

# configuration including resource recovery units

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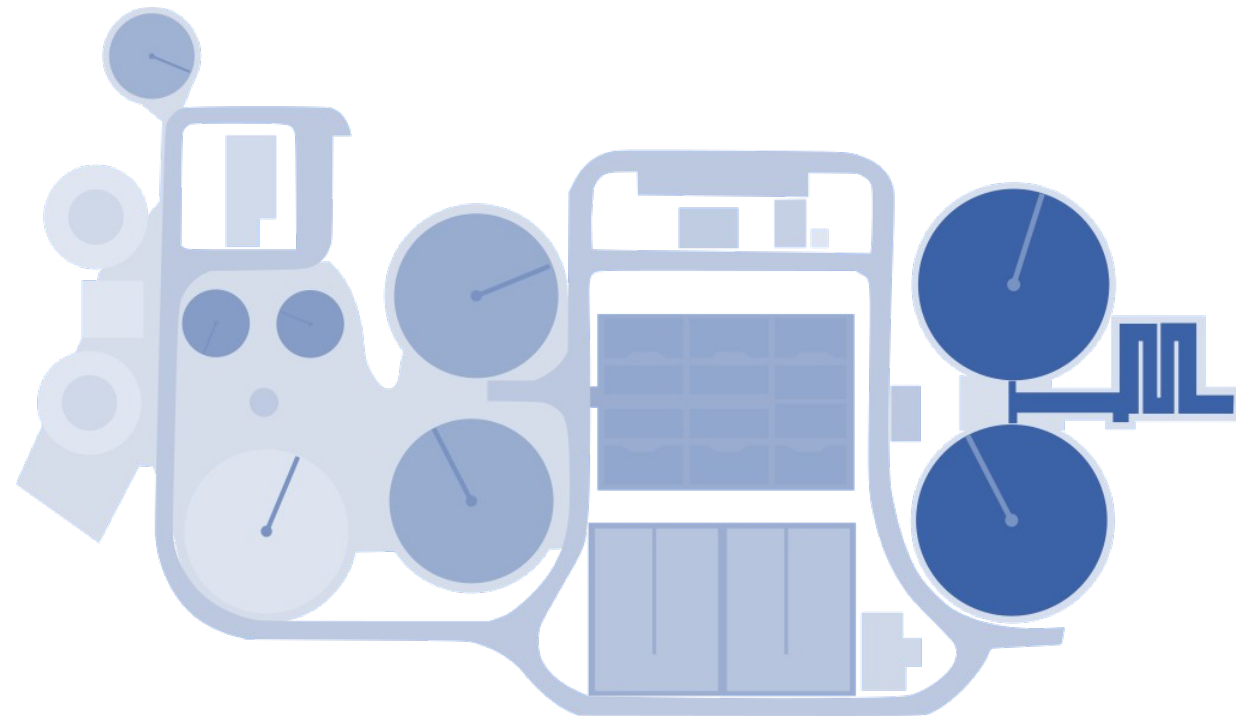
Scale-up of low-carbon footprint

**M**aterial **R**ecovery **T**echniques for

upgrading existing WWTP

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# SMART-Plant

MAIN GOAL

**REDUCE** energy and environmental footprint

**RECOVER** valuable materials (water, cellulose, biopolymers, nutrients)

**PRODUCE** products exploitable in construction, chemical and agriculture



Started Juny **201**  
Ends in Juny **202**

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Total EC funding

**7,5M€**

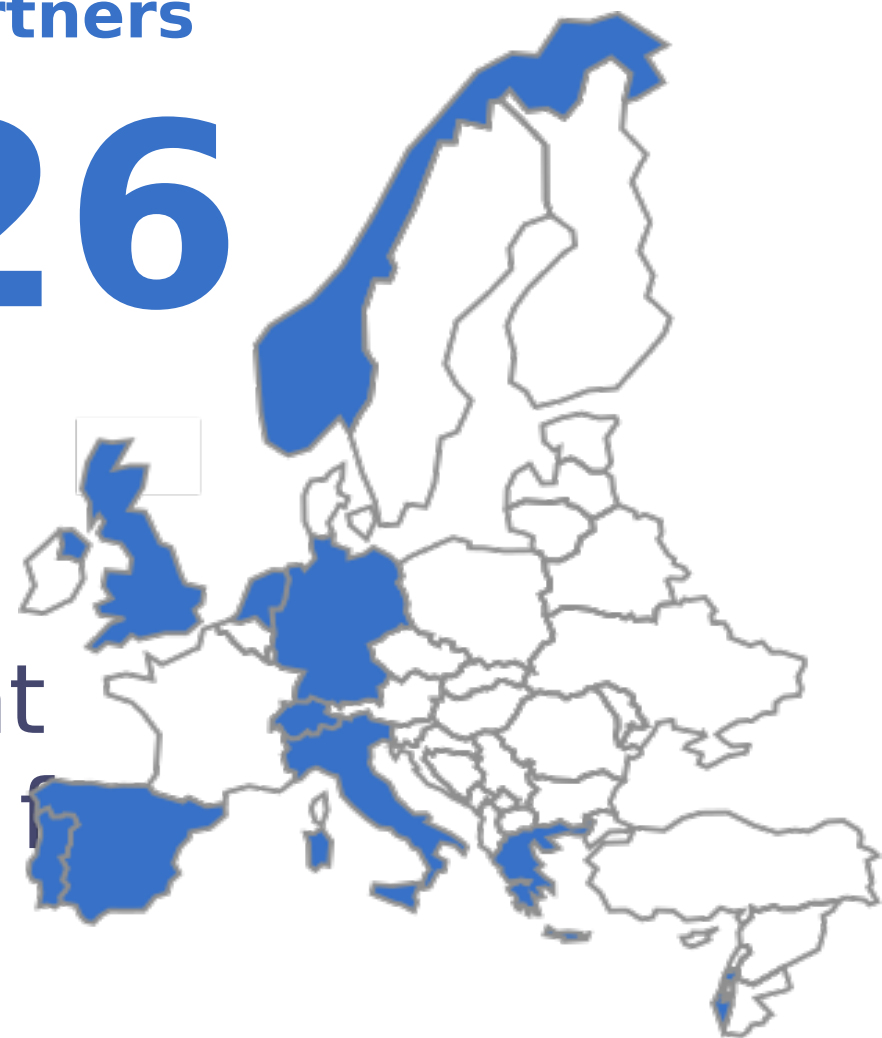
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Partners

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# SMART-Plant

## DSS objective

**Advise the potential stakeholders on how to implement the SMART-Plant Technologies for their specific wastewater treatment problem**

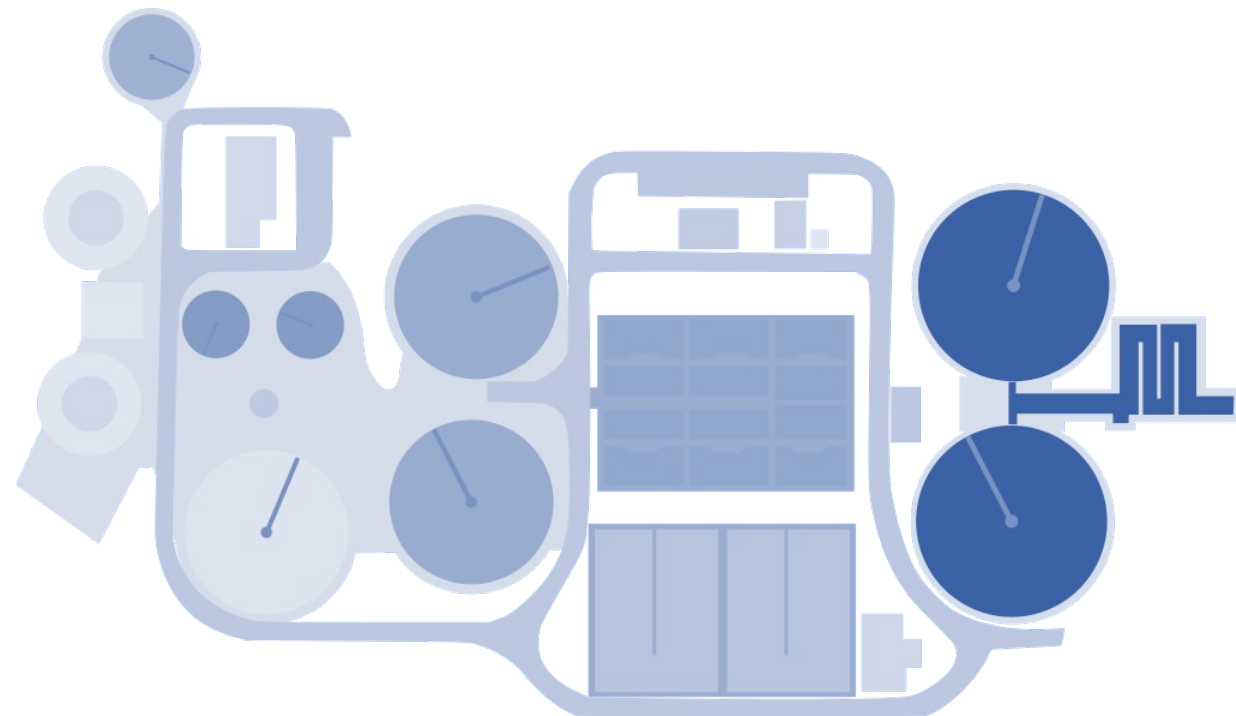
**SMARTech pilot-plants**

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## SMARTech process models

- **Complex dynamics (ASM2d, ADM1)**
- **Discrete events (SBR)**
- **Complex control systems**
- **Large system of differential-algebraic equations (DAE)**



