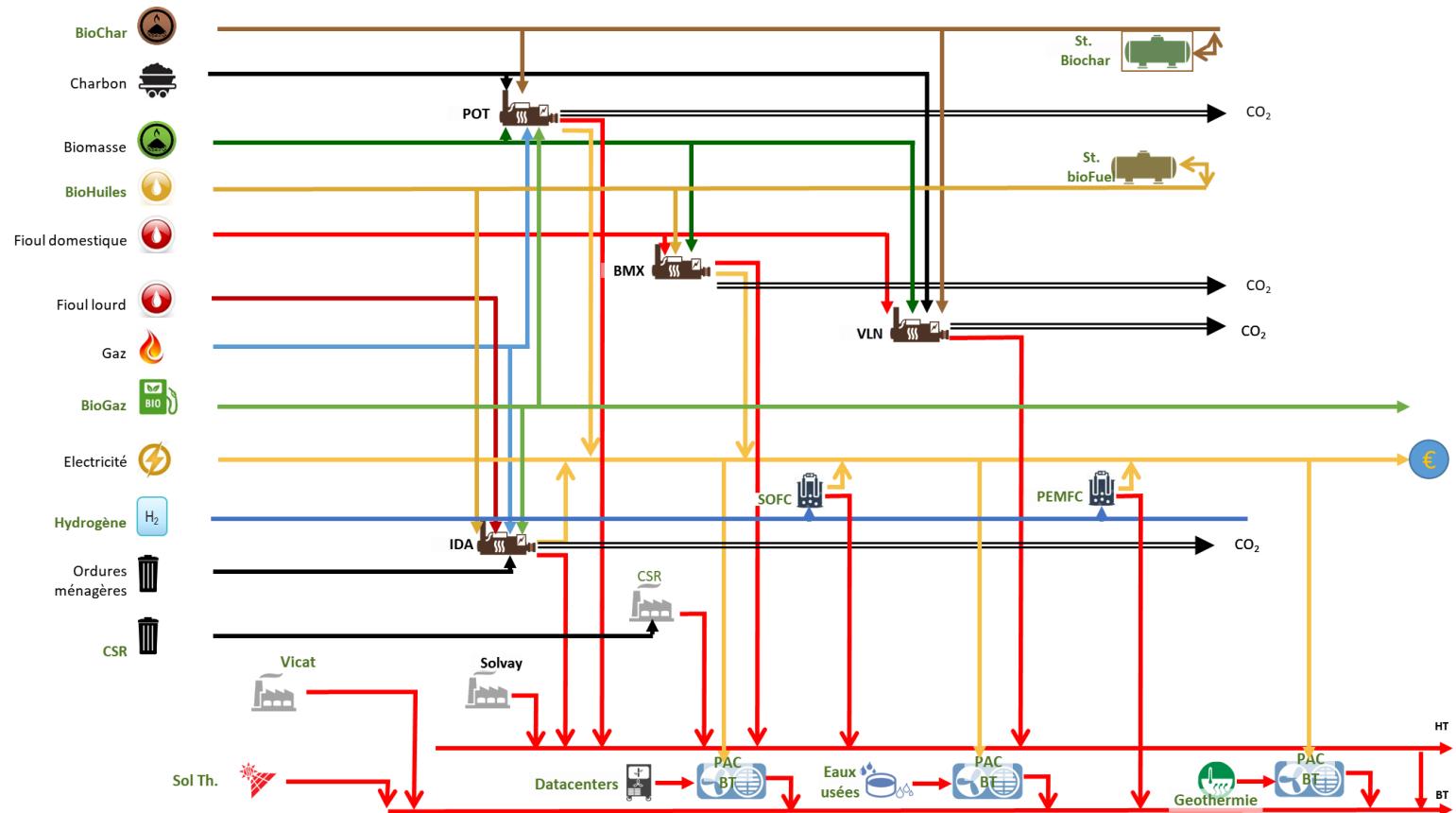




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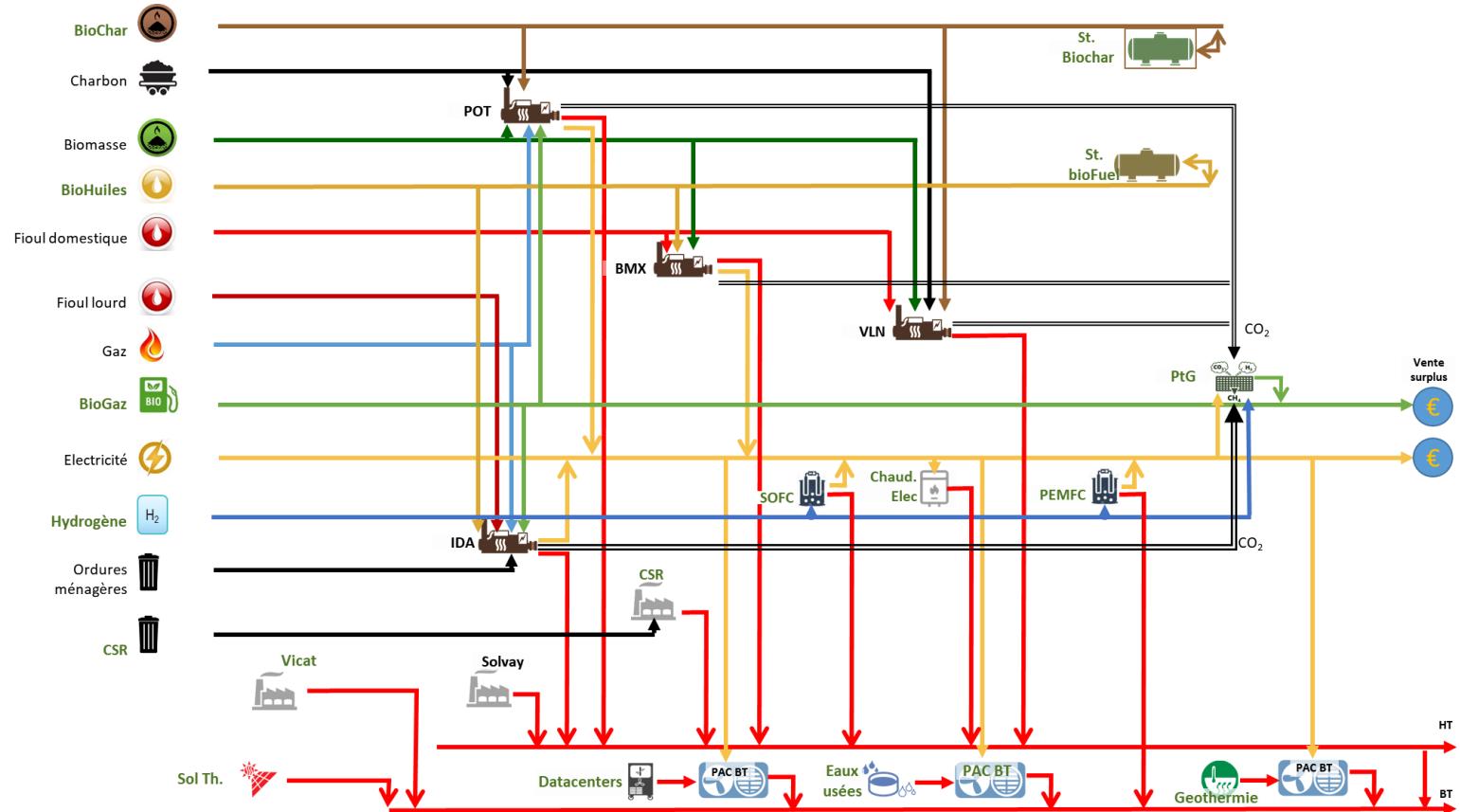




