



# ***MESAP/TIMES***

## ***Advanced Decision Support for Energy and Environmental Planning***

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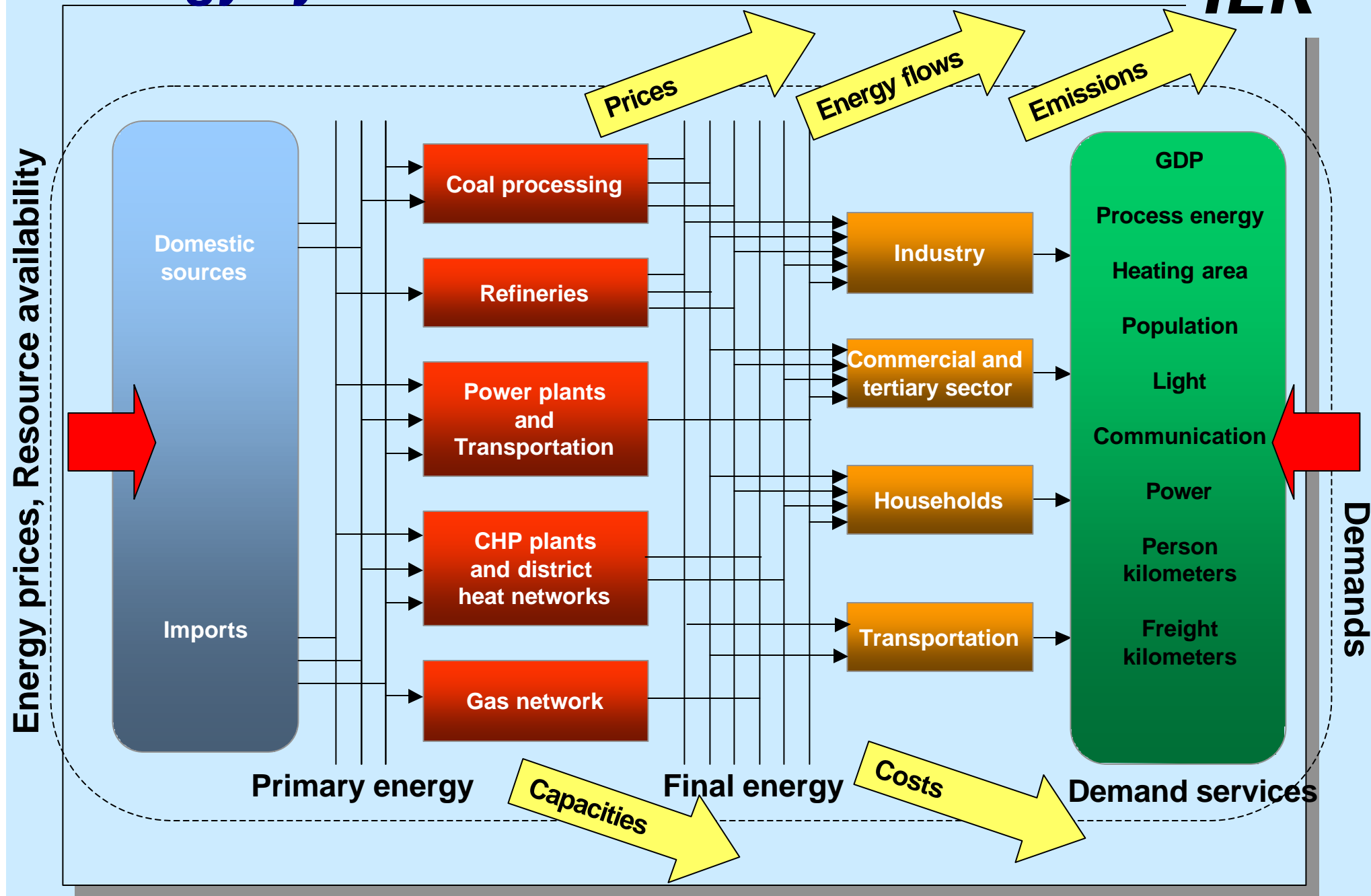
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# Energy system model

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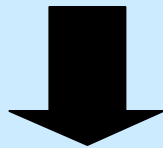
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## ***Goals of the TIMES development***

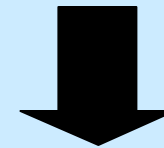
### ***EFOM-ENV***

- Limited subannual resolution
- Difficult to move time horizon
- + Flexible process description



### ***MARKAL***

- Dummy processes
- Difficult to move time horizon
- + RES based



## ***The Integrated MARKAL EFOM System***

- + Flexible description  
Subdivisions of the year  
Regions
- + Modularity
- + Prepare for ongoing research

### ***Development***

- The Integrated MARKAL EFOM System
- By ETSAP
- Implementation in GAMS

### ***TOOLS***

- ANSWER, ABARE
- VEDA, GERAD
- MESAP, IER

### ***Applications (IER)***

- TIMES-BY
- TIMES-GES
- TIMES-D

# ***TIMES***

### ***Methodology***

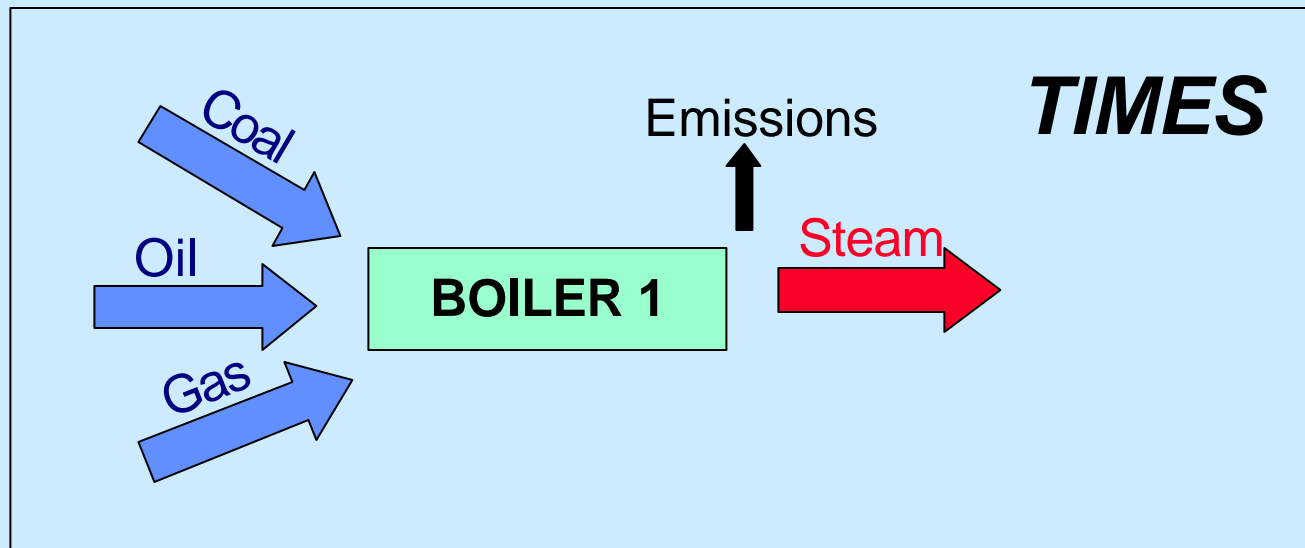
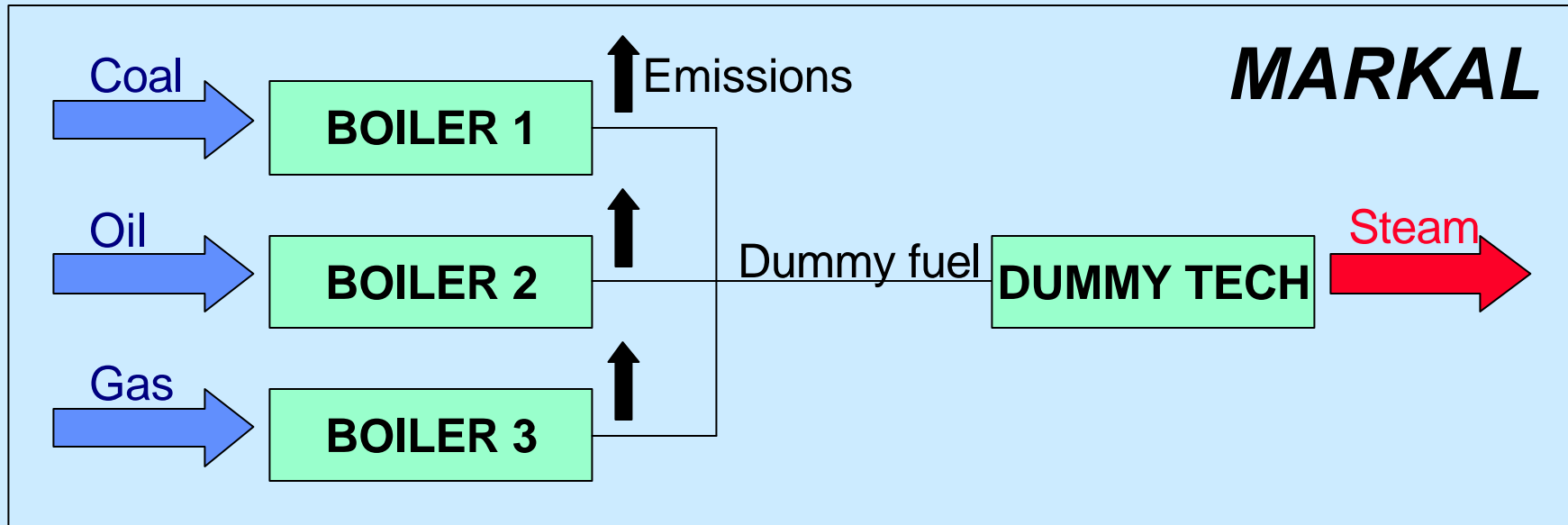
- Bottom-up Model
- Perfect competition
- Perfect foresight
- Optimisation (LP)

Min/Max Objective function  
s.t.  
Equations, Constraints  
Decision Variables  $\leq$  Solution  
Input parameters