  
**Energy**

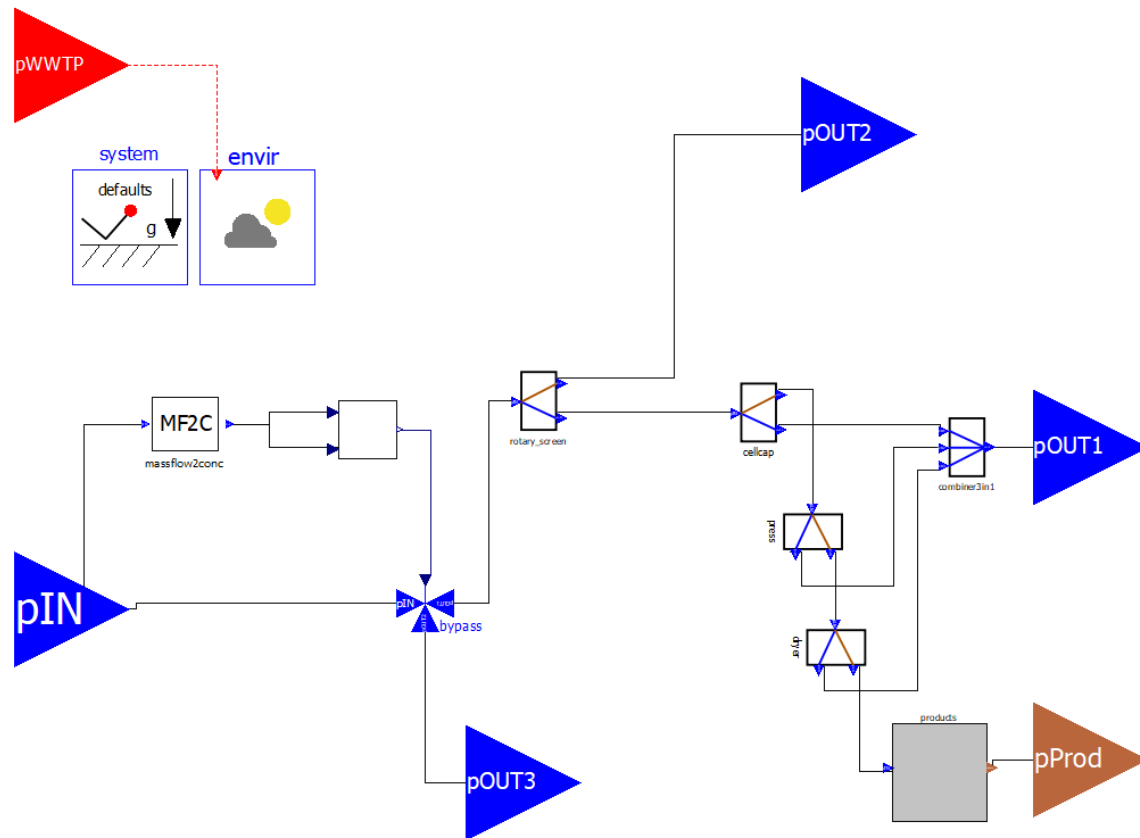
  
**Biopolymers**





  
**Cellulose**

  
**Nutrients**

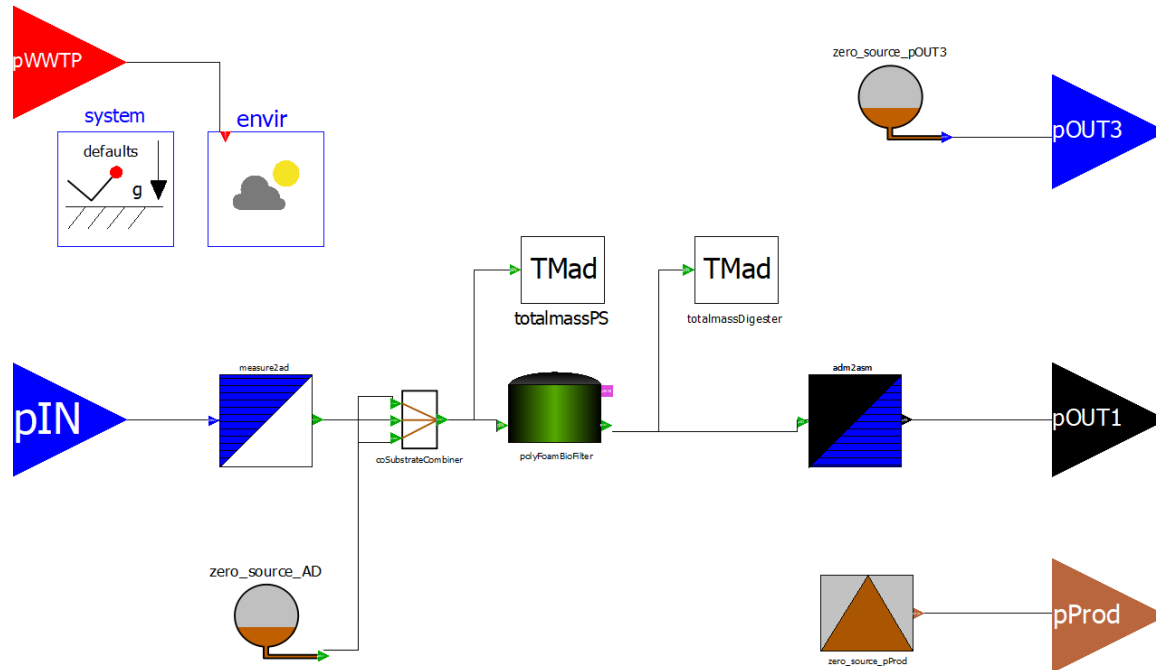
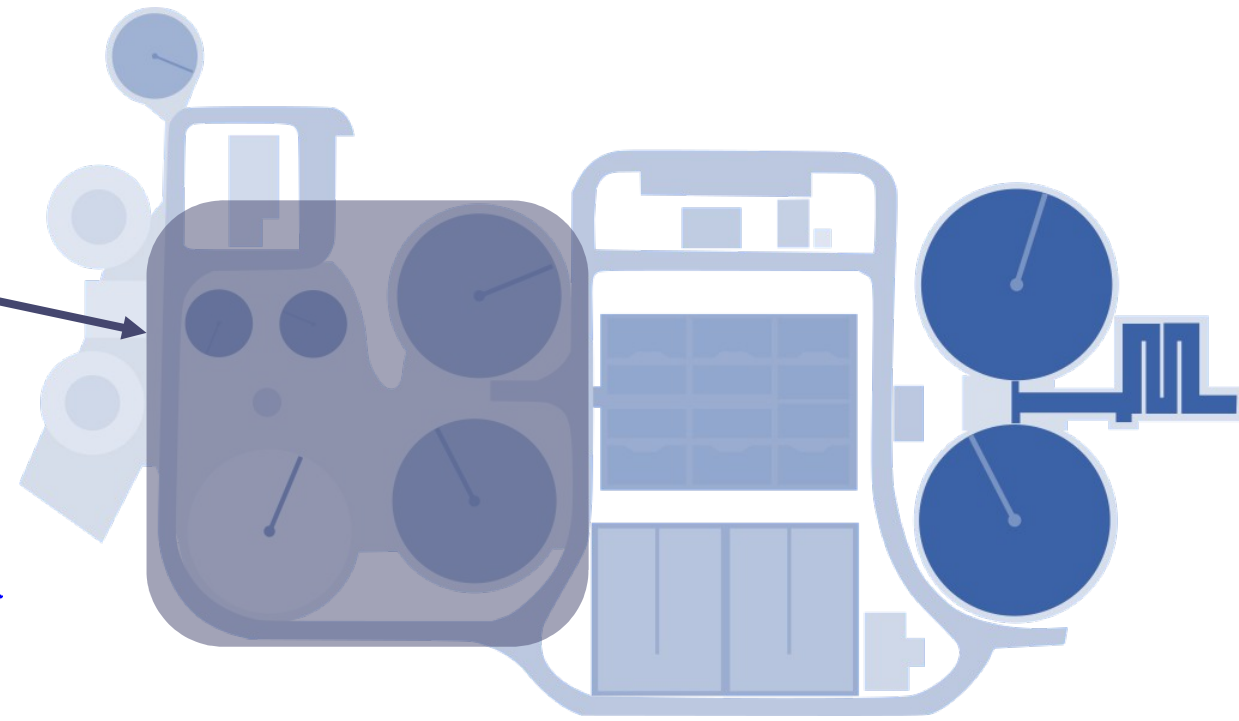


