

# Turning Sun into Water

## Present status and perspectives

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# I. Motivation

# Why photovoltaic water pumping systems ?

Water collection in rural sub-Saharan Africa

- Rope + bucket in open well
- Hand pump in borehole



Impact ?

## Problems

- Extraction arduousness
- Water quality
- Distance source-household
- Cost of water



A competitive motorized solution:

- Photovoltaic water pump



# A technical **and socio-economic** problem !



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## **II. The Photovoltaic Water Pumping System of Gogma**

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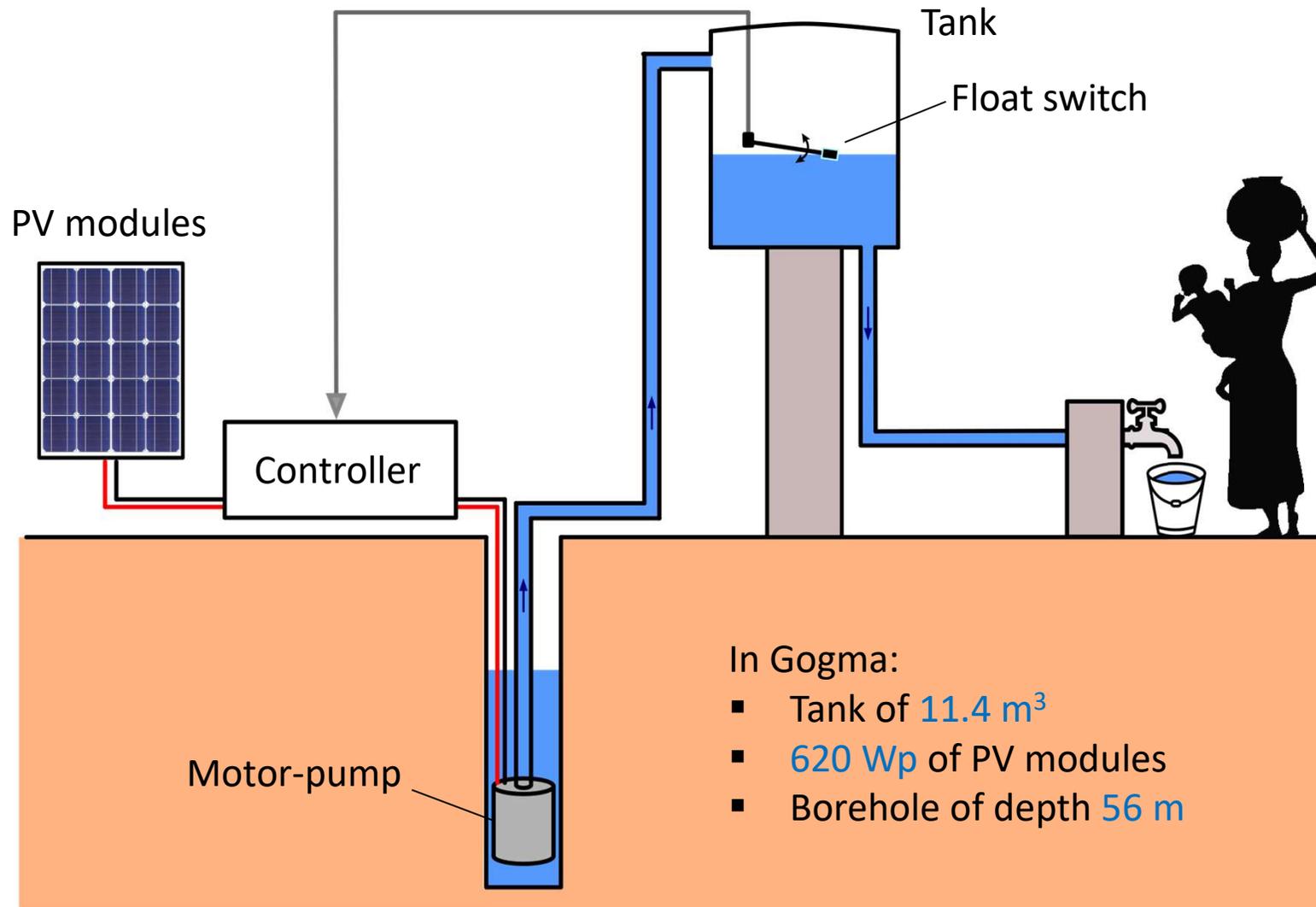