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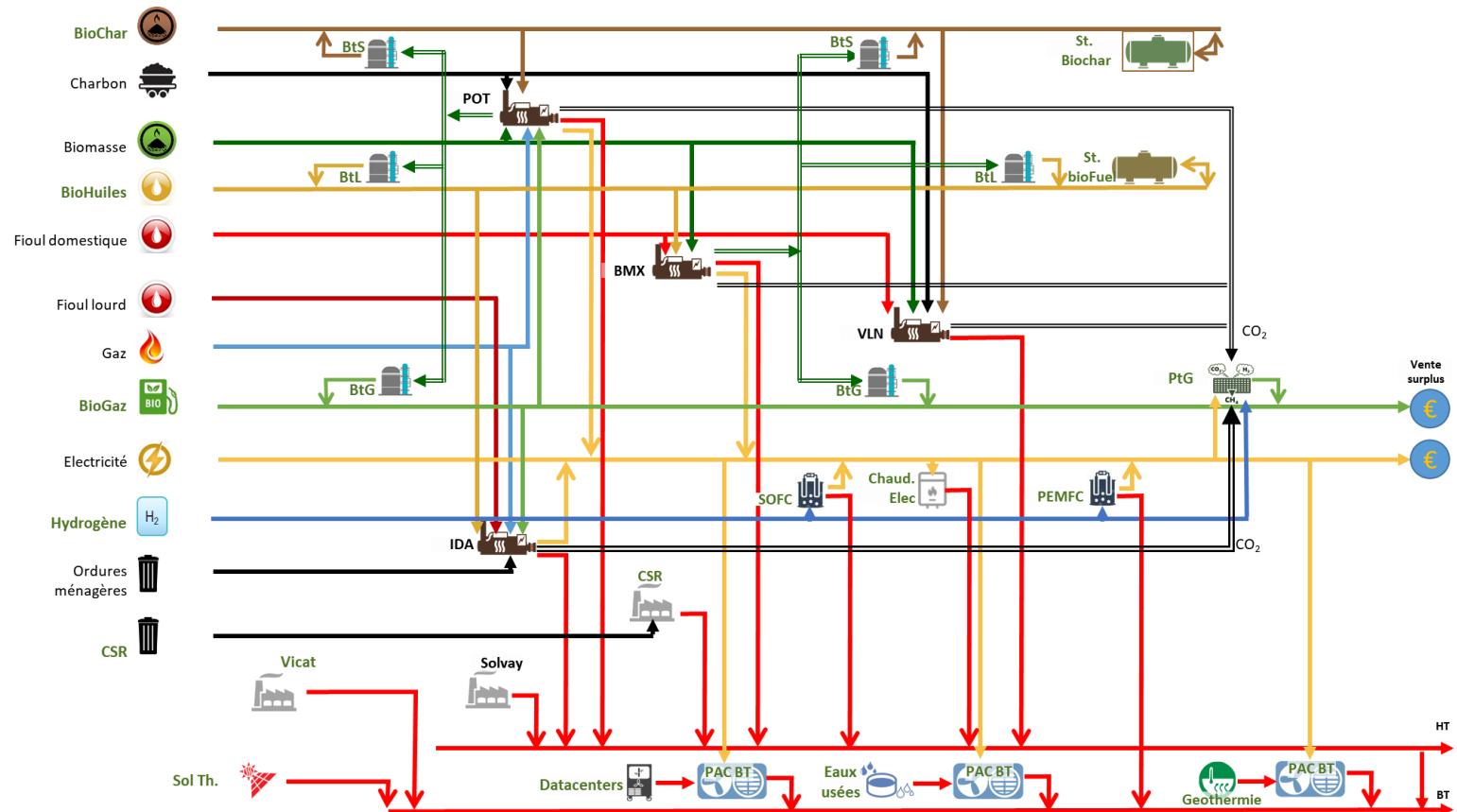