# Dynamic fine-screen and post-processing of cellulosic sludge (ST1)



 **Energy**  
 **Biopolymers**  
 **Cellulose**  
 **Nutrients**

# Polyurethane-based anaerobic digestion bio-filter (ST2a)

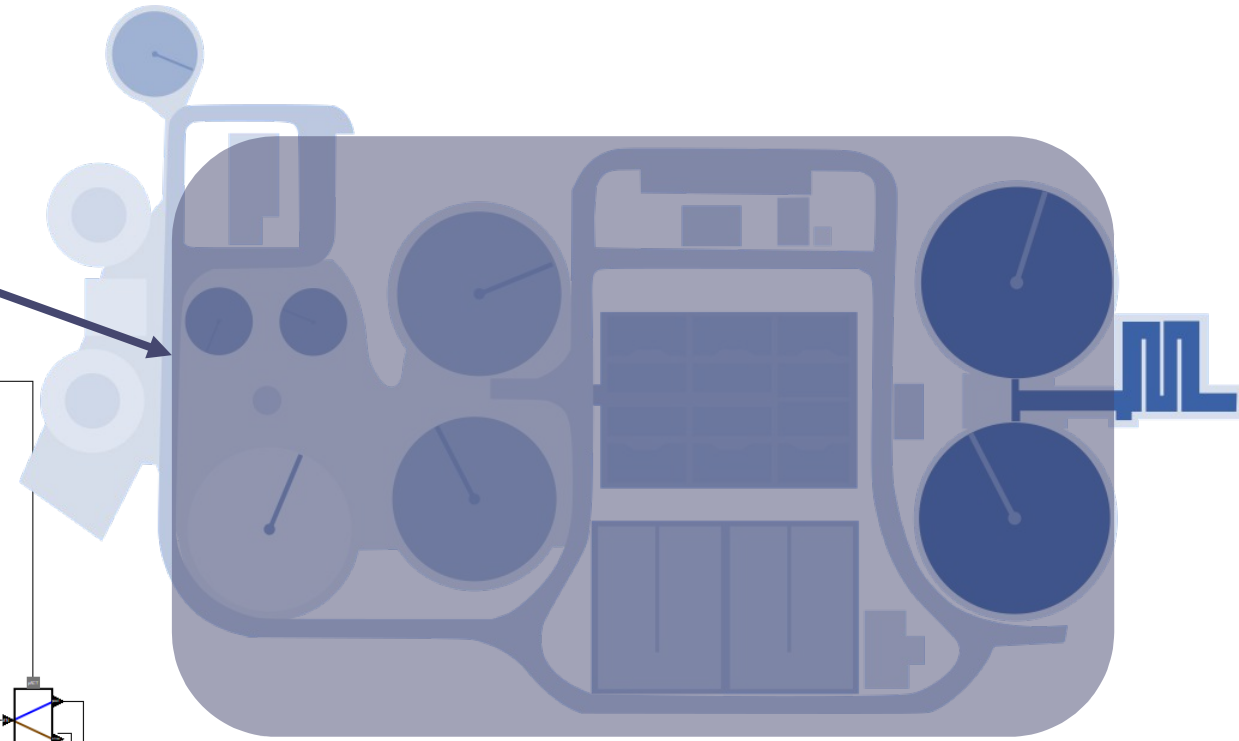
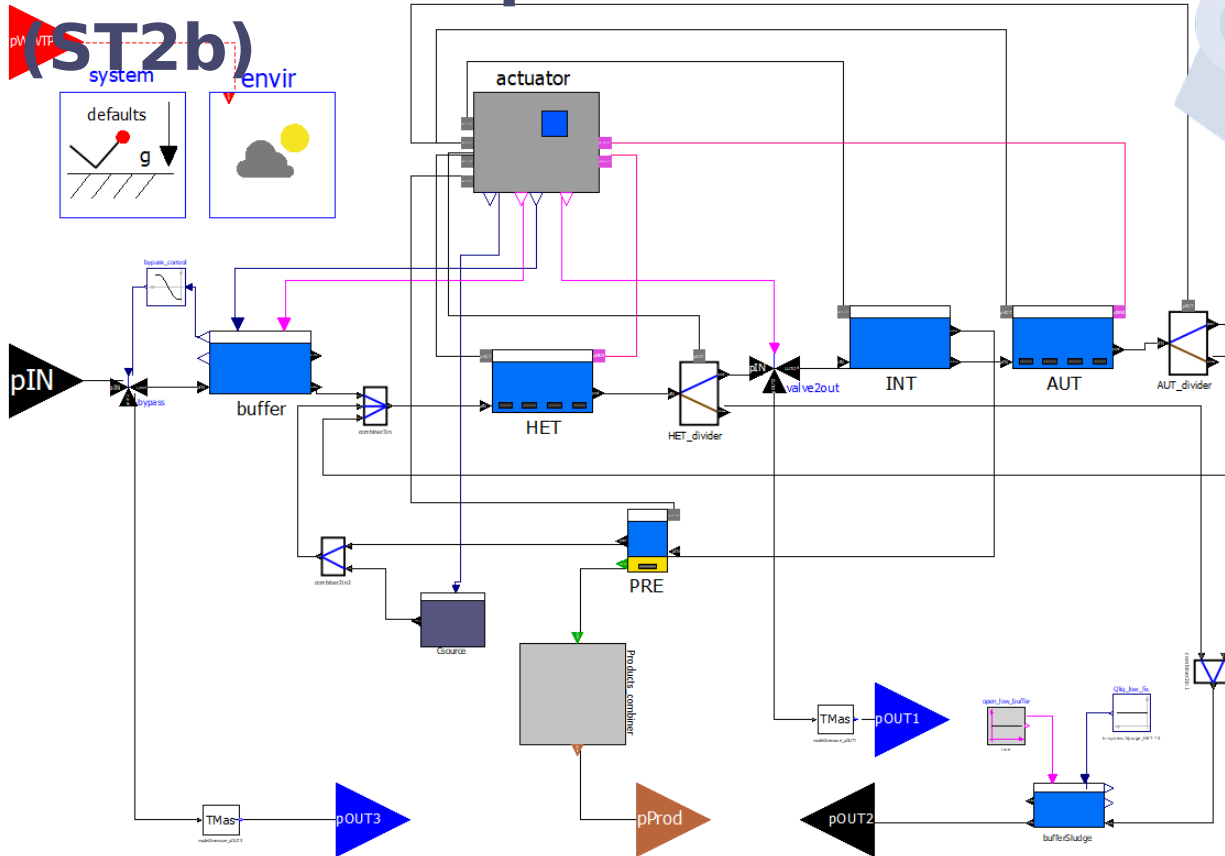






**Energy**

**Biopolymers**

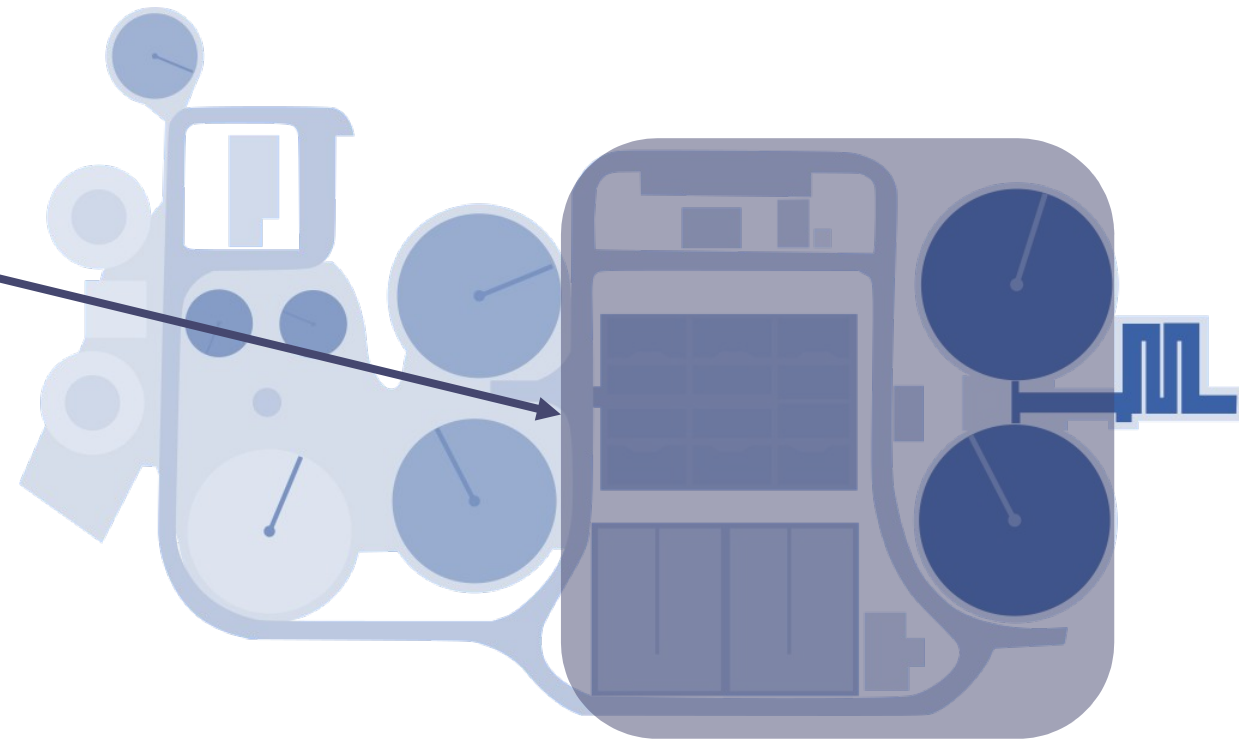
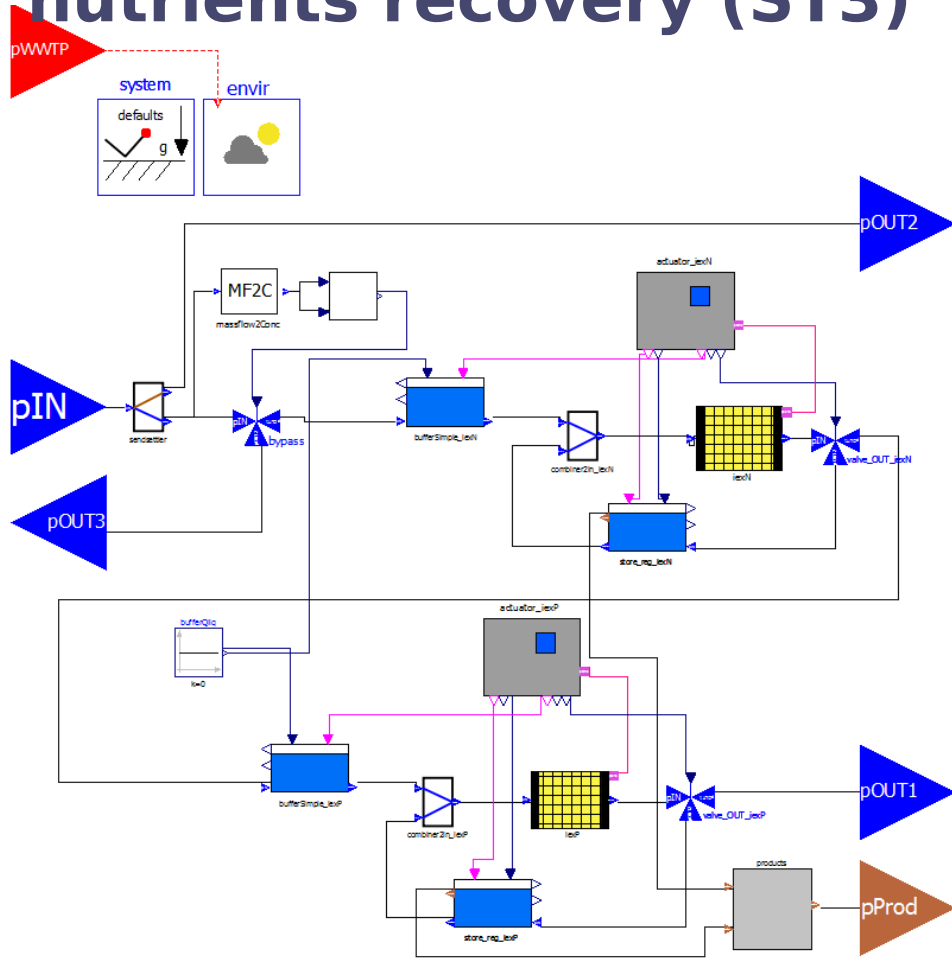
**Cellulose Nutrients**