- Location: Gogma, Burkina Faso
- Water for domestic consumption, 280 inhabitants
- Construction: November-December 2017
- In operation since: January 2018

# The rural village of Gogma, Burkina Faso

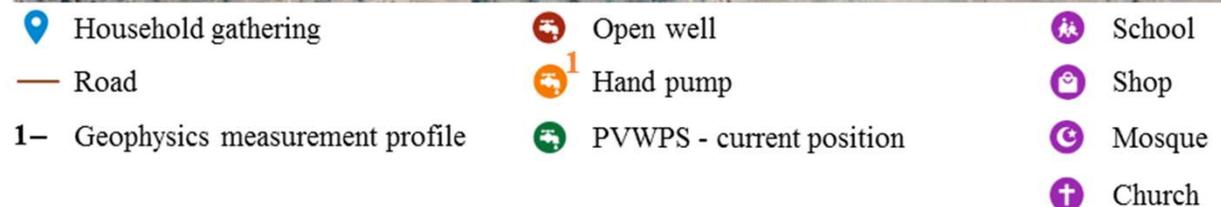
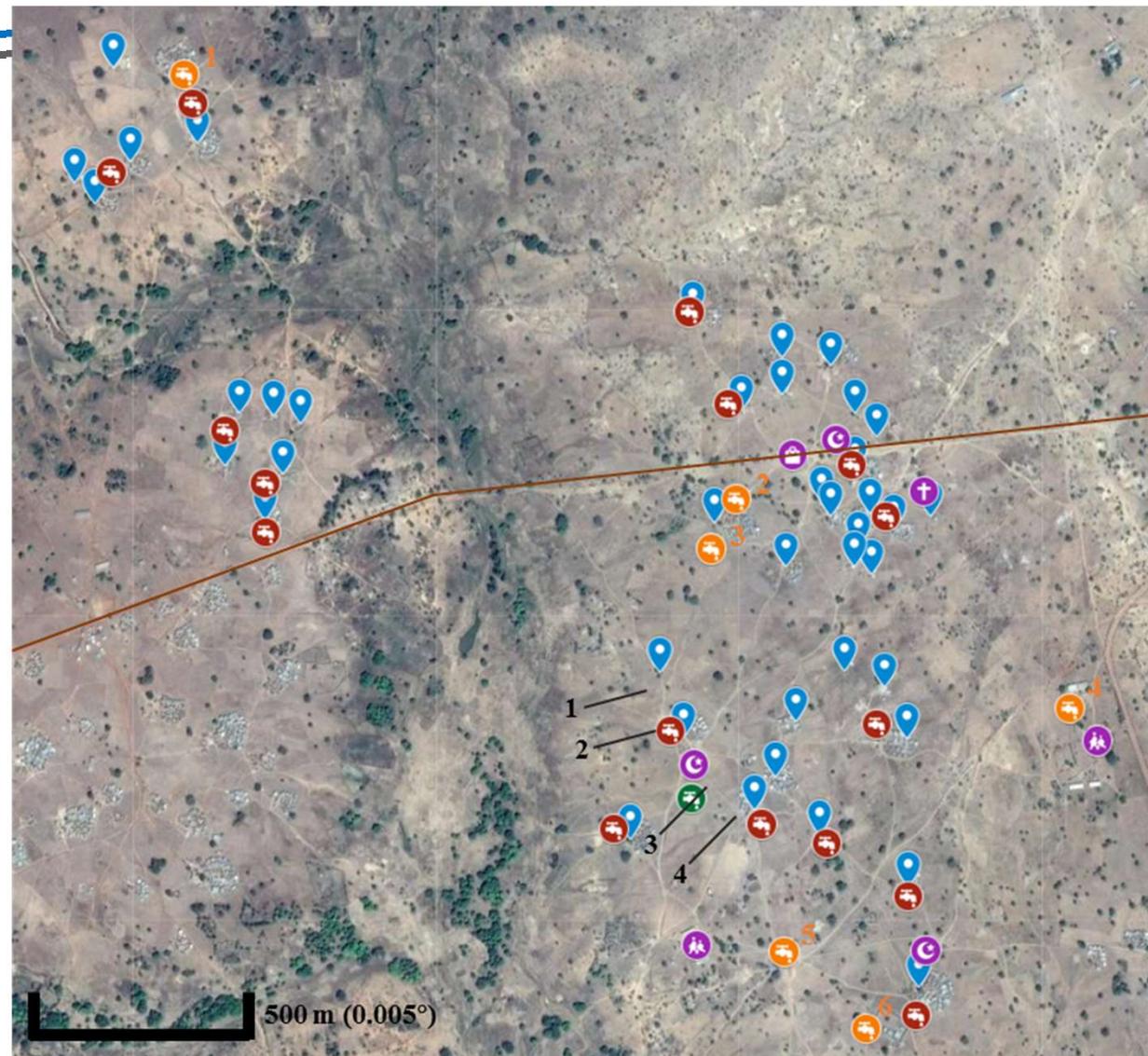