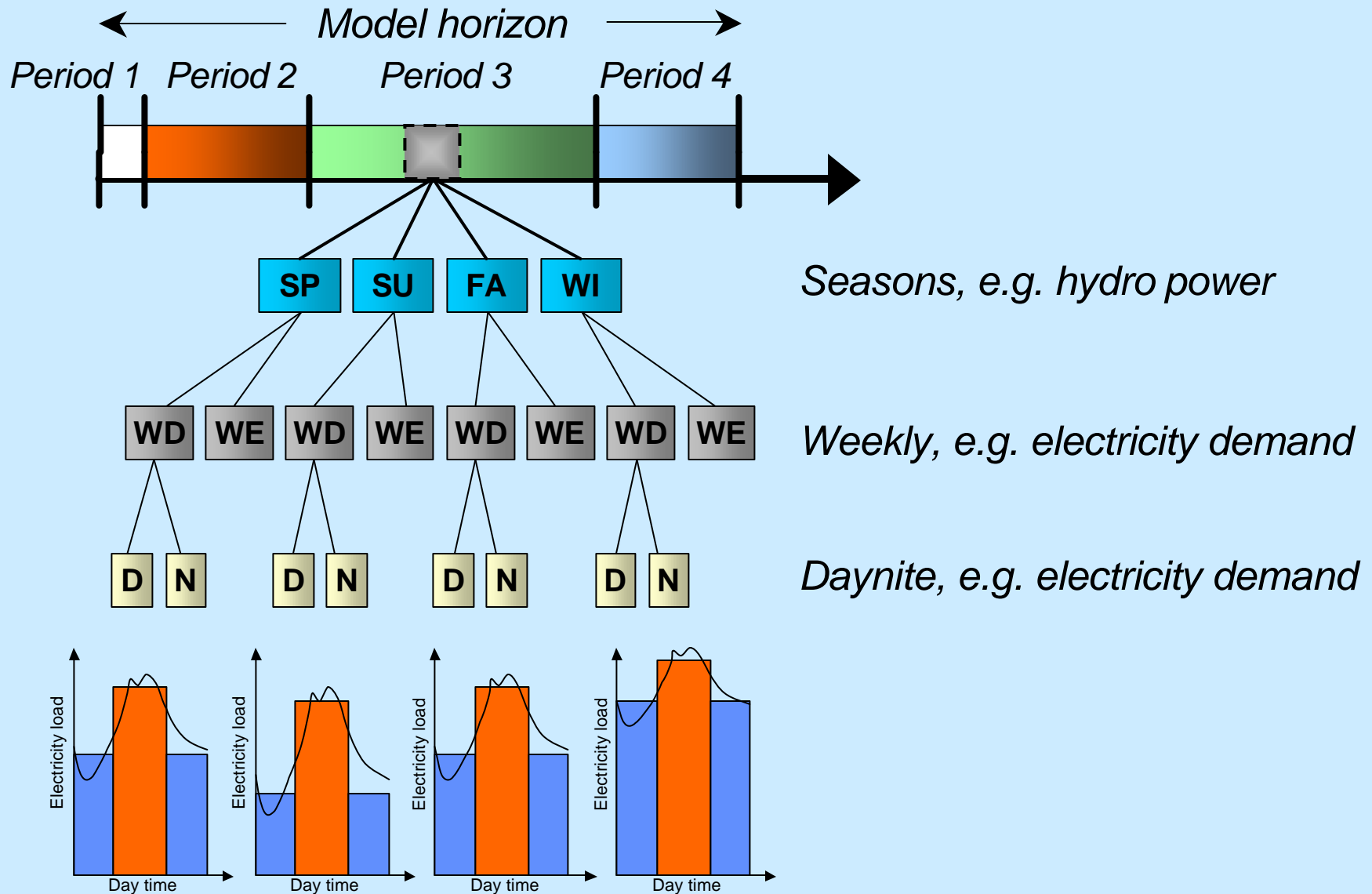
### ***Features***

- Elastic demands
- Vintaging
- Inter-temporal
- User-defined constraints
- Flexible process description
- Load curve
- Regions