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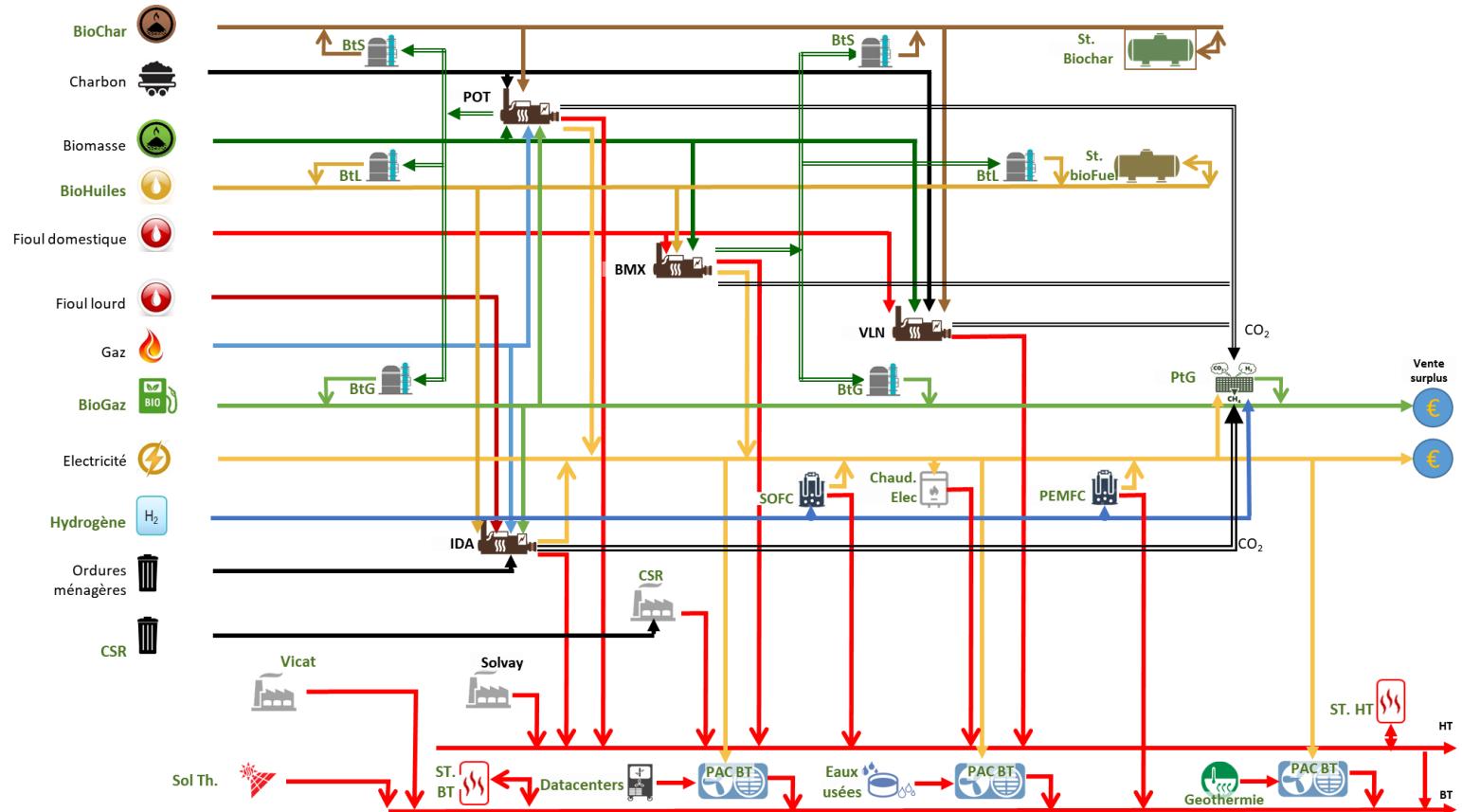




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- **Energy storage**
  - Short & long term storage
  - Building thermal inertia





# Optimisation approach in Persee



Persee :

- Modelling tool for **optimal design** and **control** of multi-energy systems
- MILP formalism with Cplex solver
- All kind of operational constraints (ramp, stand-by time, etc)