# Photovoltaic water pumping system architecture

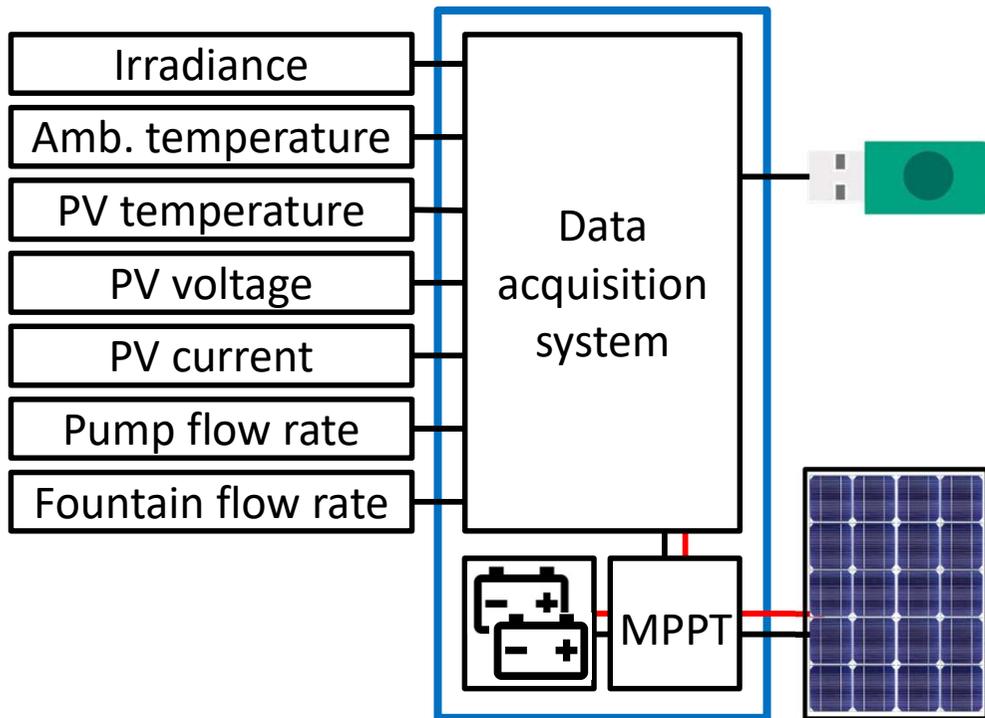


## Data collection

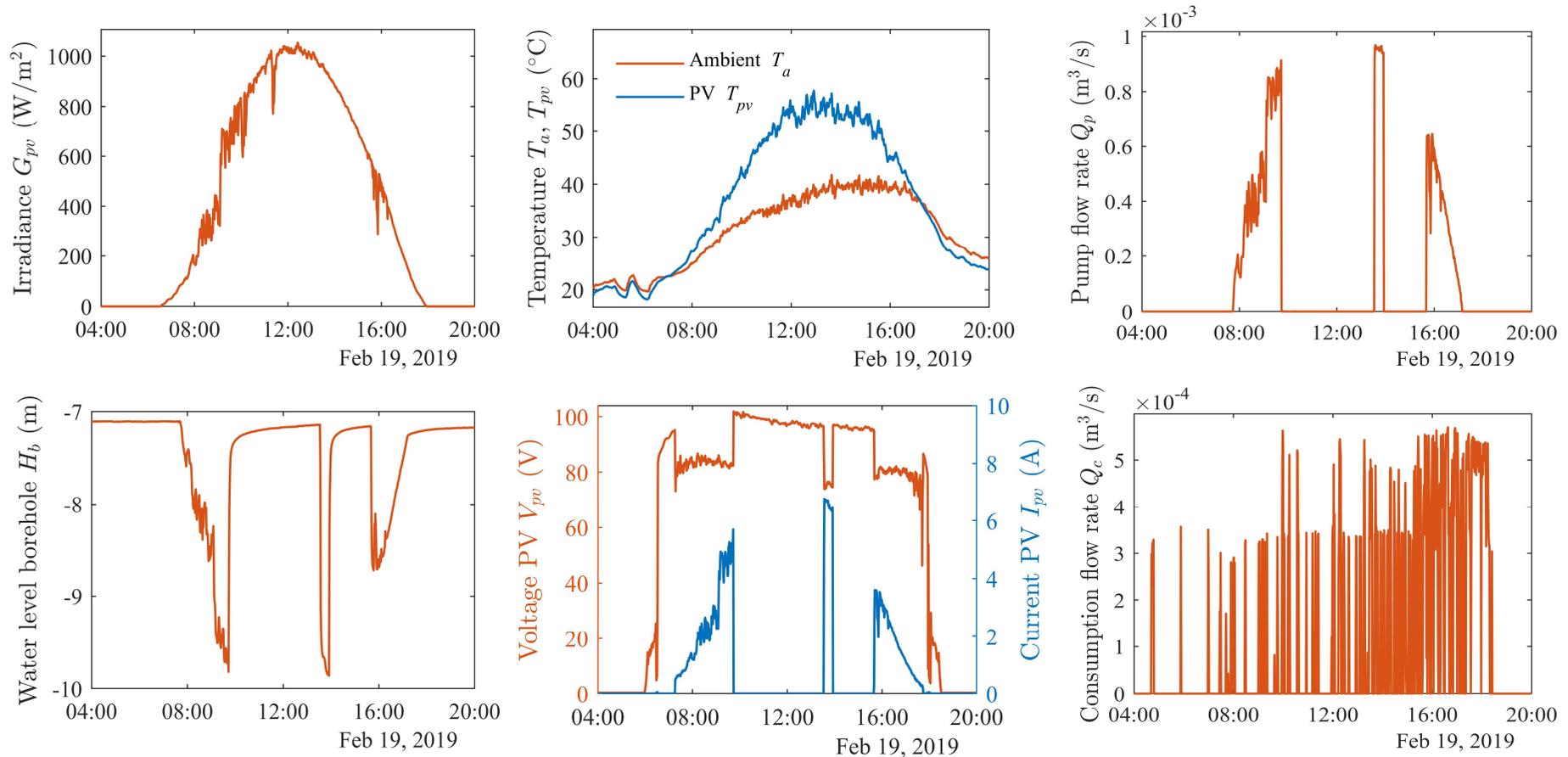
- GIS data
- Geophysical measurements
- Water point account books
- Household surveys
- Pumping tests
- Water quality
- On-field observations
- PVWPS monitoring