# Short-Cut Enhanced Phosphorus and PHA Recovery (SCEPPHAR) main-stream process



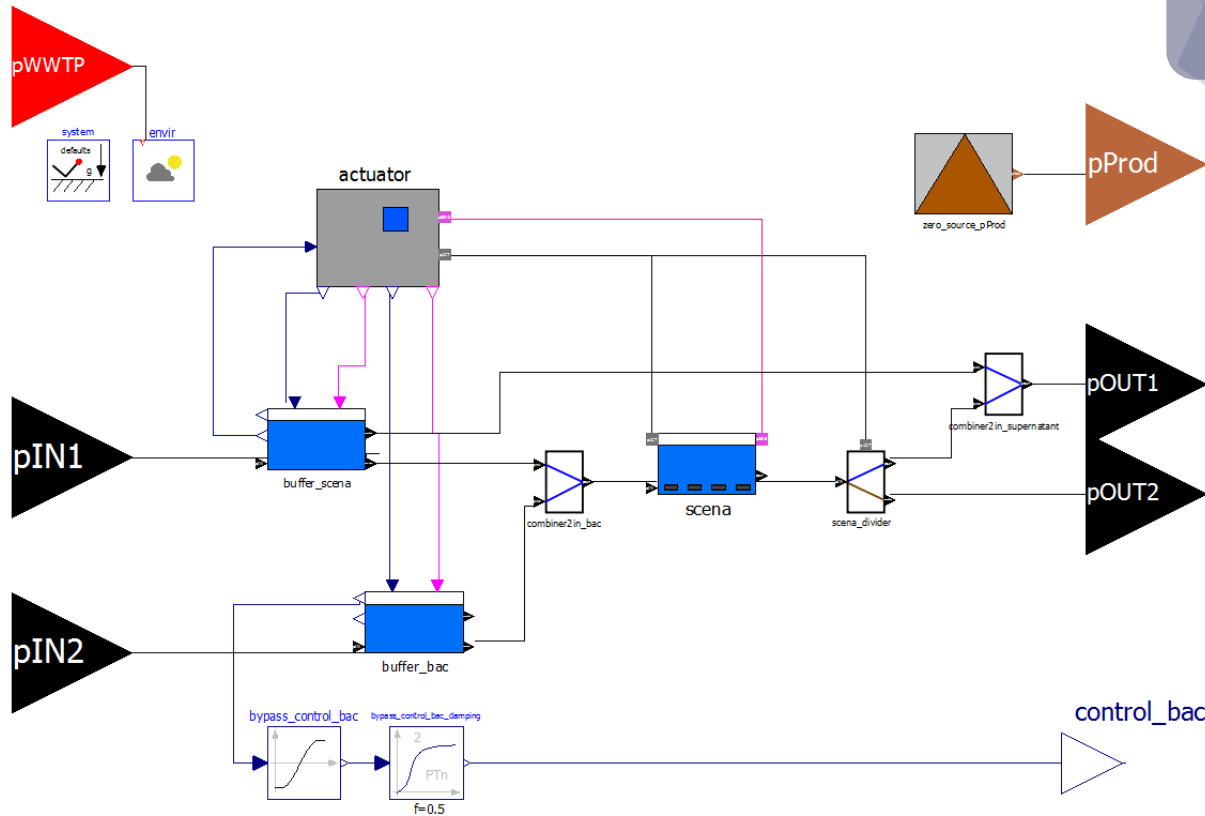
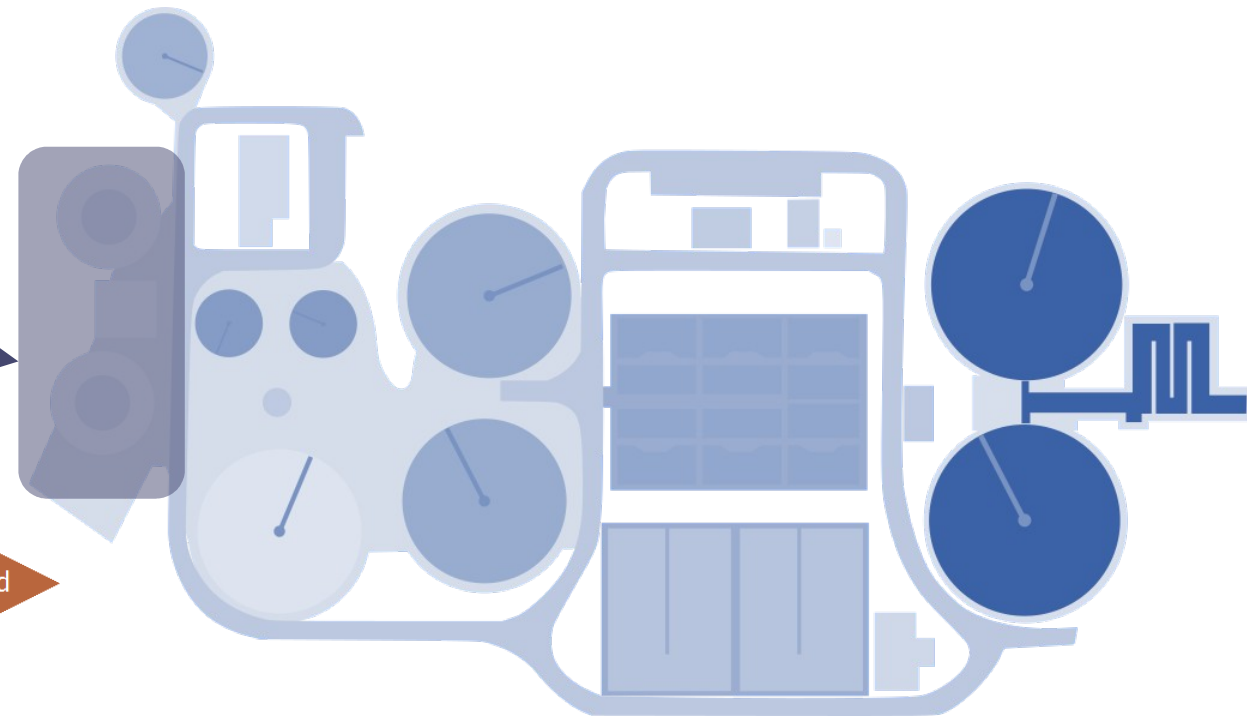
 **Energy**
 **Biopolymers**  
 **Cellulose**
 **N-P Nutrients**

