

**RUHR-UNIVERSITÄT BOCHUM**  
**SUPPORTING THE**  
**RESIDENTIAL ENERGY TRANSITION WITH**  
**MULTI-OBJECTIVE OPTIMISATIONS**



Chair of  
**Energy Systems &**  
**Energy Economics**

# Decision support for the energy transition

## **For many years...**

The energy transition faces challenges: economic, environmental, technical and social

## **Every day...**

Energy system models inform stakeholders and decision makers

## **However...**

Optimised scenarios are not realised due to lack of individual acceptance or behaviour

## **Therefore...**

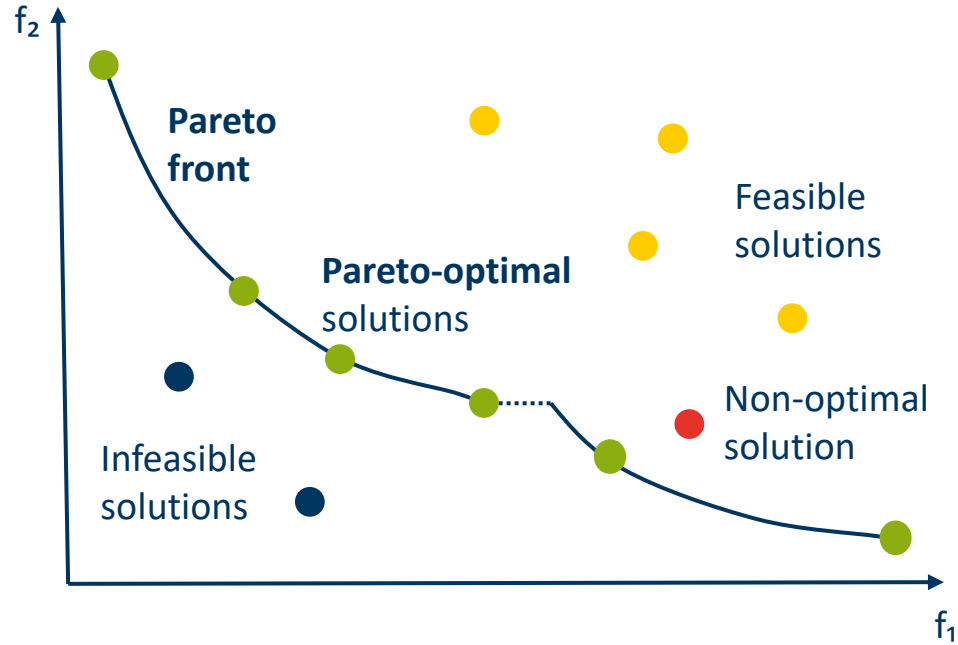
Considering people's multiple interests in models balances conflicting interests and includes the human dimension to ultimately generate more feasible outcomes



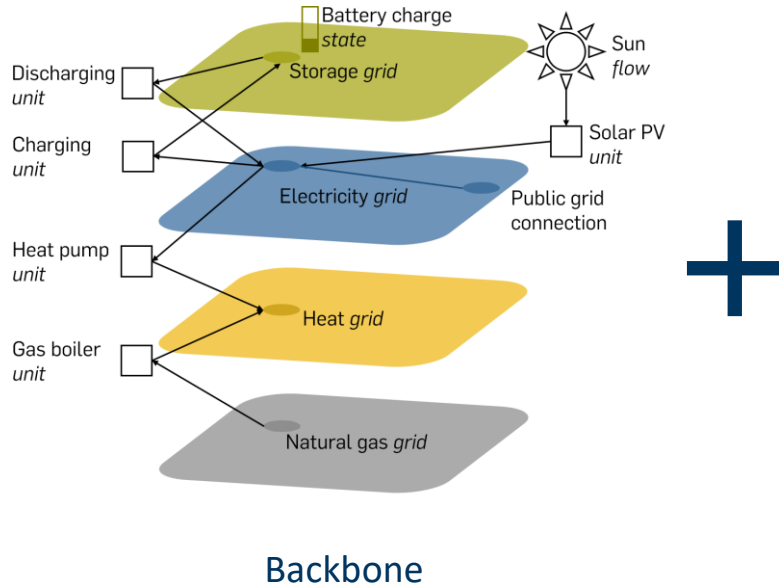
Implement and use  
**multi-objective energy system optimisation models** to  
support the residential **energy transition**