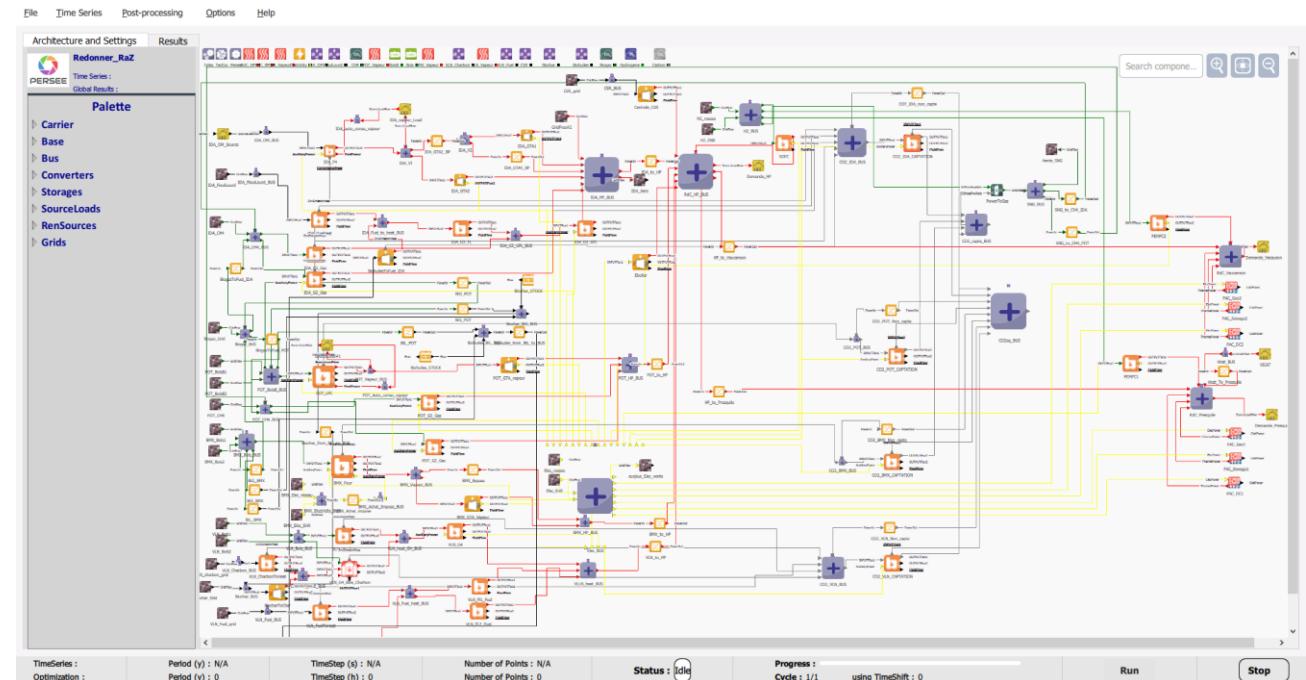
Integration of 17 solutions (associated with their technical, economic and environmental hypothesis)

## ➤ Some key figures of the model :

- 966 000 equations/constraints
- 695 000 variables
- Precision : ~ 1 %

## ➤ Computational tractability challenge

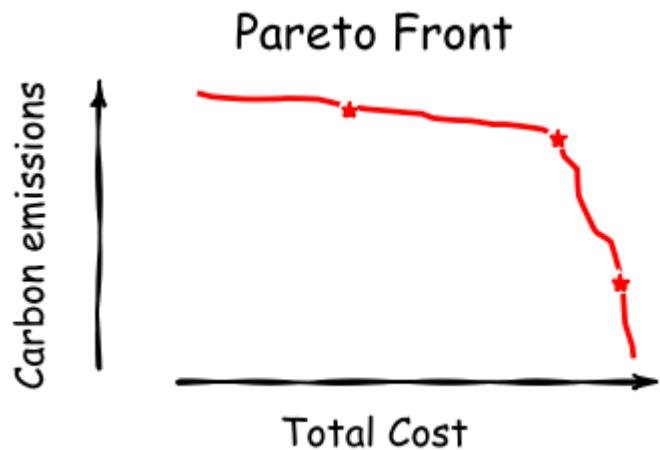
## ➤ Progressive calculation with increasing complexity





# Optimisation approach

To overcome computational difficulties, a 3-step methodology is applied:





# Optimisation approach – Pareto front

**Mono objective optimization** of a cost function considering different **GHG emission constraints**

Total cost function :

$$Cost[\text{€}] = \sum_{el} \left[ \text{Capex(size)} + \sum_y \frac{\text{Opex}}{(1+r)^y} \right]$$

- **Capex:**  $CAPEX_{nom} \cdot \left( \frac{\text{size}}{SIZE_{nom}} \right)^{0,7}$  modelled by a piece-linear function
- **Opex:** operational expenditures for maintenance, operation and energy

GHG emission:

$$CO_2[g_{co_2eq}] = CO_2^{grey} + CO_2^{fuel} - CO_2^{captured}$$

- $CO_2^{grey}$ : indirect CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent emission (infrastructures, electricity, biomass, ...)
- $CO_2^{fuel}$ : direct CO<sub>2</sub> emission from fuel combustion (oil, gas, coal)
- $CO_2^{captured}$ : captured emission from Carbon Capture installation (if any)

Sources:

Technical data : CEA experts, Danish Energy Agency

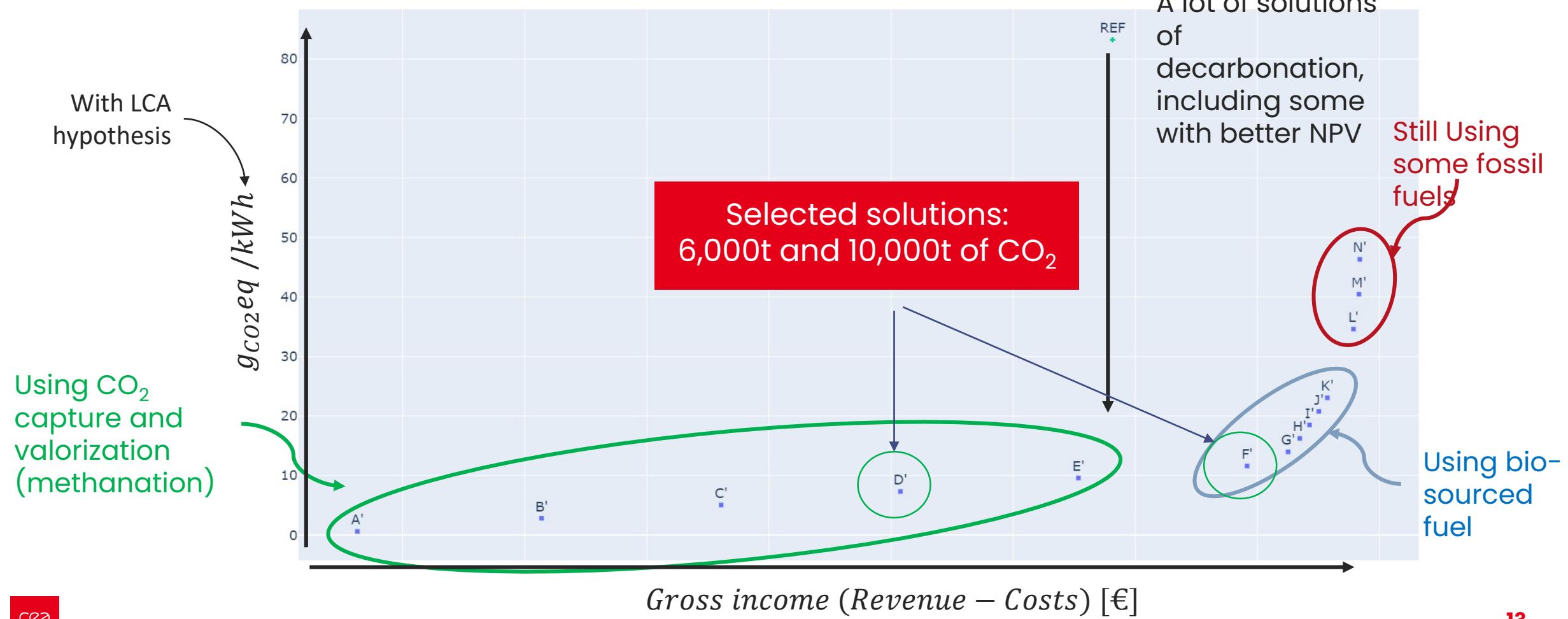
Economic data : Industrial partner

Environmental data : FEDENE and Ademe carbon base



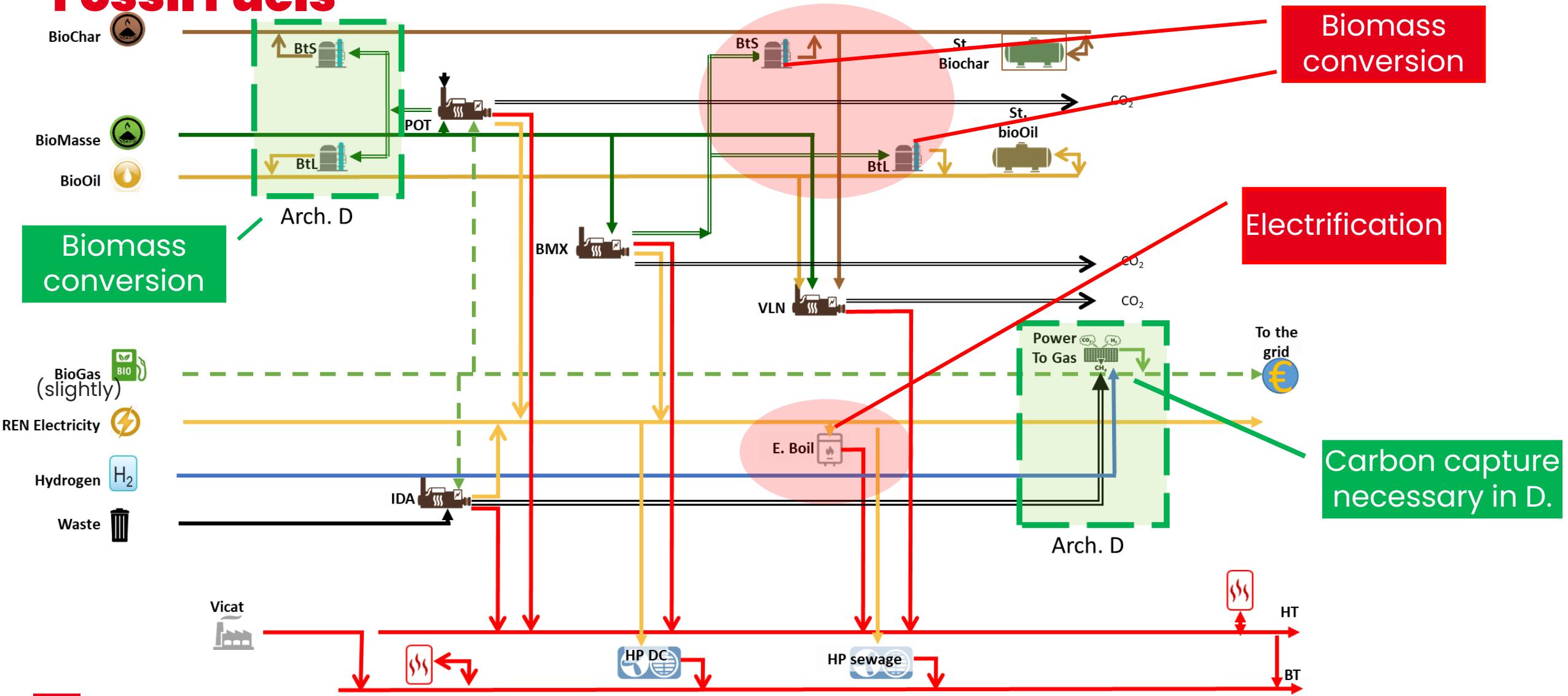
# Results: Pareto front (4h time step)

- 14 optimizations under carbon emission constraints
- 3 main different architectures depending on carbon emission
- Some technical solution are not used : coal, solar, geothermal, fuel cells.