# Tertiary hybrid ion exchange for N and P nutrients recovery (ST3)



 **Energy**
 **Biopolymers**
 **Cellulose**
 **Nutrients**

# Short-Cut Enhanced Nutrient Abatement (SCENA) and ordinary digestion side-stream process (ST4a)

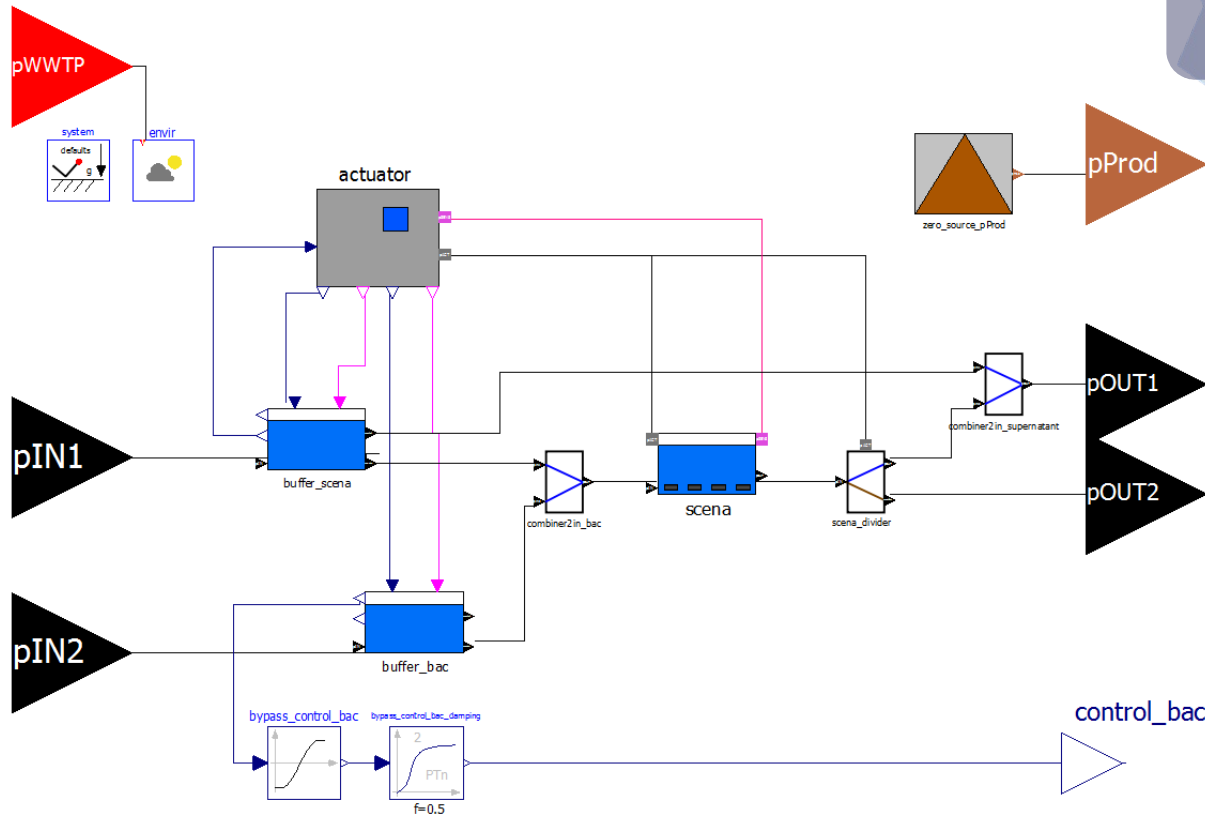
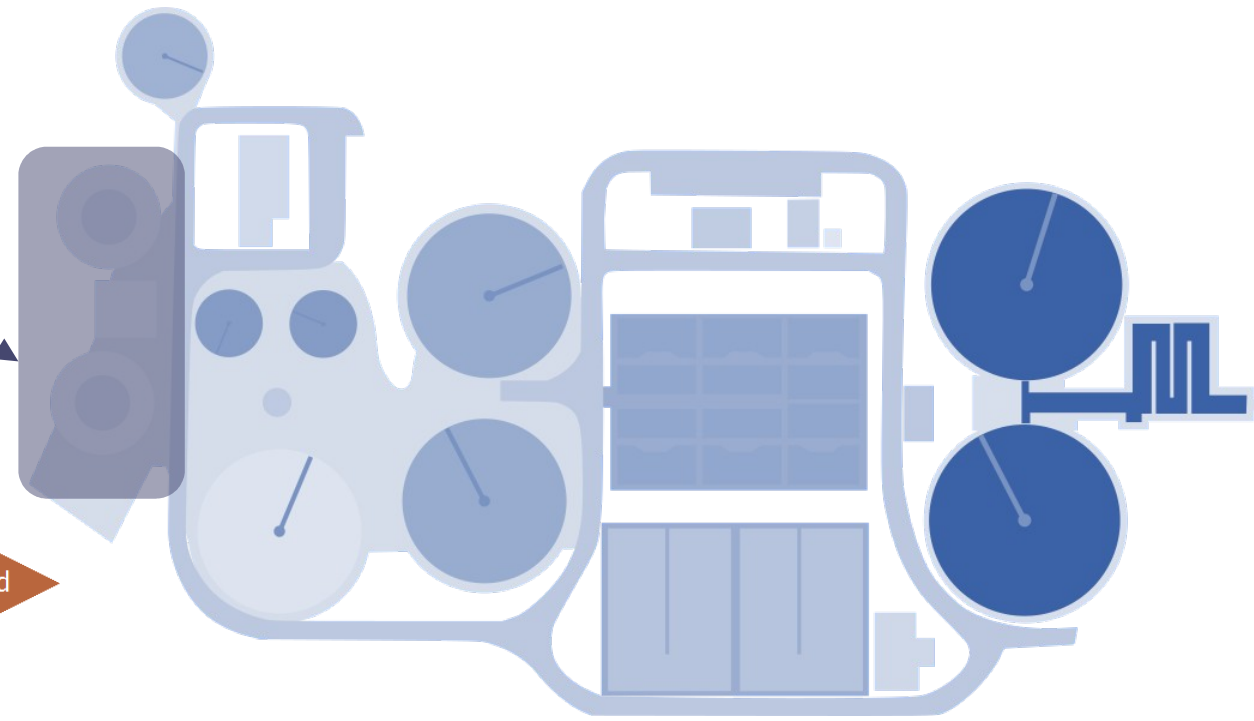


**Energy**

**Biopolymers**

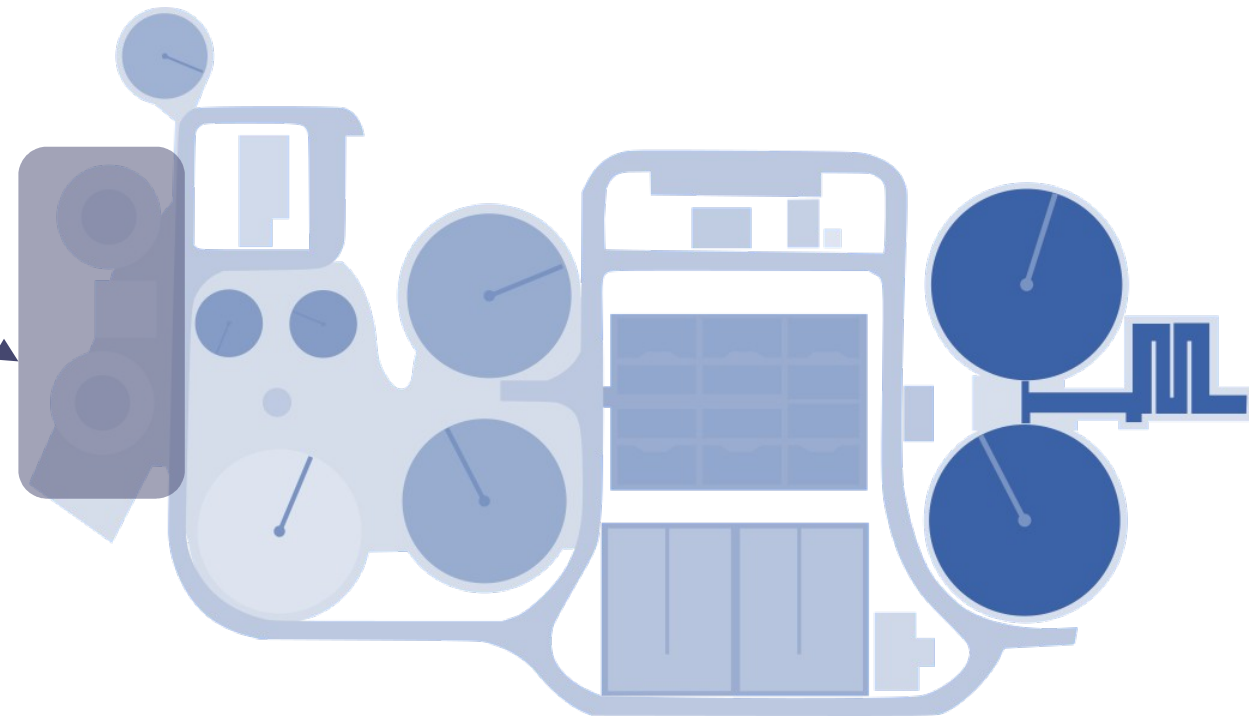
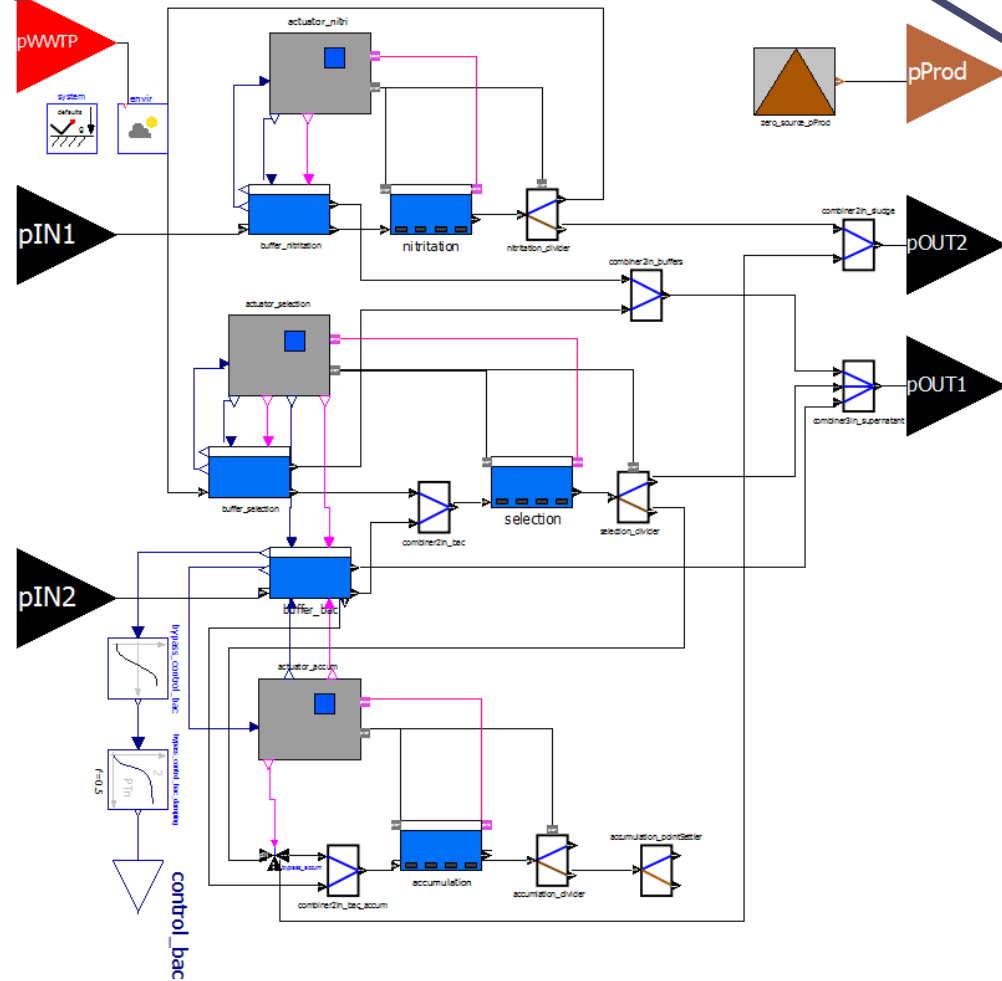
**Cellulose Nutrients**