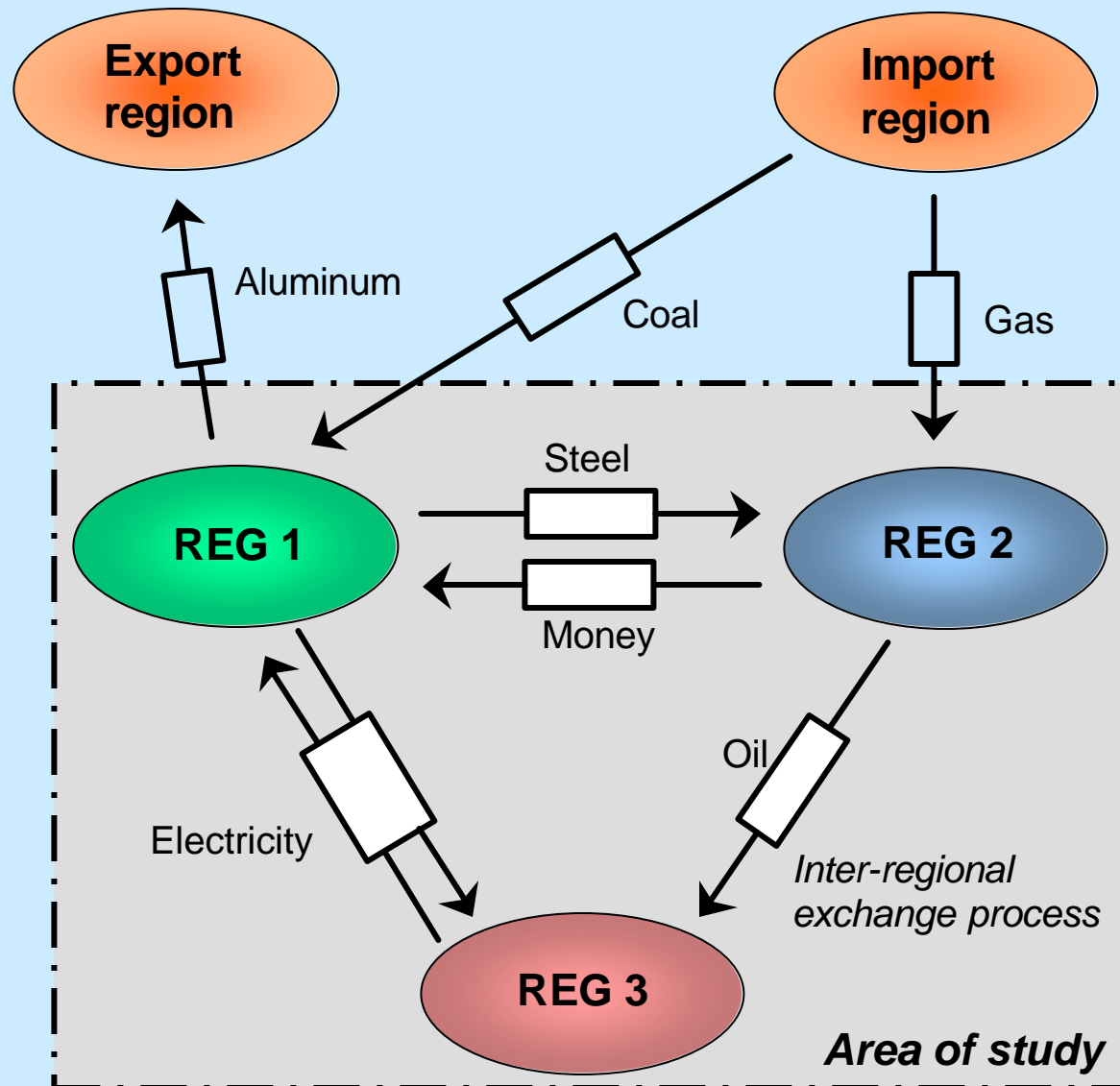
## ***Flexible Processes***



## Flexibility in time



## ***Multi regions***

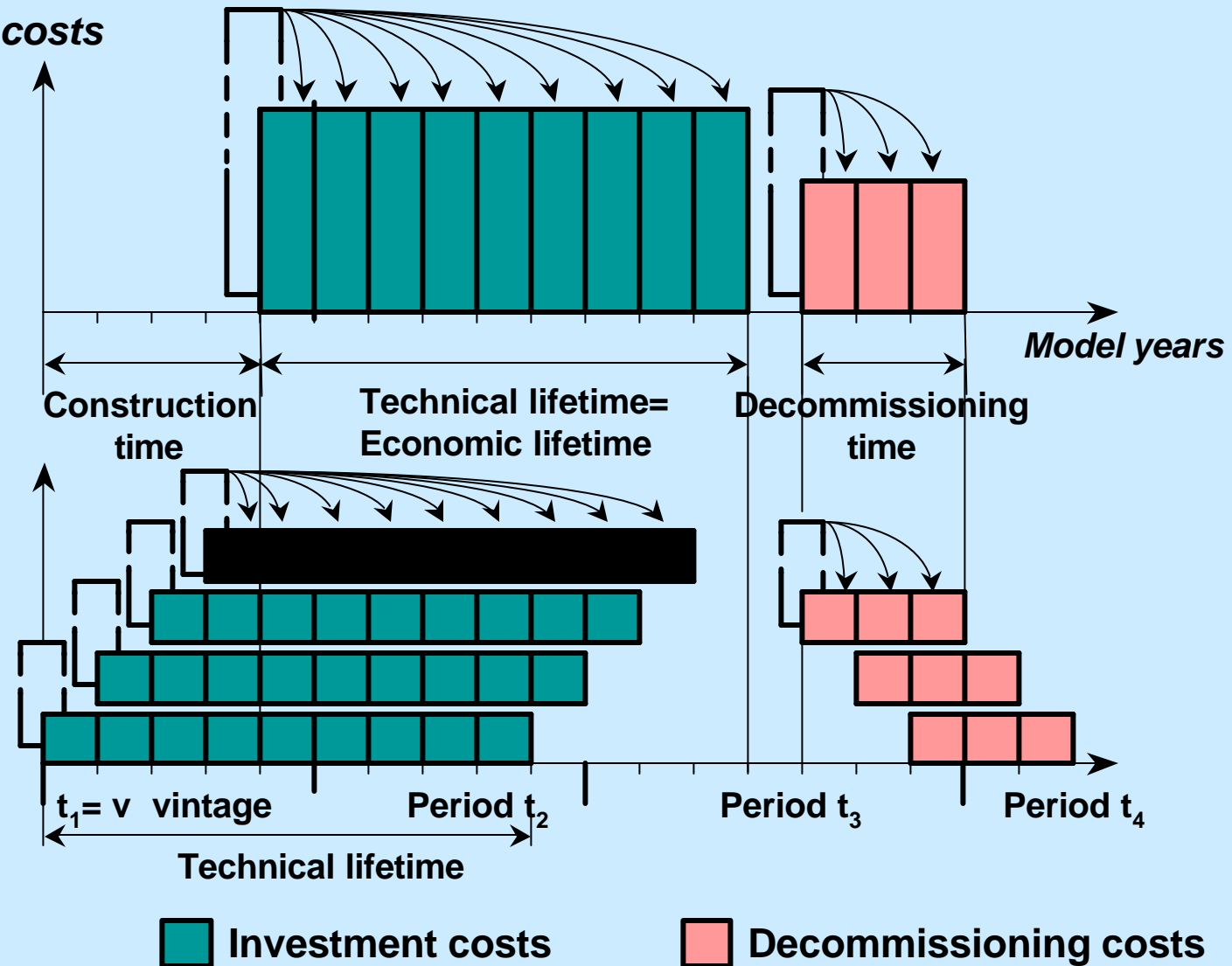




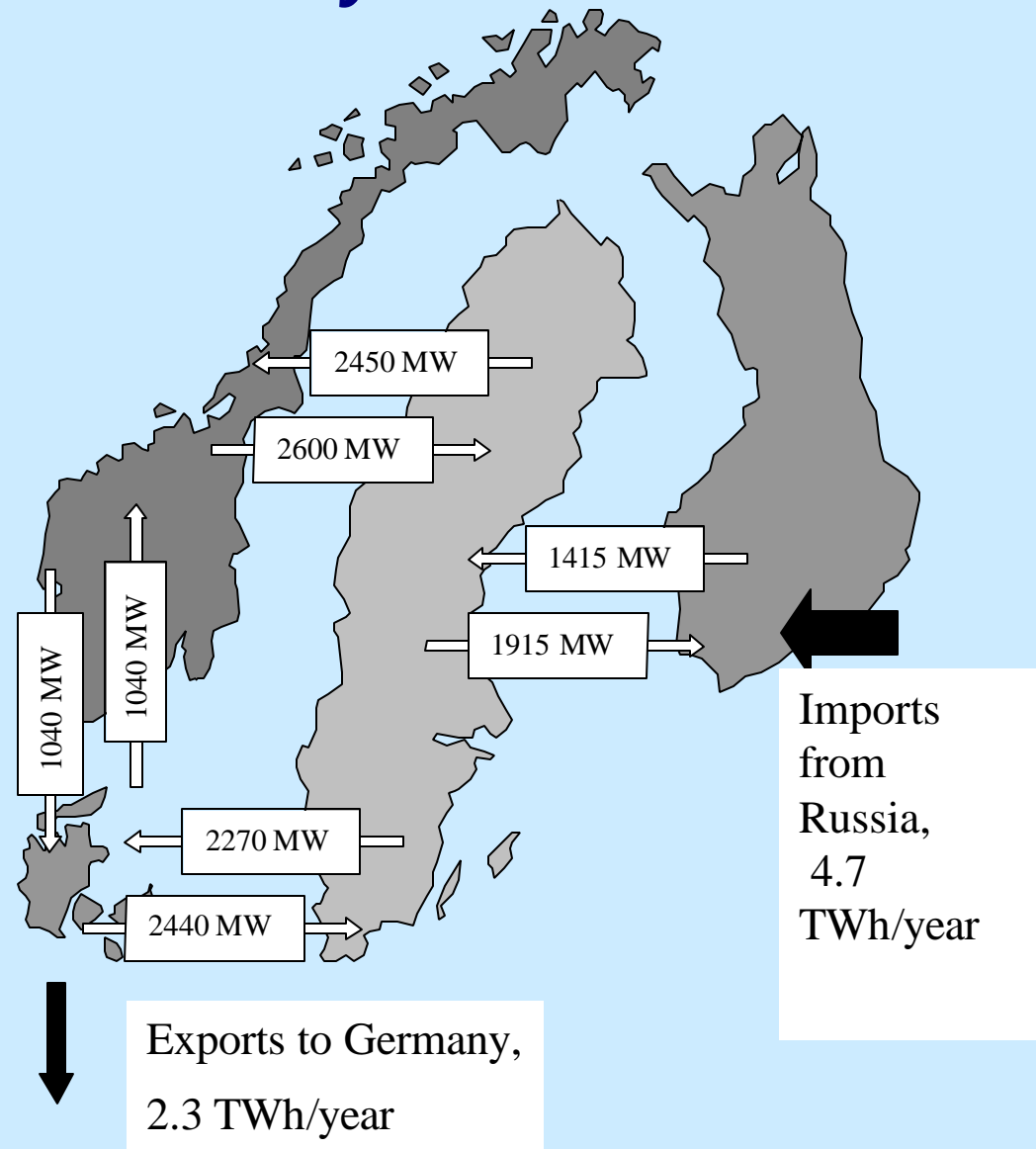
# Objective function

## Annualizing of the investment costs

Annualized  
costs

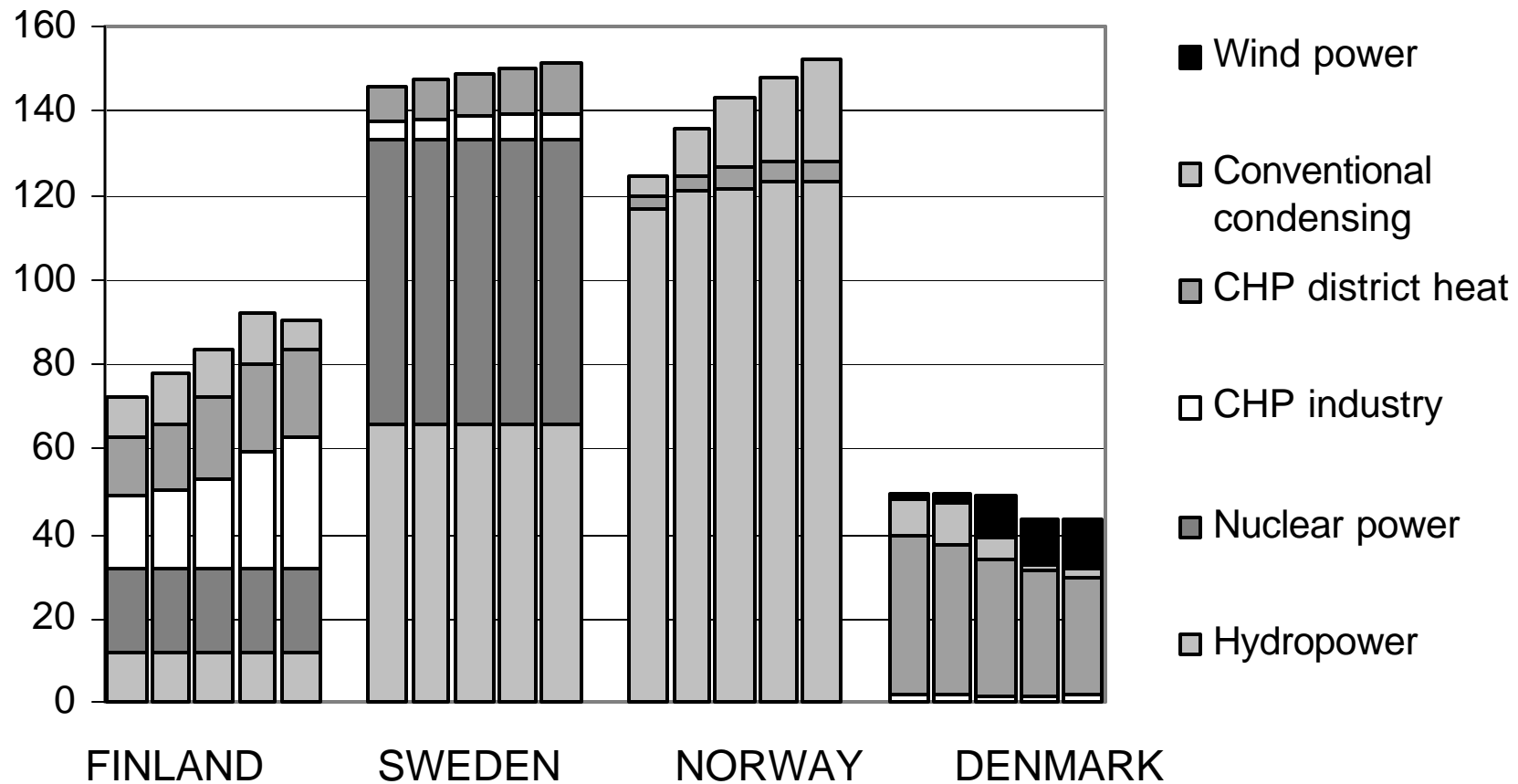


## *Example: Electricity model of Nordic countries*



## Electricity generation

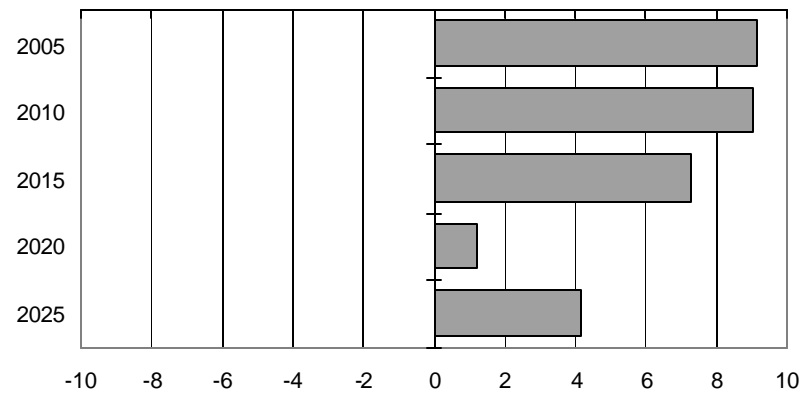
TWh



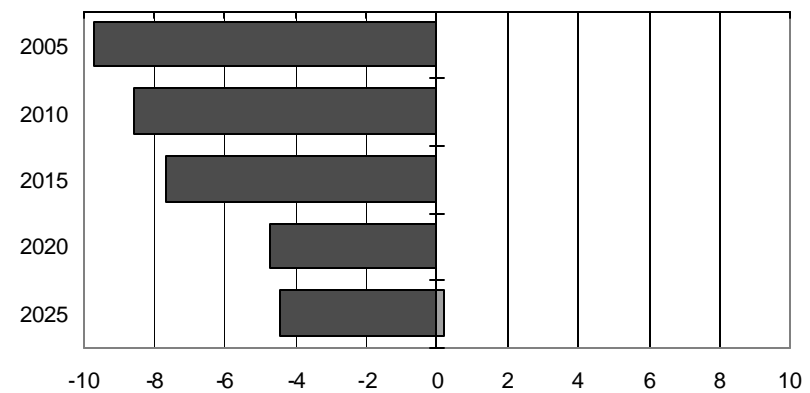
Periods: 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020, 2025