# What is a multi-objective optimisation?



# Multi-objective energy system optimisation model




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## Algorithm 1: Parellelised calculation of a subset of the Pareto front

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**Input:** Energy system data, number and distribution of emission caps represented by  $d(\cdot, \cdot)$

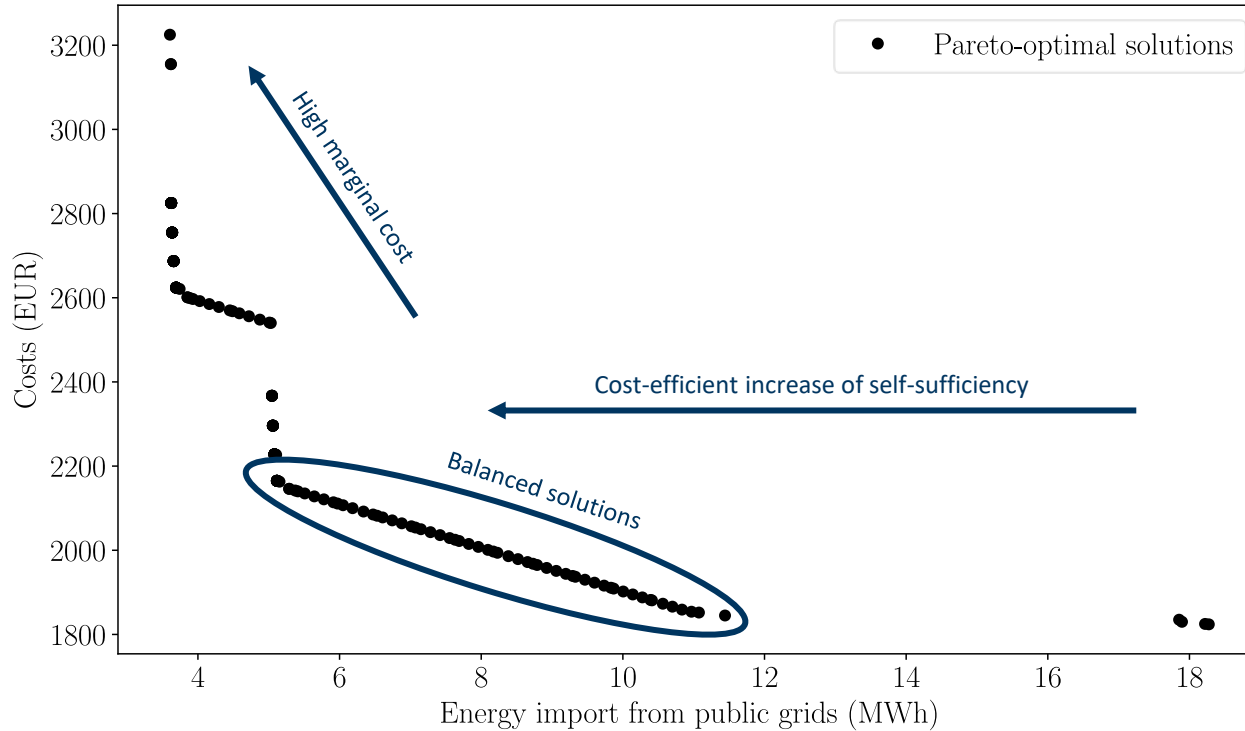
**Output:** Subset of Pareto front, energy system designs