# SCENA and CAMBI-enhanced digestion side-stream process (ST4b)



**Energy** **Biopolymers**  
**Cellulose** **Nutrients**

# SCEPPHAR side-stream process (ST5)



**Energy** **Biopolymers**  
**Cellulose** **Nutrients**

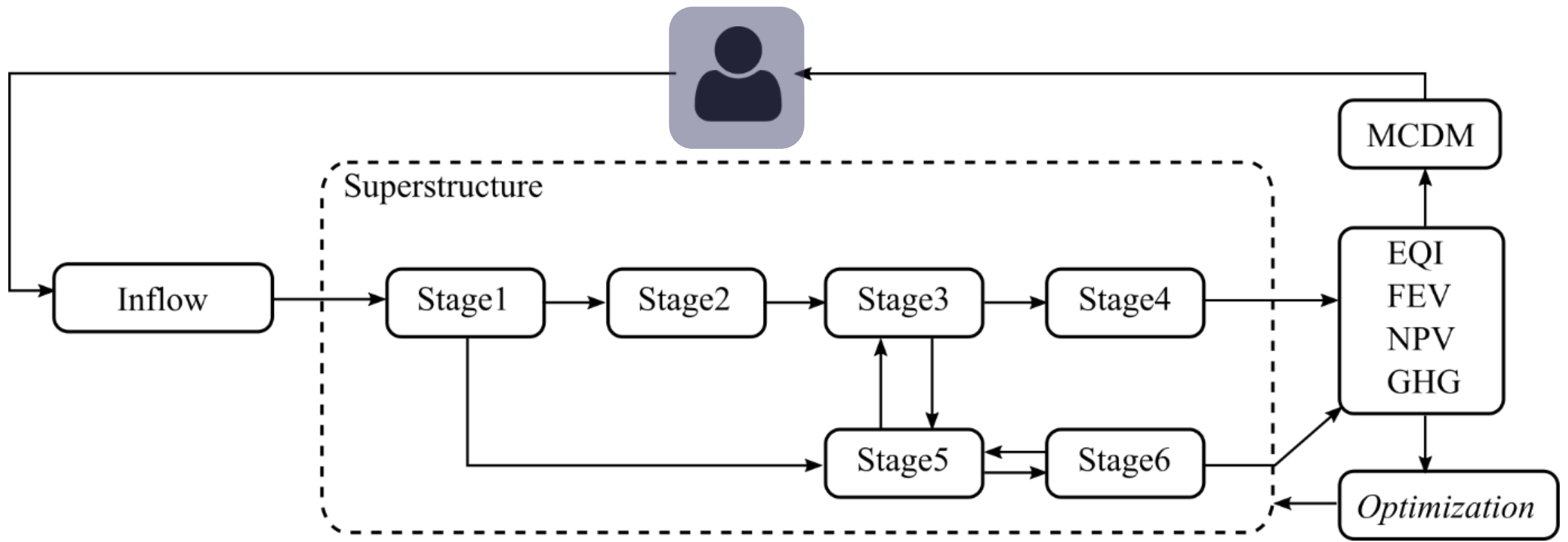


**Which plant  
configuration  
is best for me?**

**Try our hyper-tech  
solution Decision  
Support System!**



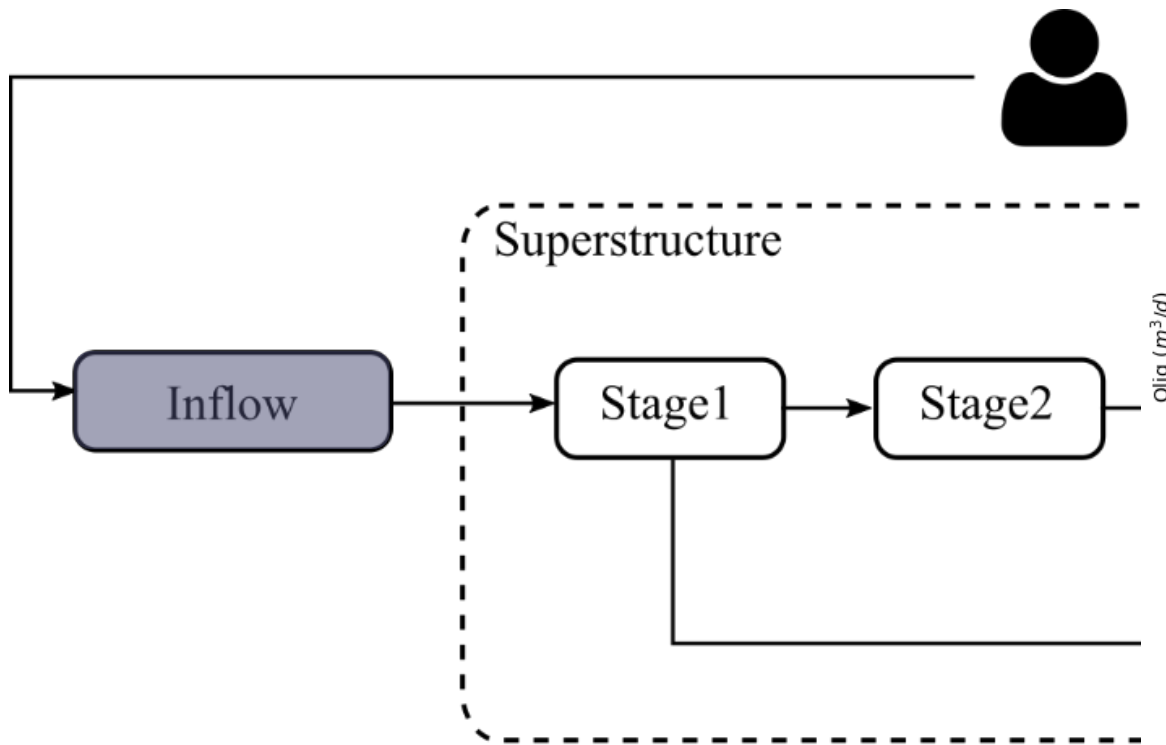




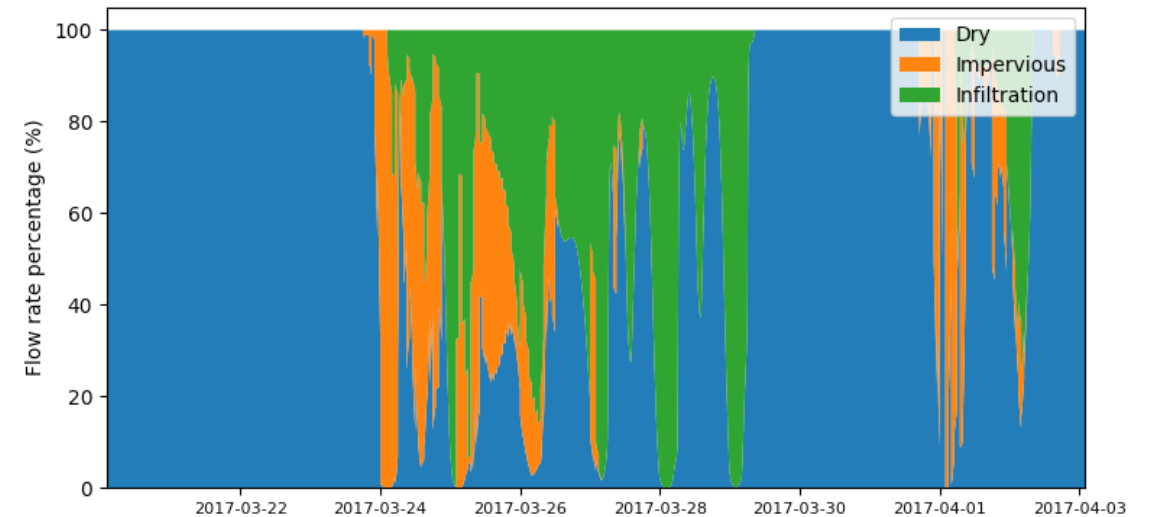
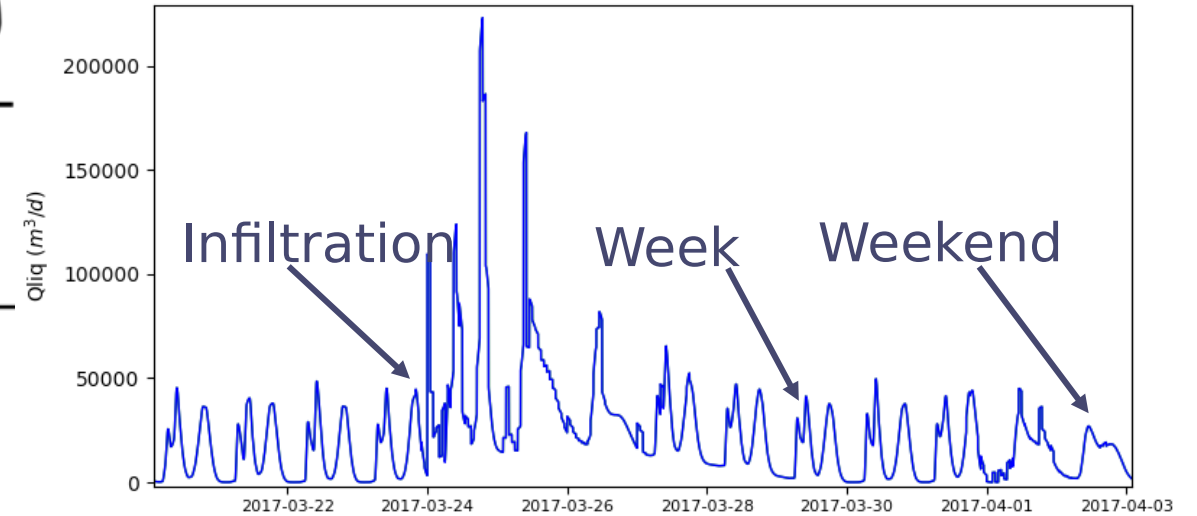
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- New design or retrofit
- Geo-location (weather)
- PE, legal limits, etc.