## *Electricity trade, TWh*

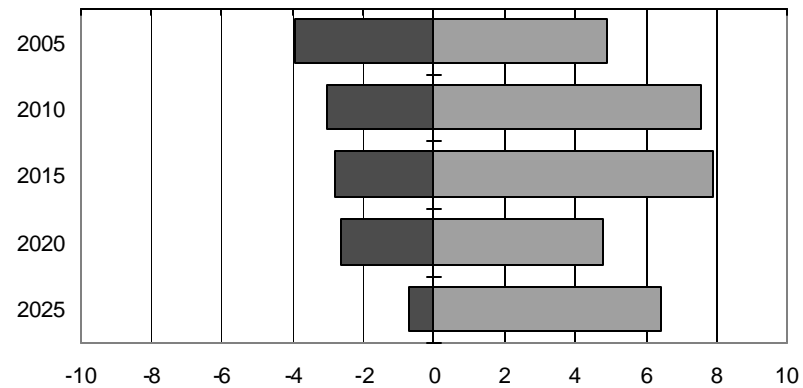
**From Sweden to Finland**



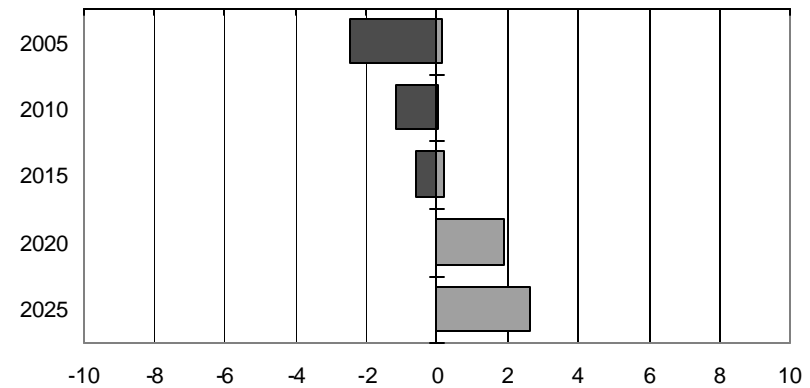
**From Sweden to Denmark**



**From Norway to Sweden**

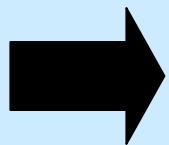


**From Norway to Denmark**



## ***Complexity of an energy system model***

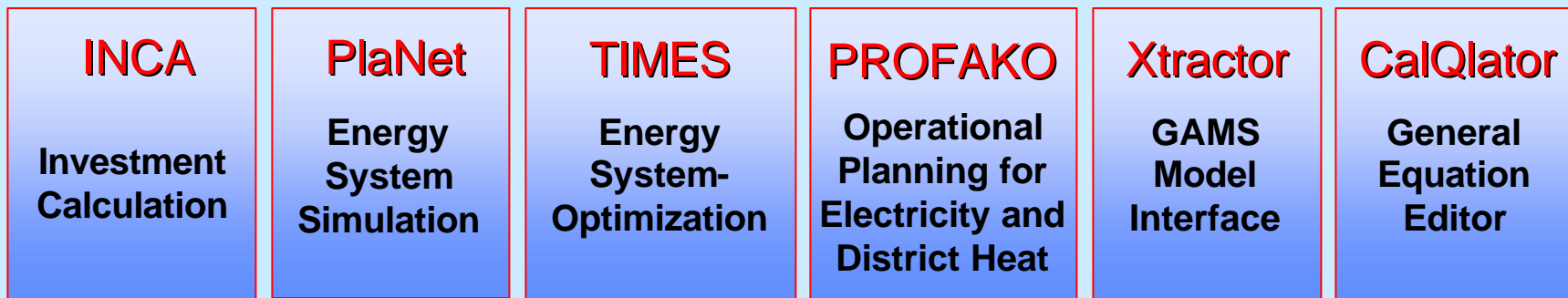
- Large system to analyze. Size depends on the number of
  - technologies
  - time periods
  - regions
  - time segments for representing load curves.
- Interdependencies between different parts of the system
- Many scenarios



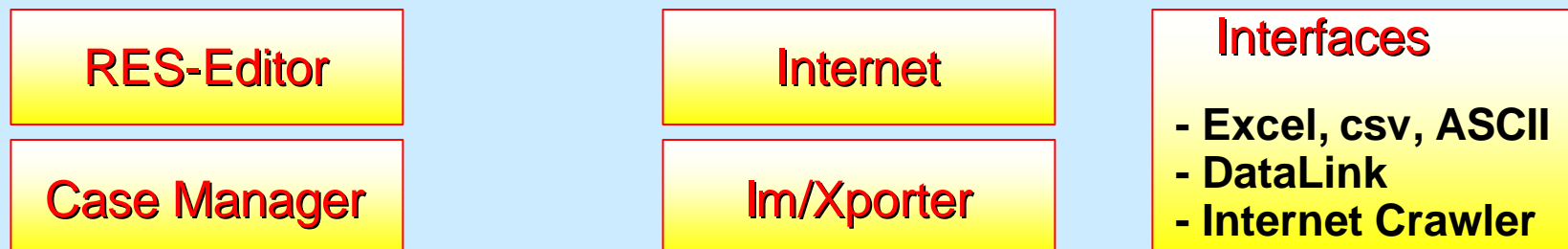
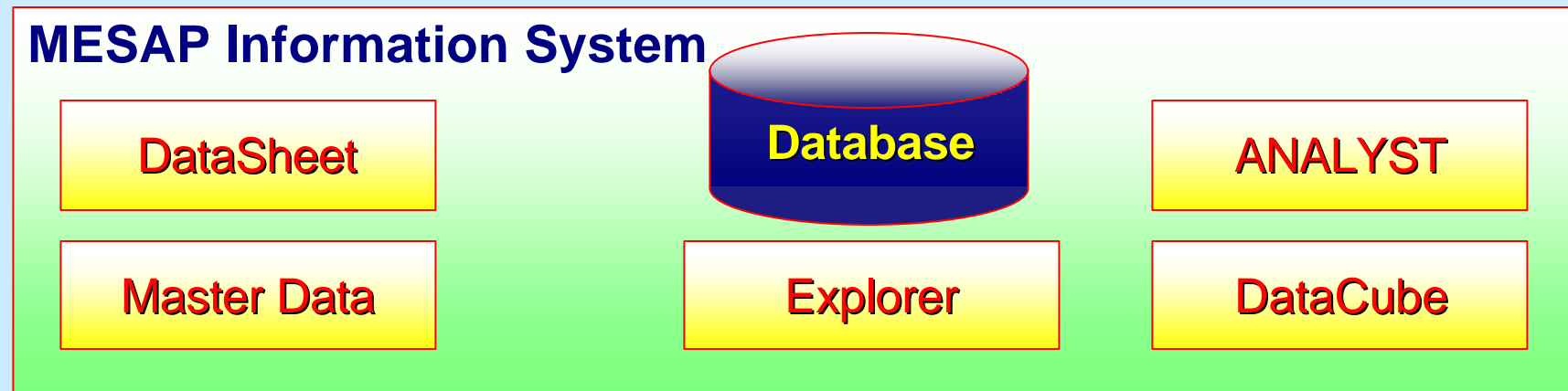
*Software tools needed to build, manage a model and analyze its results !*

# **MESAP**

## ***Modular Energy System Analysis & Planning***



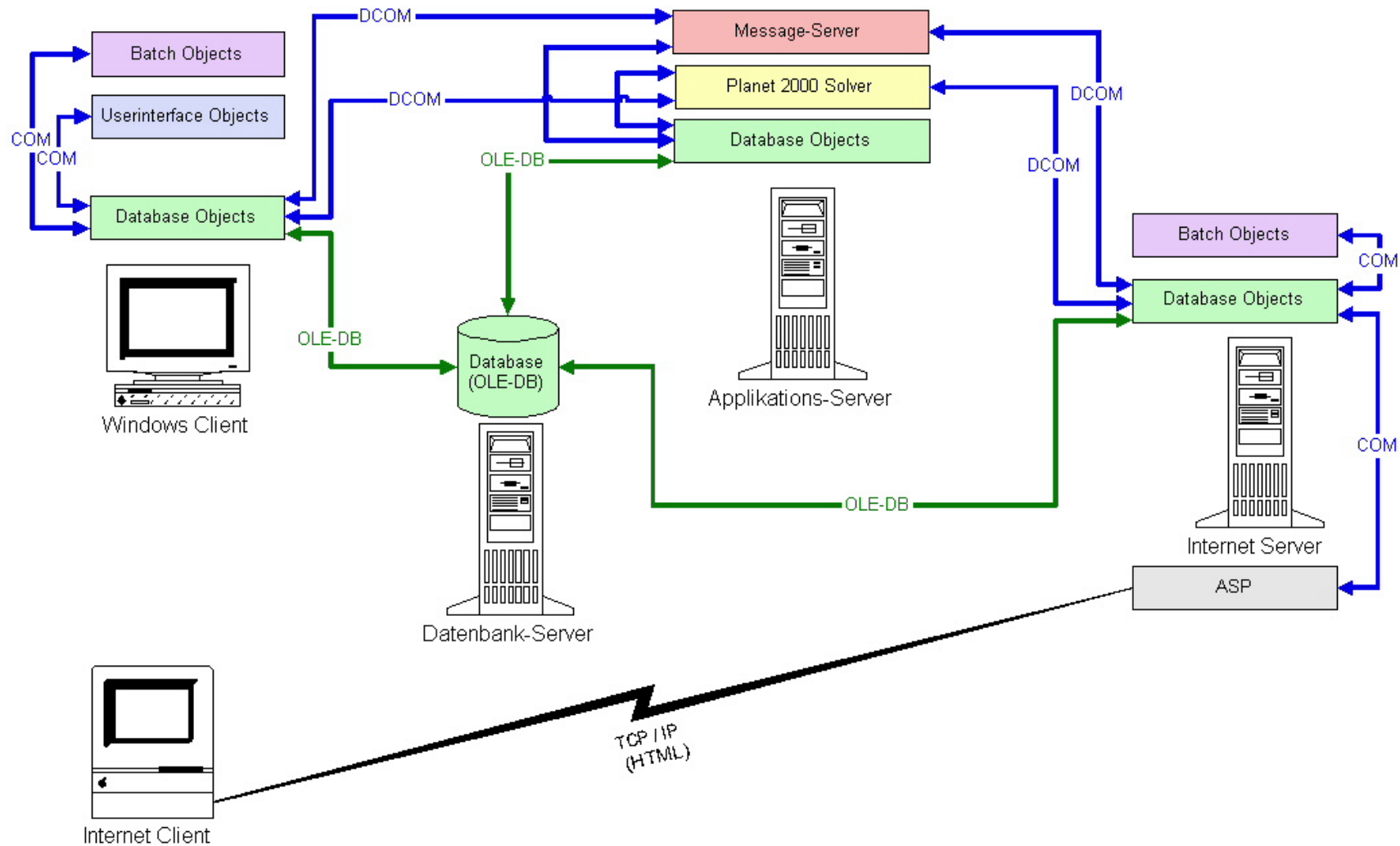
### **MESAP Information System**



## ***Characteristics of MESAP 4***

- **Software**
  - ✓ Windows 2000 Standard
  - ✓ Client-Server Architecture
  - ✓ Access / SQL Server / Oracle DB
  - ✓ Open User Interface as public DLL
- **New Database structure**
  - ✓ Multi-dimensional Data Key
  - ✓ User Interface Multi-lingual
- **Functional Extension**
  - ✓ Multi-dimensional, containerised RES-Editor
  - ✓ Flexible Unit and Currency Handling
  - ✓ Flexible Multi-user Access rights