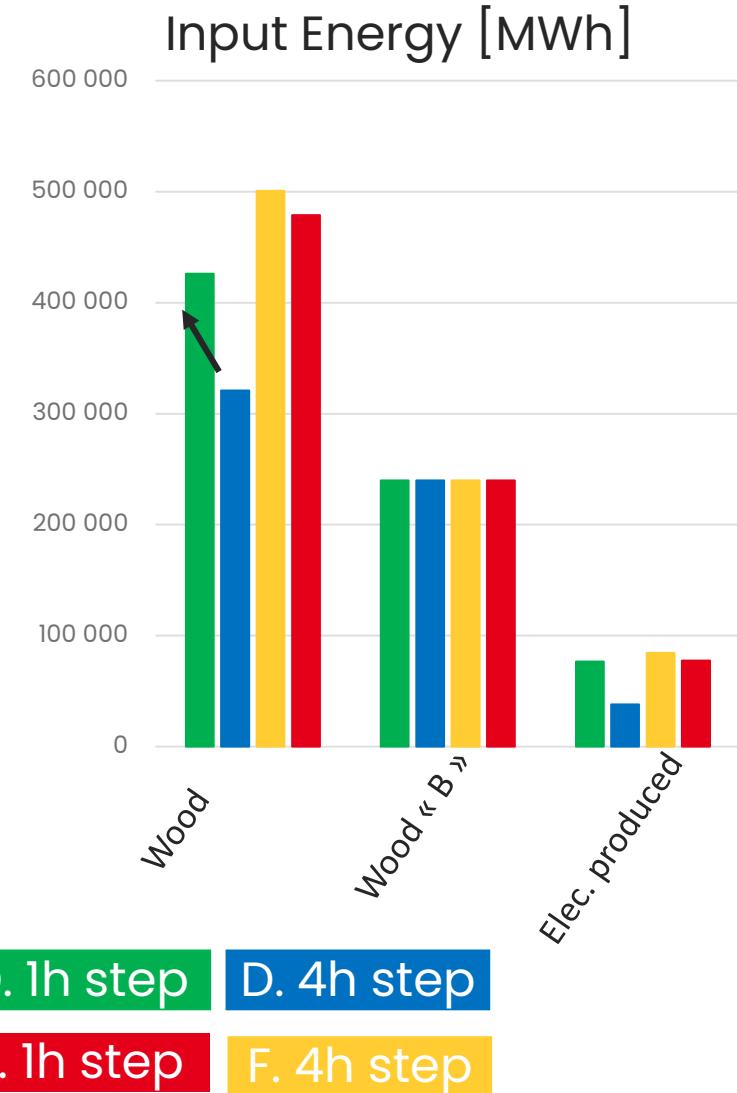
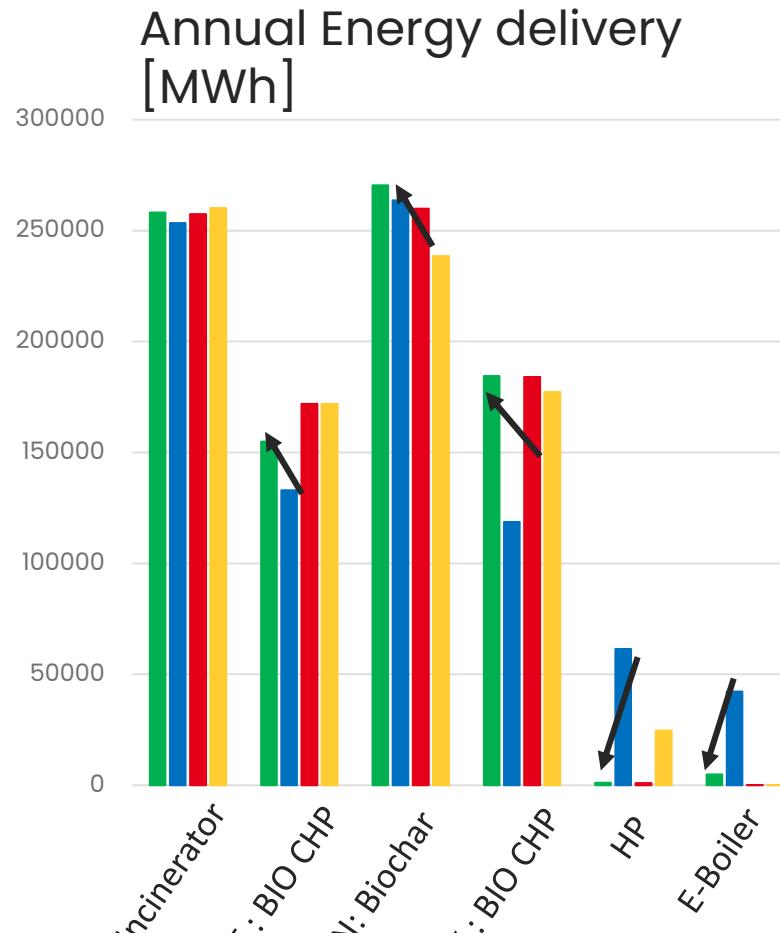