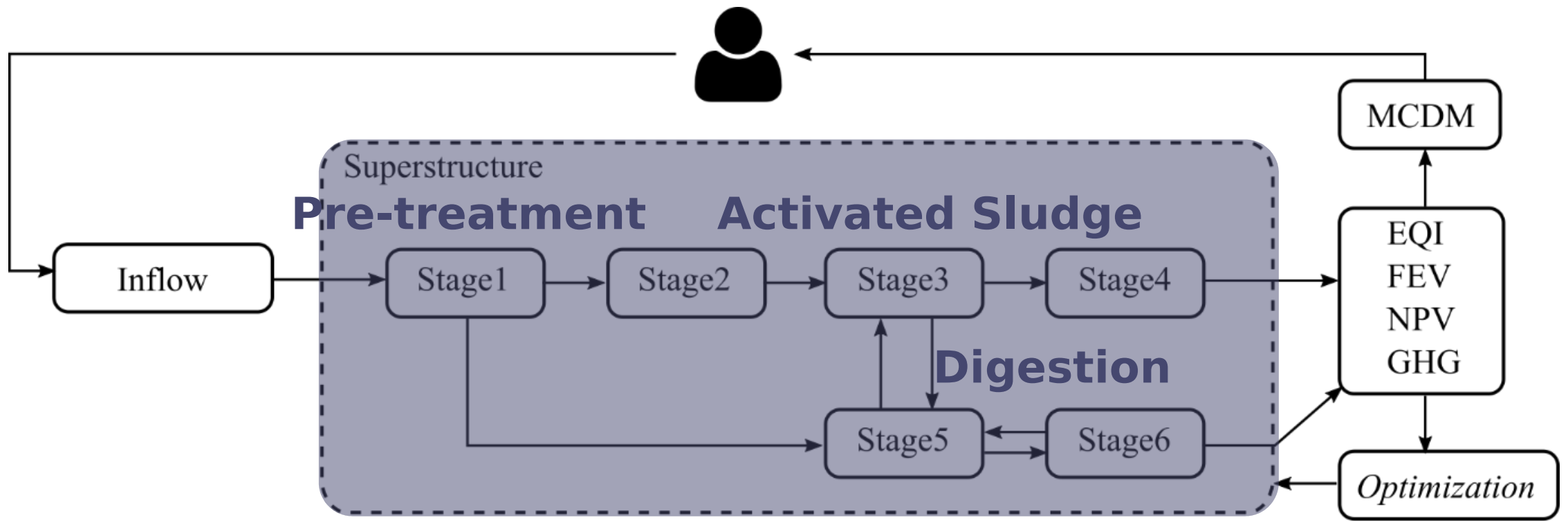


## Mayor rain event

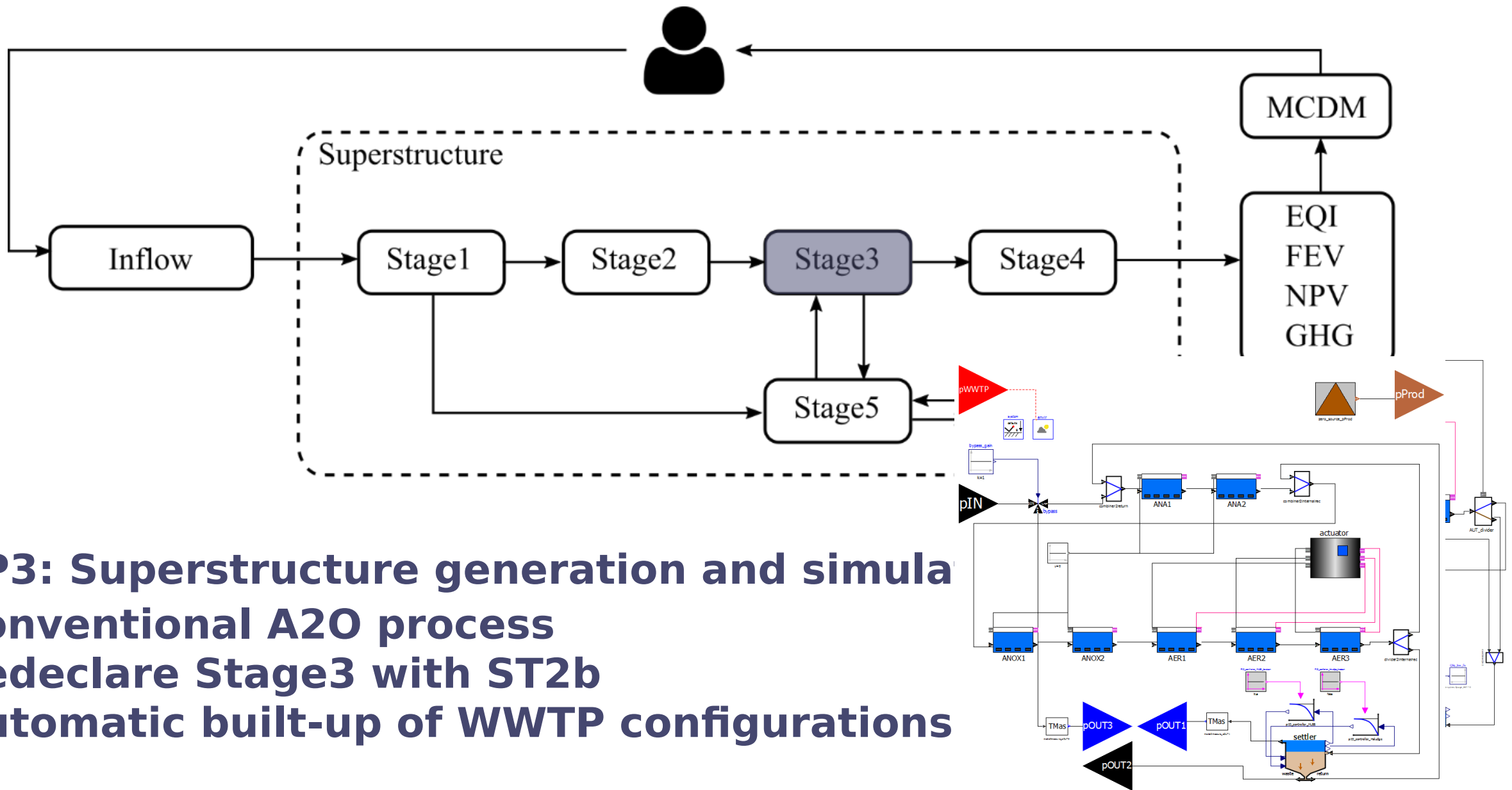


## STEP2: Wastewater inflow generation

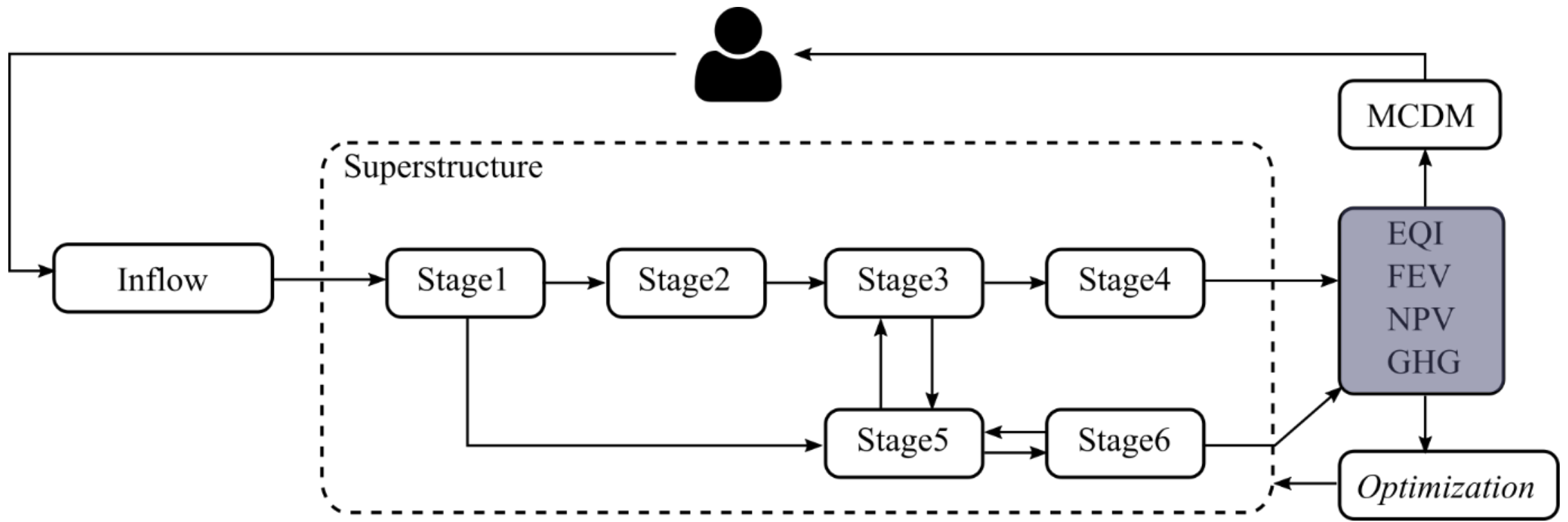
- Dry weather model
- Wet weather model
- Sewer model