- 1 **do in parallel**
  - 2  $p_{CO_2}^{lowestEmission} = \min_{x \in V} v_{CO_2}^{obj}(x)$
  - 3  $p_{lowestCost} = \min_{x \in V} v_{BB}^{obj}(x)$
  - 4 **do in parallel**
  - 5  $p_{highestCost} = \min_{x \in V} v_{BB}^{obj}(x)$  s.t.  $emission(x) = p_{CO_2}^{lowestEmission}$
  - 6  $p_{CO_2}^{highestEmission} = \min_{x \in V} v_{CO_2}^{obj}(x)$  s.t.  $cost(x) = p_{lowestCost}$
  - 7 **for**  $p_{CO_2}^{emissionCap}$  **in**  $d(p_{CO_2}^{lowestEmission}, p_{CO_2}^{highestEmission})$  **do in parallel**
  - 8  $\min_{x \in V} v_{AUGMECON}^{obj}(x)$  s.t.  $emission(x) = p_{CO_2}^{emissionCap} + s$
  - 9 **return** Energy system model outputs of all optimisations
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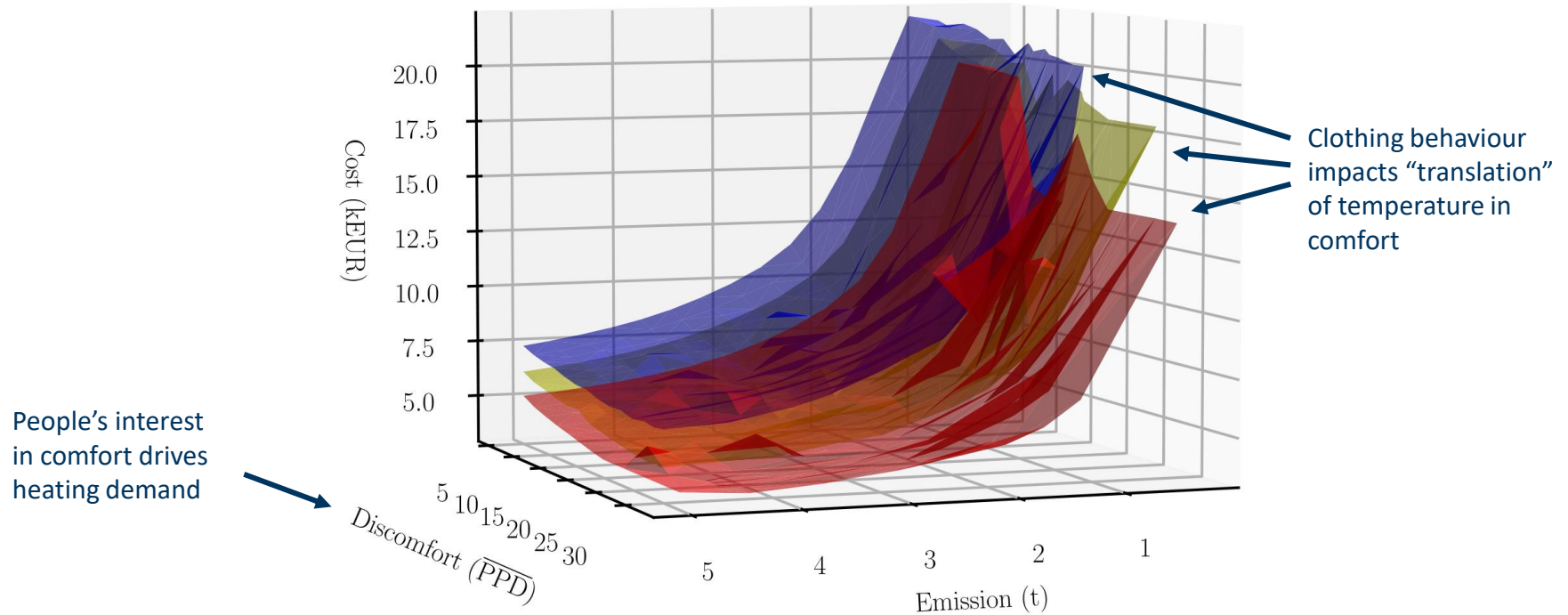


# 1. Balancing conflicting objectives efficiently



Finke and Bertsch, *Implementing a highly adaptable method for the multi-objective optimisation of energy systems*, Revise and Resubmit in Applied Energy.

## 2. Including human dimension: Thermal comfort



Huckebrink, Finke and Bertsch, Optimisation of costs, carbon emissions and thermal comfort in a building-level energy system model, Work in progress.

# Thank you for your attention!



Considering **multiple objectives** in energy planning helps **balancing conflicting interests** and including the **human dimension**.