## 4. Look on results: D and F are almost similar without Fossil Fuels



# Results at 1h time-step: Influence of thermal storage

Reminder: design  
comes from 4h time  
step



## Impact of thermal storage:

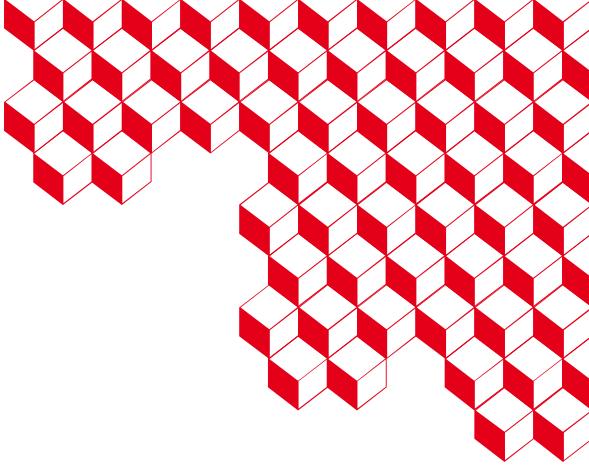
- **Less electrification (e-boiler, HP)**
- More **biomass utilisation**
- **Extensive use of CHP biomass**
- Greater amount of **electricity** is produced and sold



# Conclusions and perspectives

Main goal : Decarbonate the Grenoble District Heating system by 2033

- Main conclusions
  - Many studies of the district heating have been conducted
  - 3 solution trends identified based on carbon emissions
    - Carbon capture is necessary below 10gCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh
    - Bio-source energies are important
  - Great impact of thermal storages on CHP use
- Perspectives
  - Model still hard to manipulate : efforts on simplification, new optimization methods
  - In discussion with the stakeholder for more detailed studies :
    - Thermal inertia,
    - Carbon capture + PtX
    - Biomass conversion



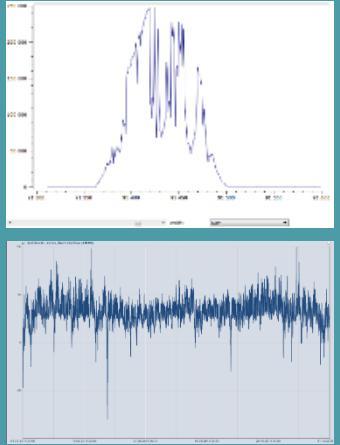
**Thank you,  
questions ?**

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# Backup : oPtimizer for System Energy managEment

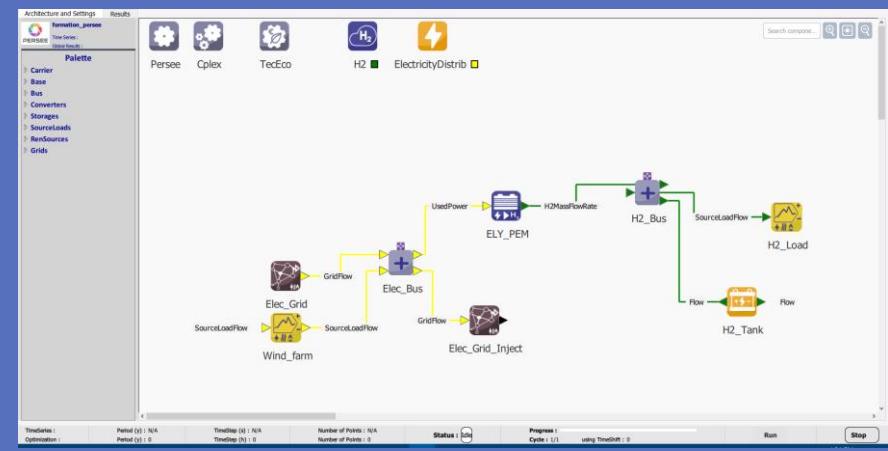
## Input Data



- Energy Sources
- Load Profiles

- Technical and economical data & hypothesis
- Local / global Constraints & Opportunities

## System description with component library assembling



## Minimization of the cost objective function

### With system constraints

- Demand, availability
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

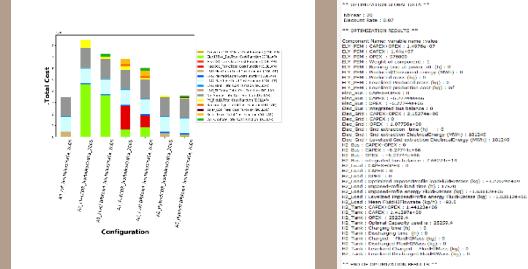
- 😊 All energy carriers
- 😊 System design in dynamic transients
- 😊 Predictive Control

### With component constraints

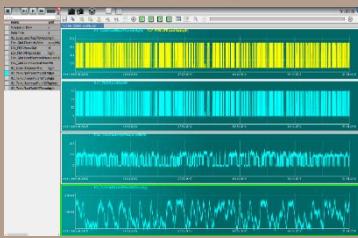
- Capex, Opex
- Technical and operational constraints