## STEP3: Superstructure generation and simulation



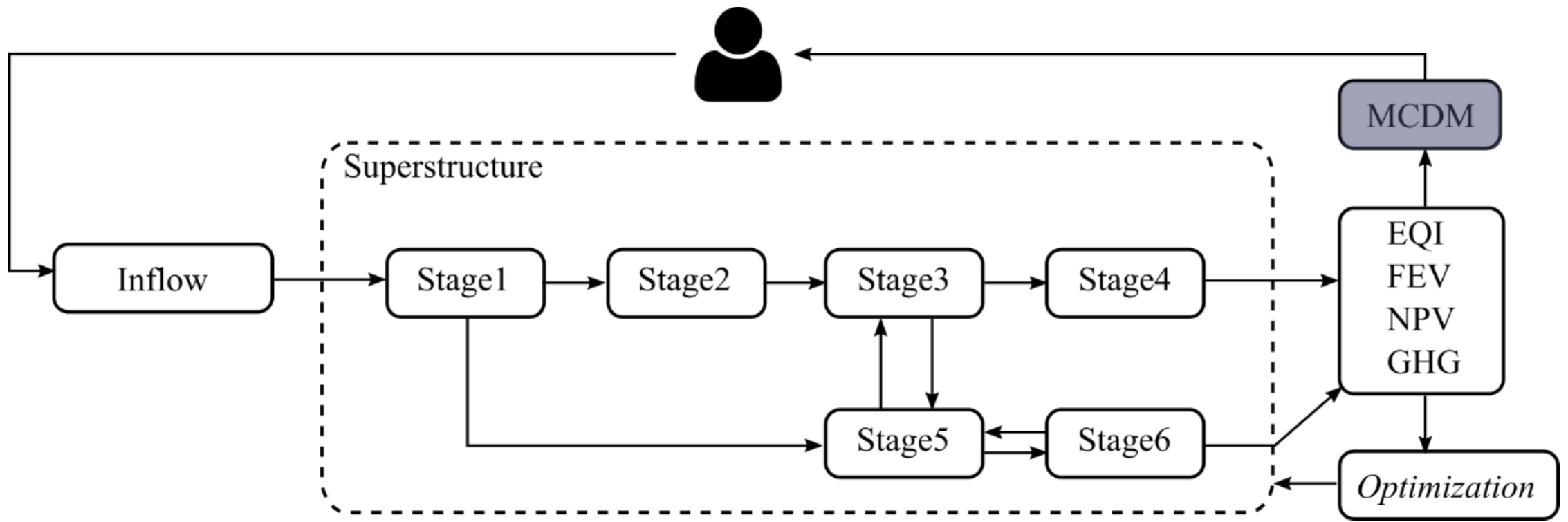
**STEP3: Superstructure generation and simulation**  
**Conventional A2O process**  
**Redeclare Stage3 with ST2b**  
**Automatic built-up of WWTP configurations**



## STEP4: Objective values estimation

- Effluent Quality Index (EQI)
- Frequency Effluent Violations (FEV)
- Net Present Value (NPV)
- GreenHouse Gas (GHG) emissions

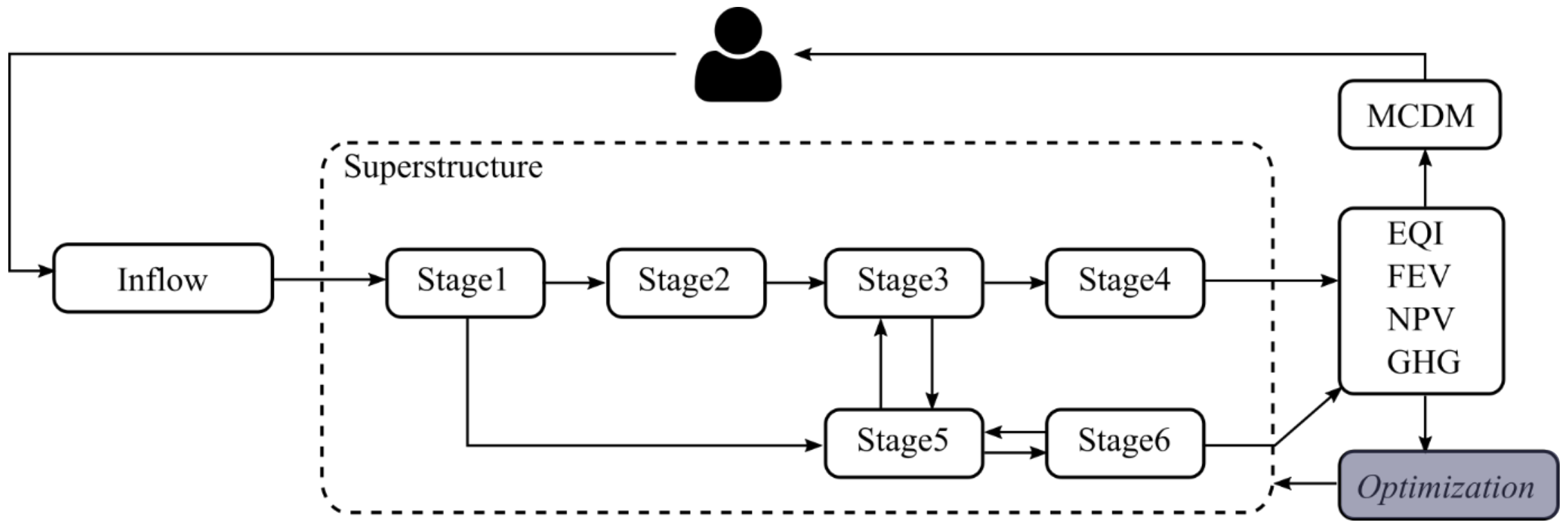
**Compute for all possible WWTP design configs!**



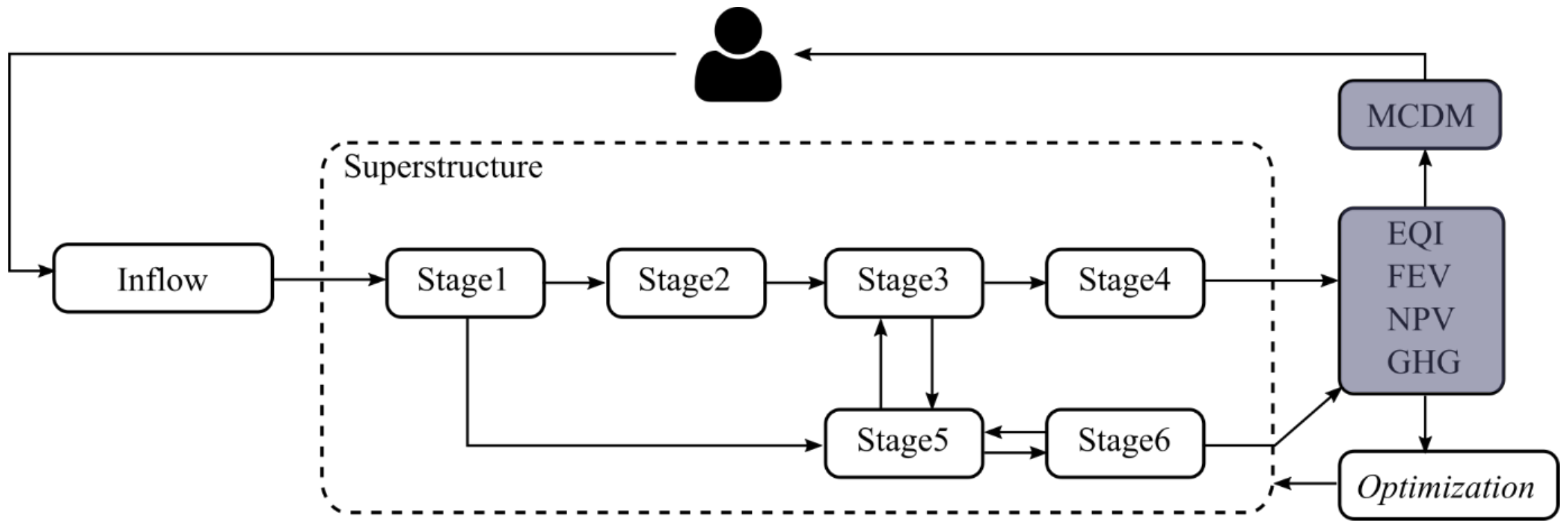
## STEP5: Design configuration sorting

### Multi Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) based on user preferences

#### Technique for Order of Preference by Similarity to Ideal Solution (TOPSIS)



**STEP6: Design parameter optimization**  
**Minimize NPV optimizing Volume, S/L separation capacity, etc.**  
**Constraints on FEV, HRT, SOR, etc.**  
**Decrease configurations to optimize with MCDM**



## STEP7: Uncertainty analysis

Input and parameter uncertainty  
Sensitivity analysis given the optimal design



# Conclusions

- **Design is based on dynamic and static process models**
- **Effluent limits fully accounted**
- **Design of discrete event processes (e.g. SBR)**
- **Design integrates the WWTP control system**
- **Influent model for Europe**

## For future work

- **Test global optimization strategies for design optimization**
- **Build user friendly web-interface**
- **Perform simulations in a distributed computing environment**
- **Integrate other resource recovery technologies**
- **Increase the range of application of the inflow model to North America**
- **Integrate Life Cycle Analysis frameworks**

# Questions?

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