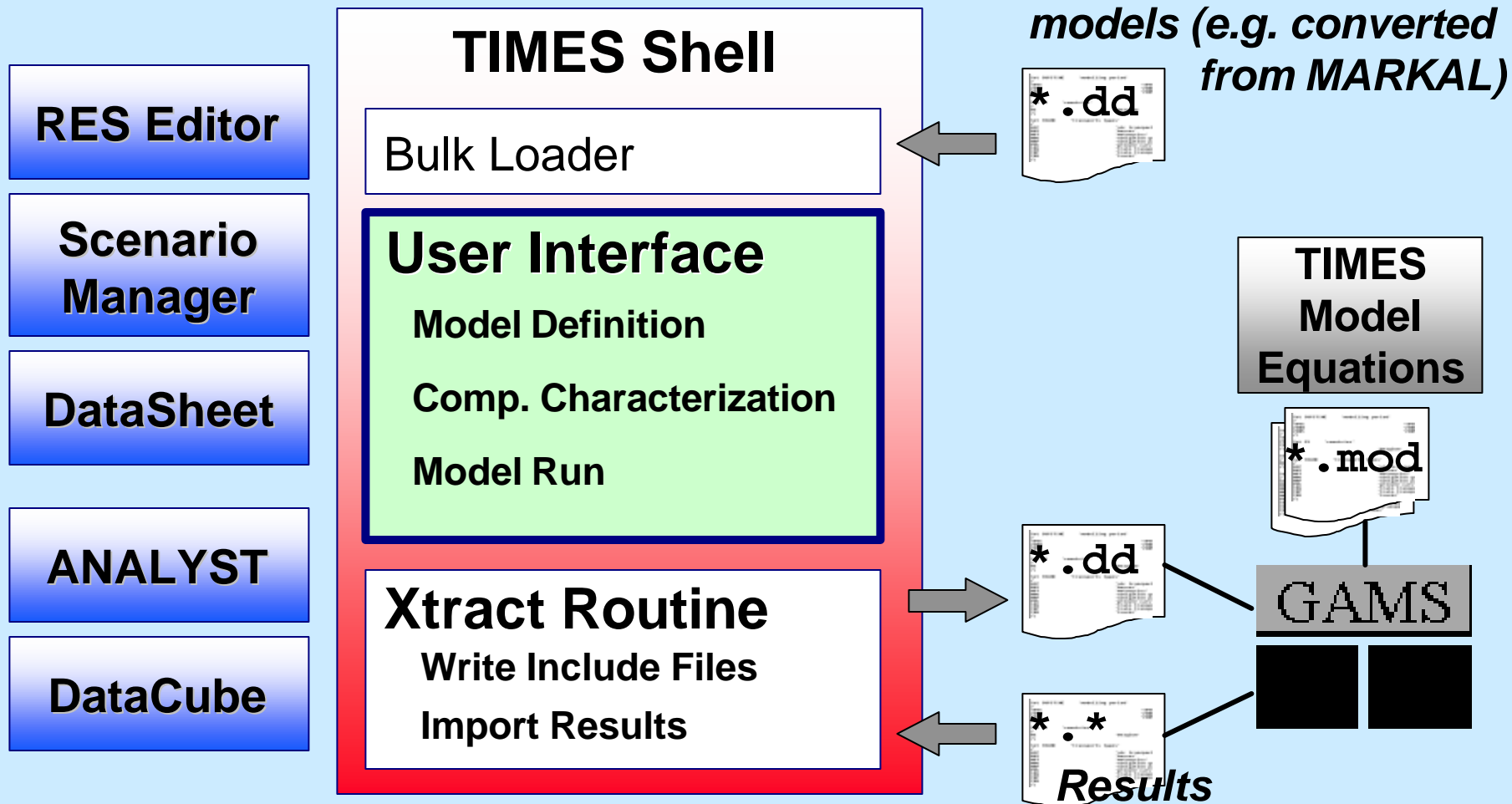
# MESAP 4 Software Architecture

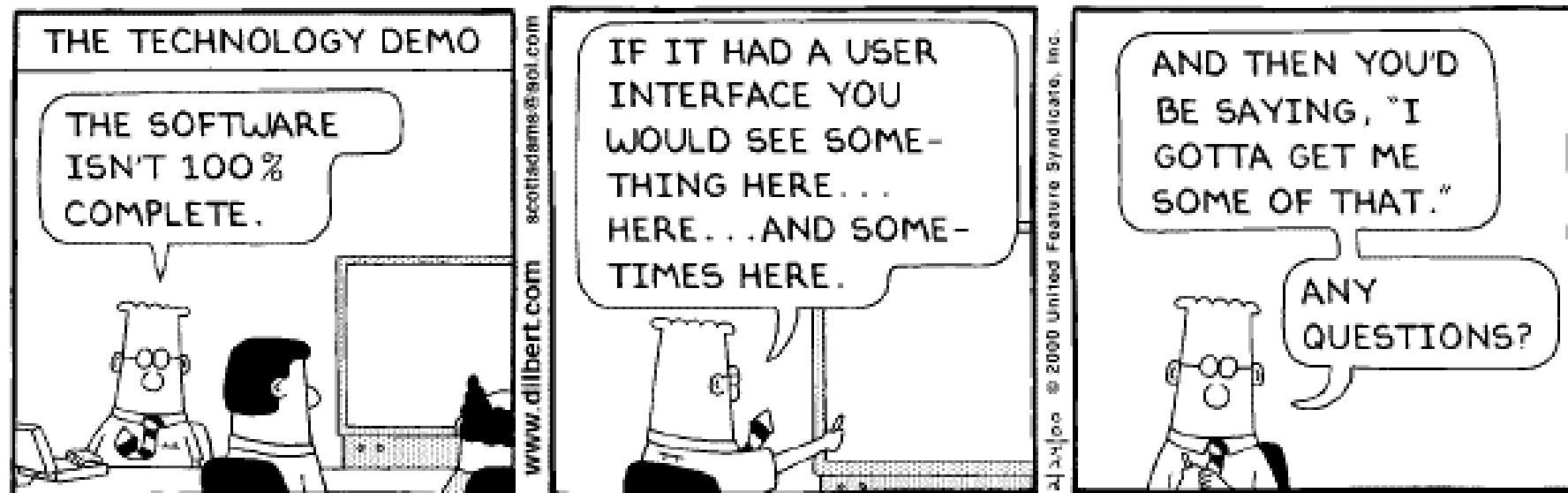




## Solving

## ***TIMES Shell in MESAP 4***



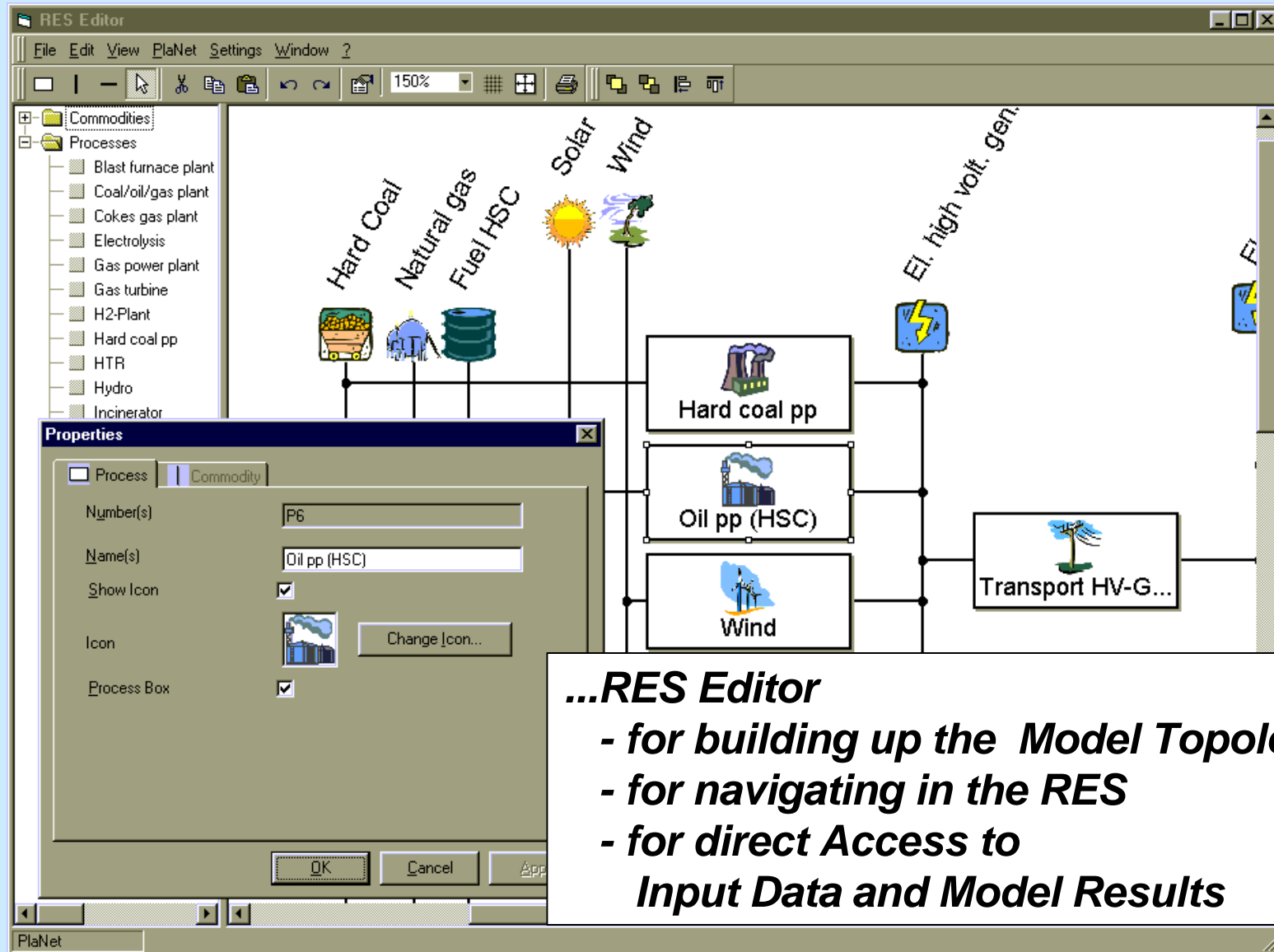


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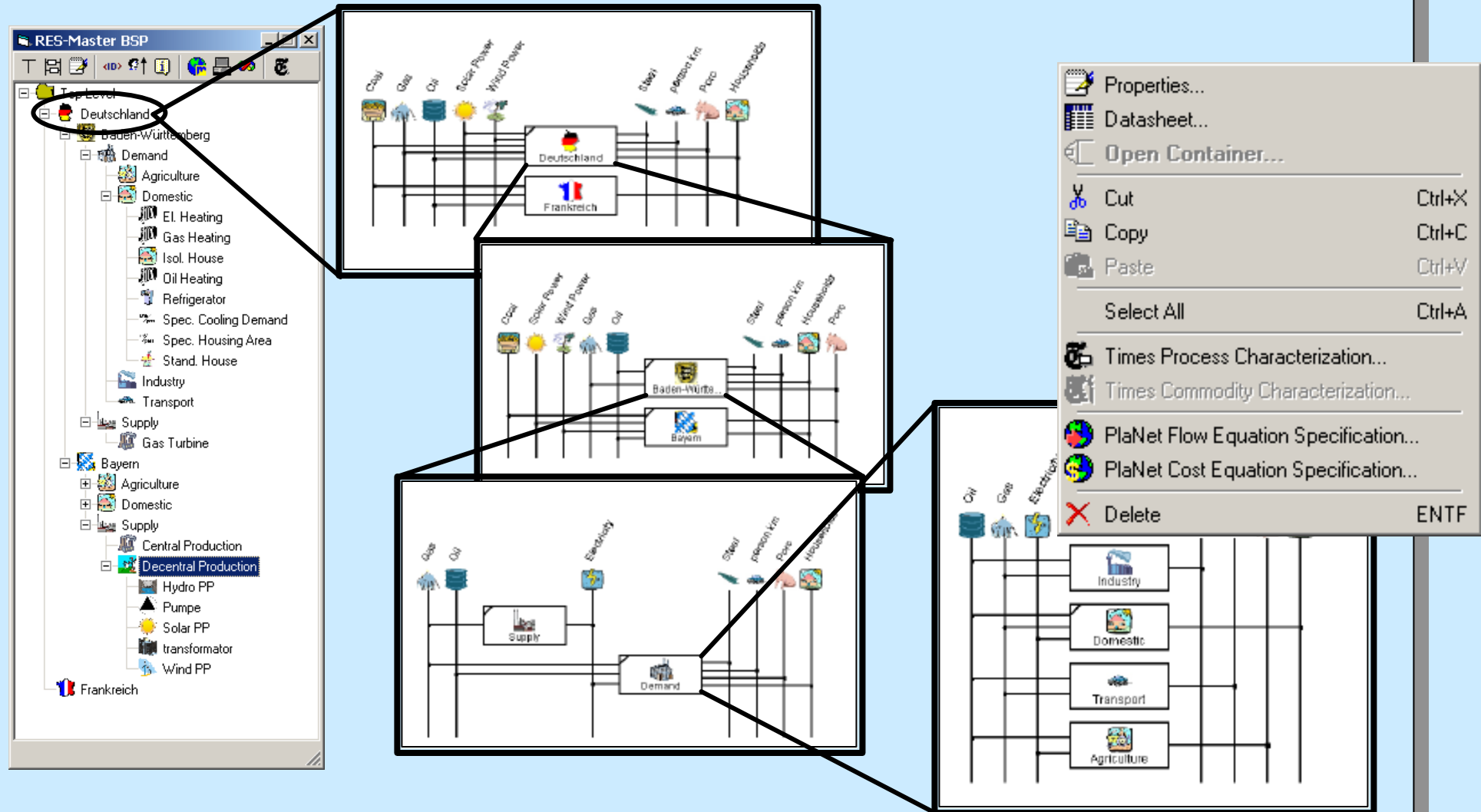
# MESAP Explorer