## System analysis

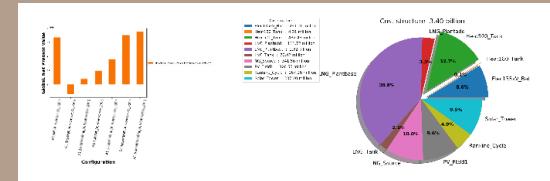
### Optimal capacities



### Component dynamic operation



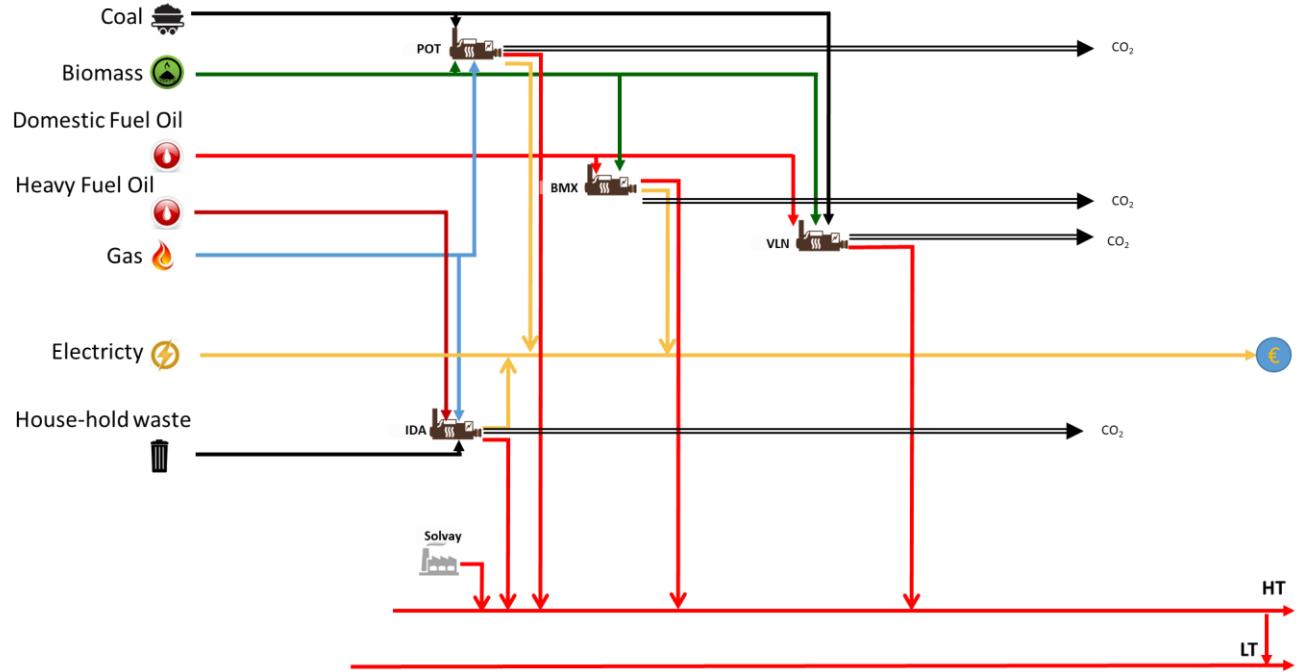
### Performance and Cost breakdown



### Sensitivity & Uncertainty analysis

# Modeling of existing network

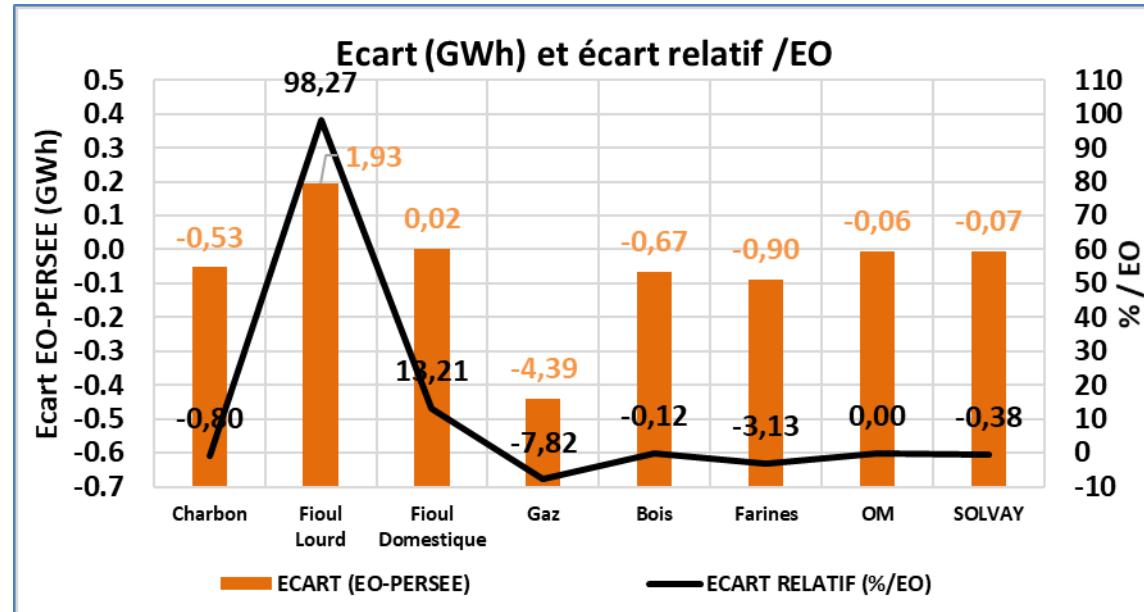
Current district heating network



- ✓ Extraction of real technical data for each plant
- ✓ Precise modelling of each thermal power plant
- ✓ Comparison EO vs PERSEE

## Some Key figures :

- 777 GWh delivered (High and low pressure)
- 87 g<sub>CO2</sub> eq./kWh
- 80% of REN&R energy
- 20% : fuel, natural gas & coals



Absolute and relative difference between EO and Persee

✓ Persee model validated