Name	Comment	Type	Unit	Dimension	Minimum
NCAP_TLIFE	Technical life-time of a process	Descriptor		Attribute	
NCAP_FTAX	Tax on fixed capacity	Descriptor		Attribute	
NCAP_FSUB	Subsidy on capacity	Descriptor		Attribute	
NCAP_AFS	Seasonal availability factor relating a unit of produ...	Descriptor		Attribute	
FLO_FUNC	Relationship between any commodity, or group of ...	Descriptor		Attribute	
VAR_ACT	overall activity of a process in a TSL	Descriptor		Attribute	
COM_FR	Load curve describing the demand, in the time-slic...	Descriptor		Attribute	
NCAP_BND	Limit on investments in new capacity	Descriptor		Attribute	
NCAP_AFS	Lead-time between investment decision and actua...	Descriptor		Attribute	
NCAP_COST	Investment cost per unit of new capacity installed	Descriptor		Attribute	
VAR_CAP	installed capacity in place	Descriptor		Attribute	
VAR_NCAP	installation of new capacity	Descriptor		Attribute	
FLO_SUM	Indicates that commodity group 2 is the sum of the...	Descriptor		Attribute	
FLO_DELIV	Incremental cost of delivering a commodity	Descriptor		Attribute	
FLO_SHAR	Grouping relationship to facilitate optimization of pr...	Descriptor		Attribute	
VAR_FLO	flow level variable	Descriptor		Attribute	
NCAP_FOM	Fixed O&M cost per unit of capacity according to t...	Descriptor		Attribute	
FLO_PKCOI	Factor that permits increasing the average deman...	Descriptor		Attribute	
COM_PROJ	Either the absolute supply/demand for a commodit...	Descriptor		Attribute	
NCAP_ELIFE	Economic life-time of a process	Descriptor		Attribute	
ACT_COST	Cost associated with the activity of a process	Descriptor		Attribute	
CAP_BND	Bound on total installed capacity in a timer period	Descriptor		Attribute	
ACT_BND	Bound on the overall activity level of a process	Descriptor		Attribute	
NCAP_AF	Availability factor relating a unit of production to th...	Descriptor		Attribute	
NCAP_AFA	Annual availability factor relating a unit of producti...	Descriptor		Attribute	
NCAP_ICOM	Amount of commodity required in the period in whi...	Descriptor		Attribute	
NCAP_PKCNT	Amount of capacity (activity) to contribute to the p...	Descriptor		Attribute	

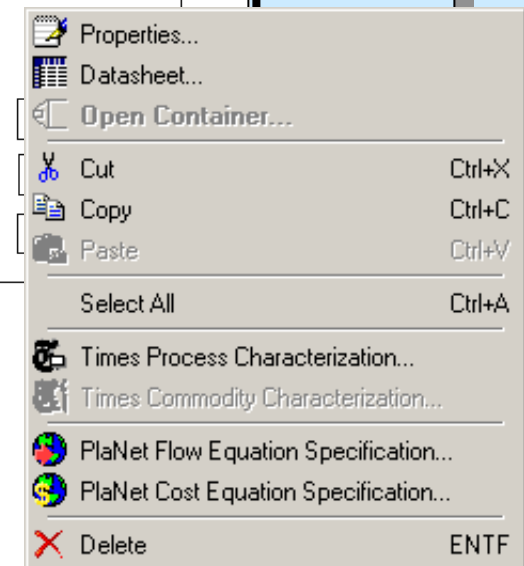
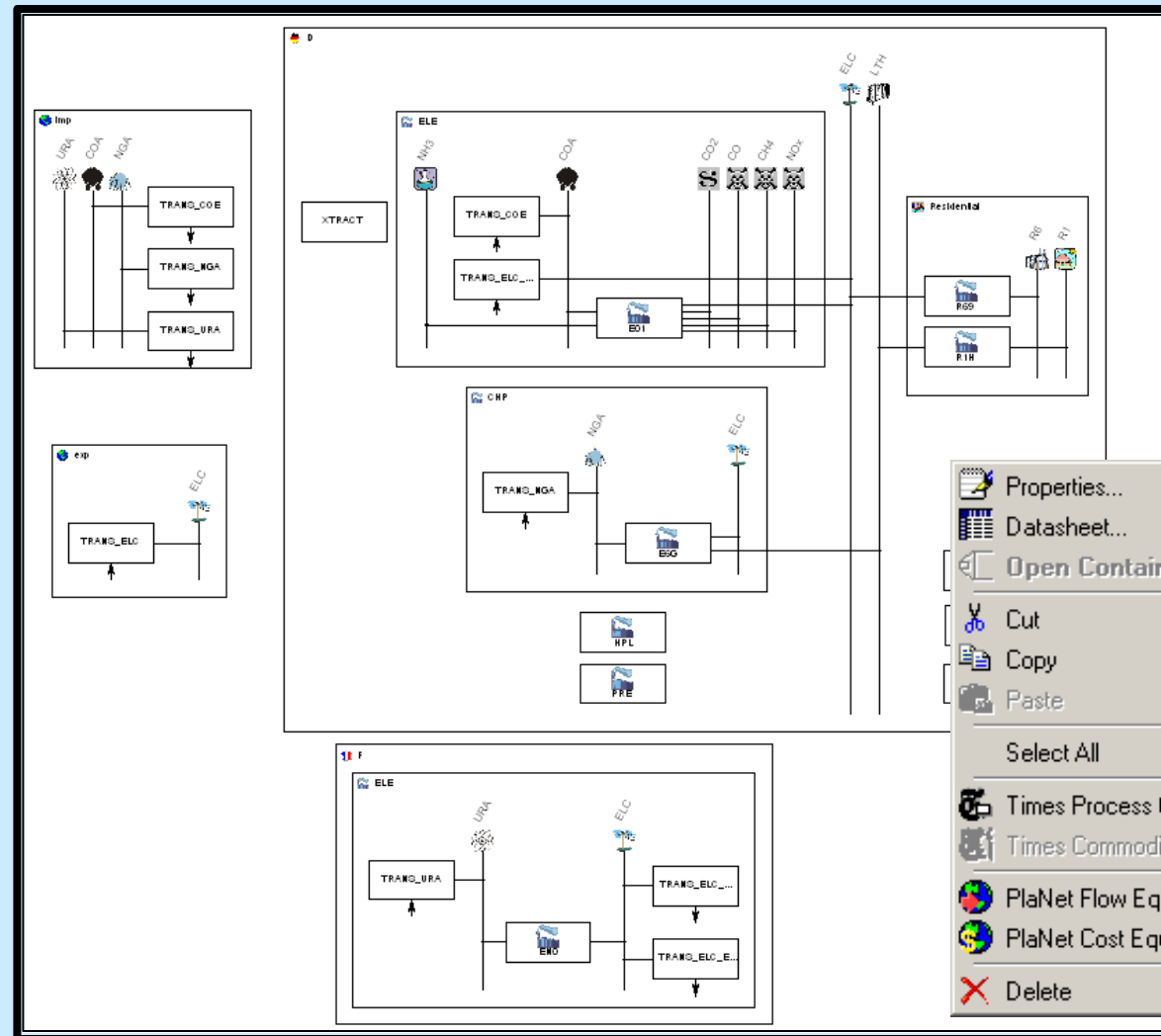
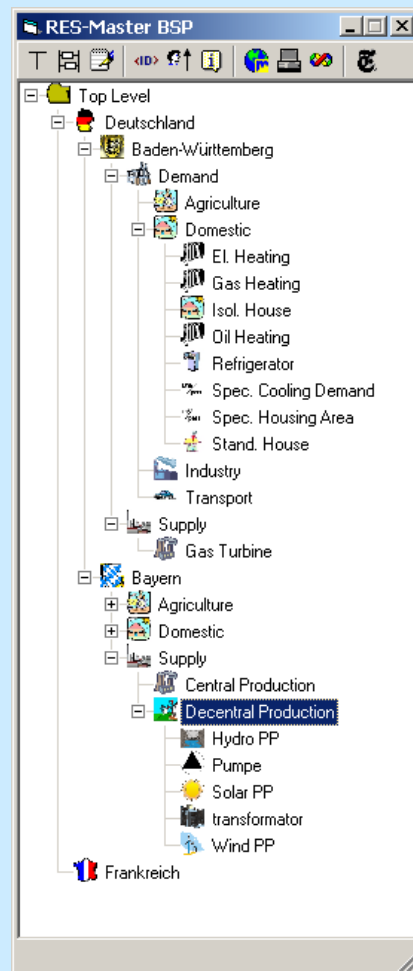
# MESAP RES Editor

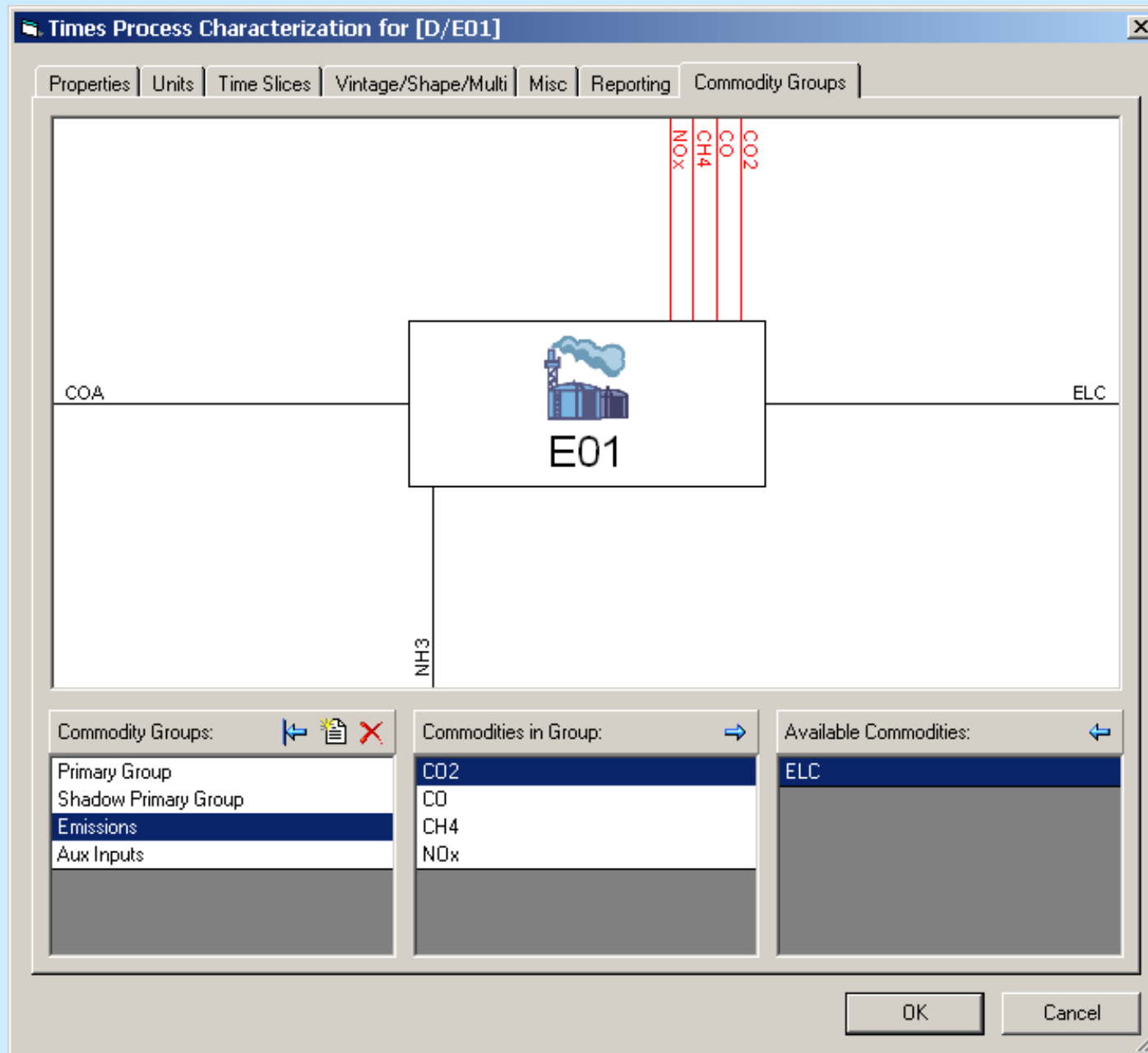


# RES Editor Container View



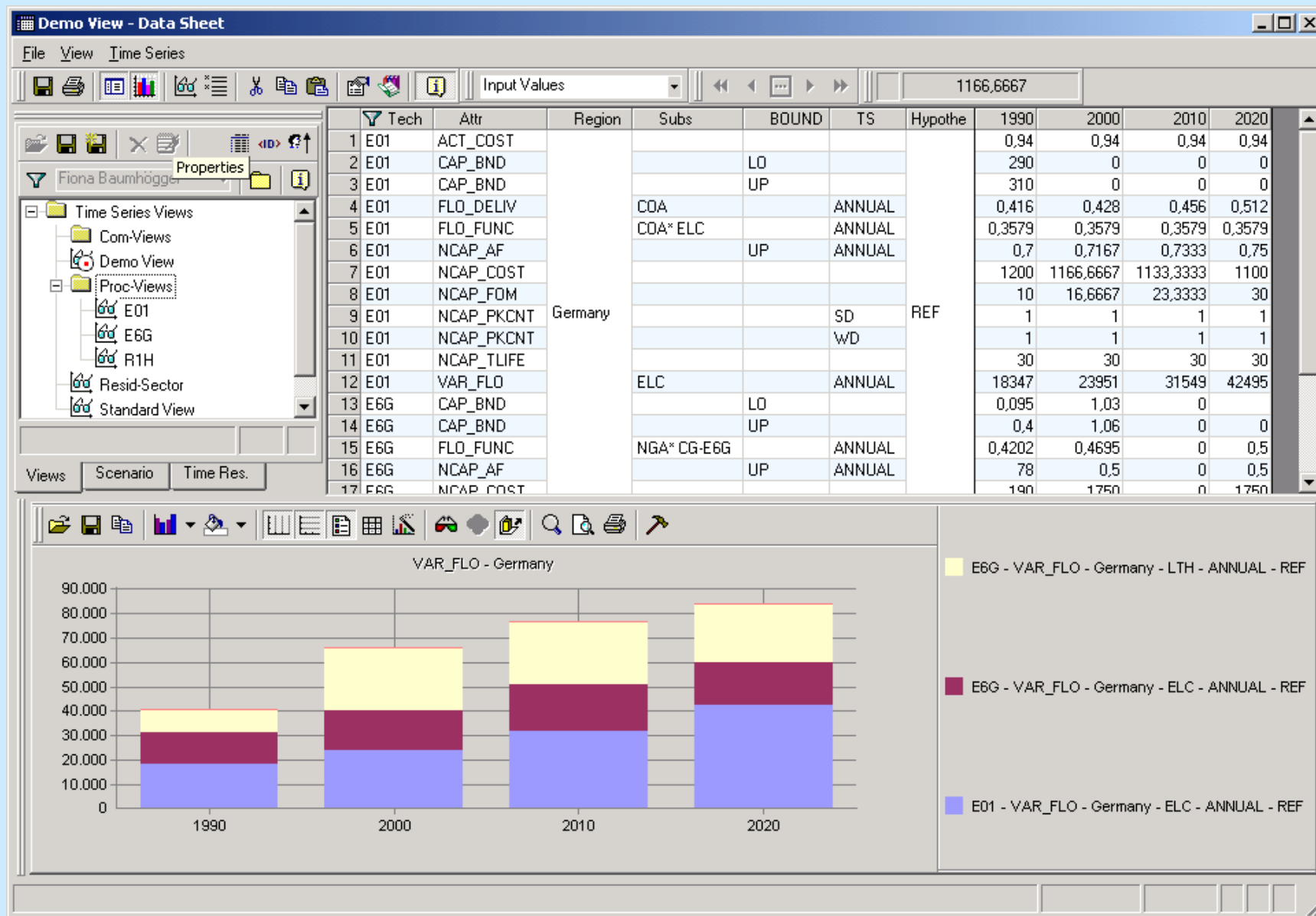
# RES Editor Total View



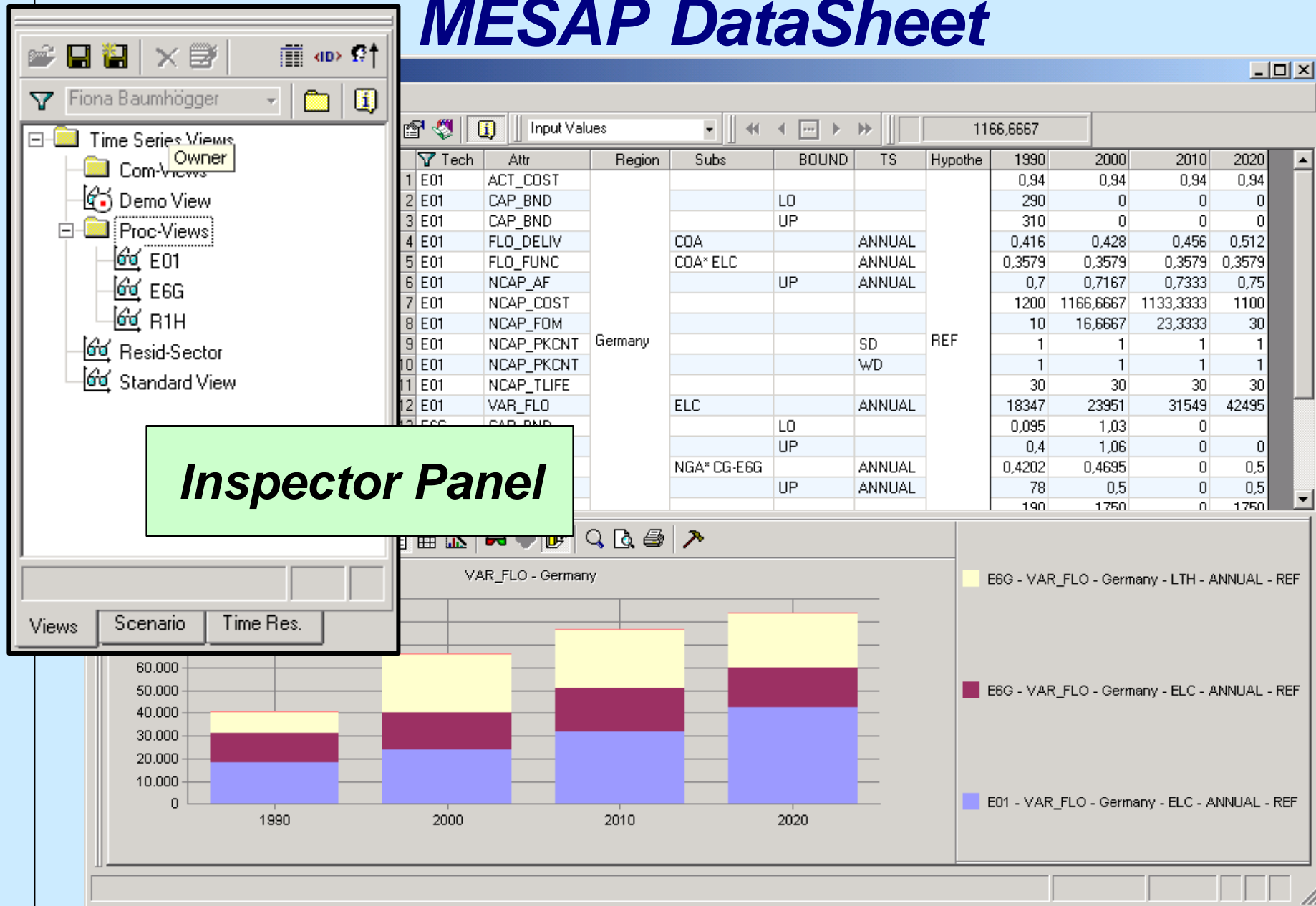




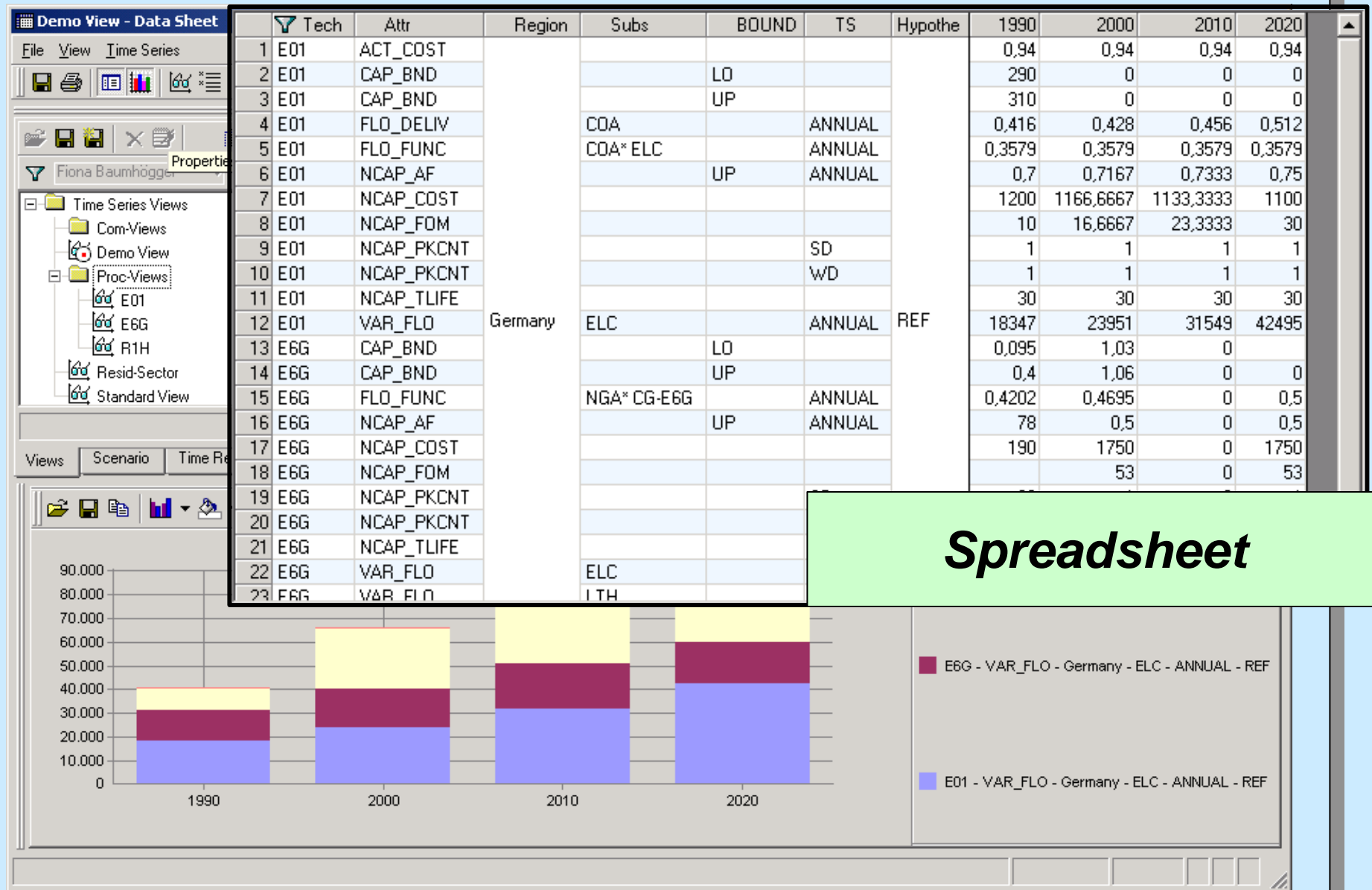
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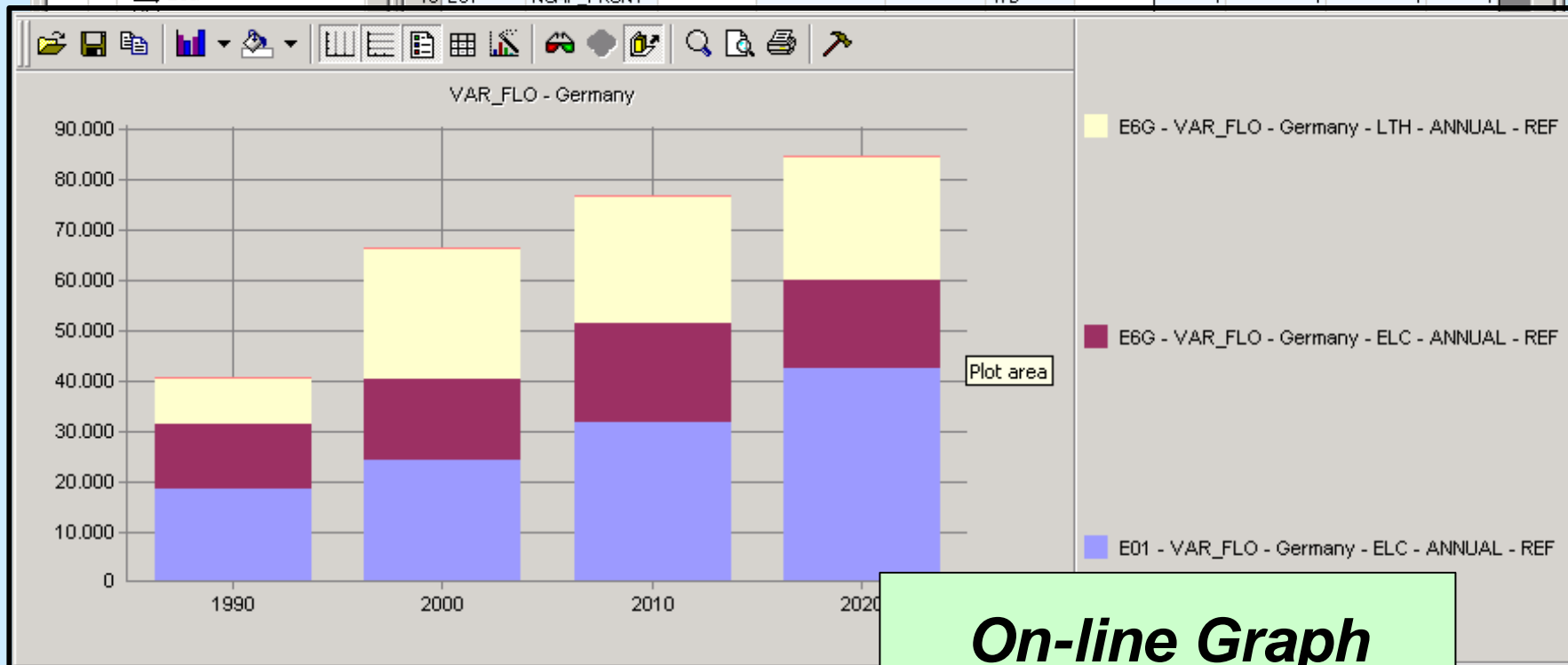
# MESAP DataSheet

**Demo View - Data Sheet**

File View Time Series

Input Values 1166,6667

	Tech	Attr	Region	Subs	BOUND	TS	Hypothe	1990	2000	2010	2020
1	E01	ACT_COST						0,94	0,94	0,94	0,94
2	E01	CAP_BND			LO			290	0	0	0
3	E01	CAP_BND			UP			310	0	0	0
4	E01	FLO_DELIV		COA		ANNUAL		0,416	0,428	0,456	0,512
5	E01	FLO_FUNC		COA* ELC		ANNUAL		0,3579	0,3579	0,3579	0,3579
6	E01	NCAP_AF			UP	ANNUAL		0,7	0,7167	0,7333	0,75
7	E01	NCAP_COST						1200	1166,6667	1133,3333	1100
8	E01	NCAP_FOM						10	16,6667	23,3333	30
9	E01	NCAP_PKCNT	Germany			SD	REF	1	1	1	1
10	E01	NCAP_PKCNT				WD		1	1	1	1



**On-line Graph**

# MESAP Analyst

ANALYST 3.1 - XTIMES8

File Edit View Format Graph Window Help

**...Report Sheet for pre-calculations  
- Write Input Data to Data Base**

# MESAP Analyst

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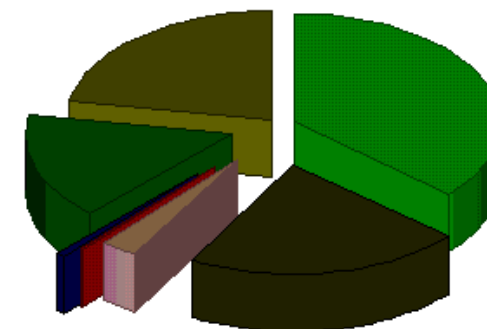
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**Comparison of Capacity in 2020**

RED uction Scenario	Unit	1989	1995	2005	2020
Coal/Oil/Gas power plant	PJ / a	0	0	0	12,75
Cokes gas power plant	PJ / a	0	0	0	0,8
Gas combined cycle power plant - new	PJ / a	1,4	41,01	101,36	157,31
Gas combined cycle power plant - old	PJ / a	58	21,09	0	0
Gas turbine	PJ / a	0	0	0	0
Hardcoal power plant - Type A	PJ / a	25	25	7,5	0
Hardcoal power plant - Type B	PJ / a	28	28	29,79	94,18
Hydro power plant - Typ B	PJ / a	0	0	0	0
Hydro power plant - Type A	PJ / a	68	68	68	68
Incinerator	PJ / a	7,35	7,35	7,35	2,94
Light water reactor	PJ / a	192	192	192	96
Lignite power plant - new	PJ / a	0	0	0	0
Lignite power plant - old	PJ / a	22,55	22,55	9,02	0
Oil power plant (fuel_hsc) - new	PJ / a	3,94	3,94	3,15	0
Oil power plant (Fuel_hsc) - old	PJ / a	78	56,73	0	0
Wind turbine - Type E	PJ / a	0,02	0,01	0	0

**...Report Sheet for Displaying  
Model Results in Data Base using  
Table and Graph Templates**

**Comparison of Capacity for Scenario  
RED in 2020**



■ Gas combined cycle power plant - new
 ■ Cokes gas power plant  
■ Hardcoal power plant - Type B
 ■ Incinerator  
■ Coal/Oil/Gas power plant
 ■ Hydro power plant - Type A

# MESAP DataCube

**Cube**

Attribute ▾ P\_Fuels ▾ C\_Type ▾

Annun ▾ Case ▾

P_Sector ▾	Comm_1 ▾	Process ▾	Unit ▾	1989		1995		2005		2020	
				CO2-RED	REF	CO2-RED	REF	CO2-RED	REF	CO2-RED	REF
Fossile	Blast furnace gas	Blast furnace power plant	PJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
	Cokes gas	Cokes gas power plant	PJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
	Fuel-HSC			0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0
	Fuel-LSC			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Hard coal			76	76	87	87	56	150	123	281
	Lignite			55	55	31	55	0	22	0	0
	Natural gas			74	74	81	42	117	34	223	76
Nuclear	HTR-fuel	HTR	PJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Uranium	Light water reactor	PJ	589	589	589	589	589	589	295	295
Others	Hydrogen	Hydrogen power plant	PJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	refusal	Incinerator	PJ	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	2
Renewables	Natural gas	Wind turbine - Type E	PJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Solar	Photovoltaics - Type C	PJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Photovoltaics - Type D	PJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Water	Hydro power plant - Typ B	PJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
		Hydro power plant - Type A	PJ	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	68
	Wind	Wind turbine - Type E	PJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

...Cube View for analyzing Model Results in Data Base using the Online Analysis Processing (OLAP)

- free configuration of the dimensions by drag&drop
- collapsing / de-collapsing for automatic aggregation

## **Outlook**

- Methodology
  - Technological learning
  - Macroeconomic linkage, e.g. TIMES-MACRO
  - Multi-stage stochastic programming
  - ...
- Application
  - Converting existing MARKAL and EFOM models
  - Building a global model