# Our PVWPS datalogger

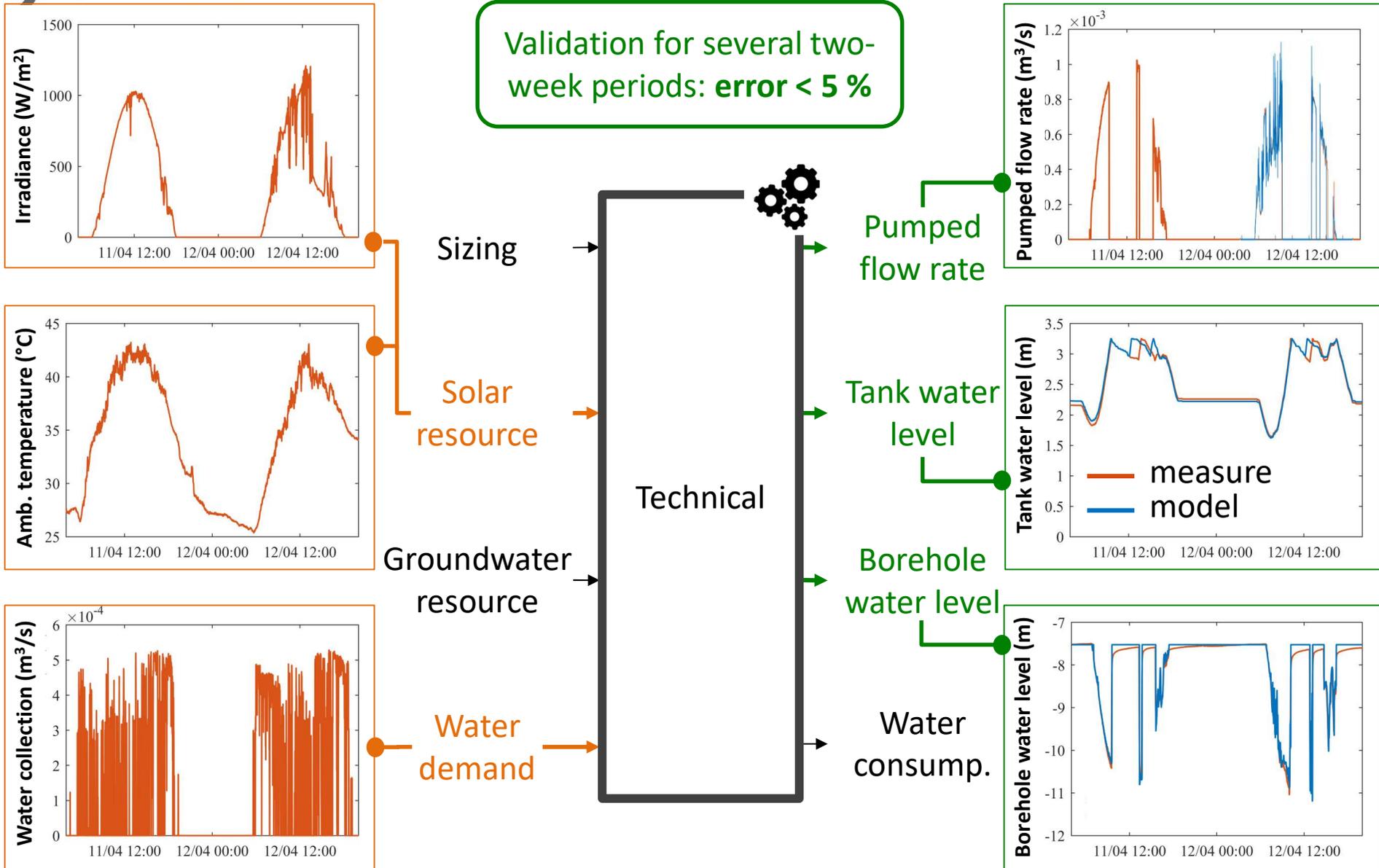


## Example of dataset

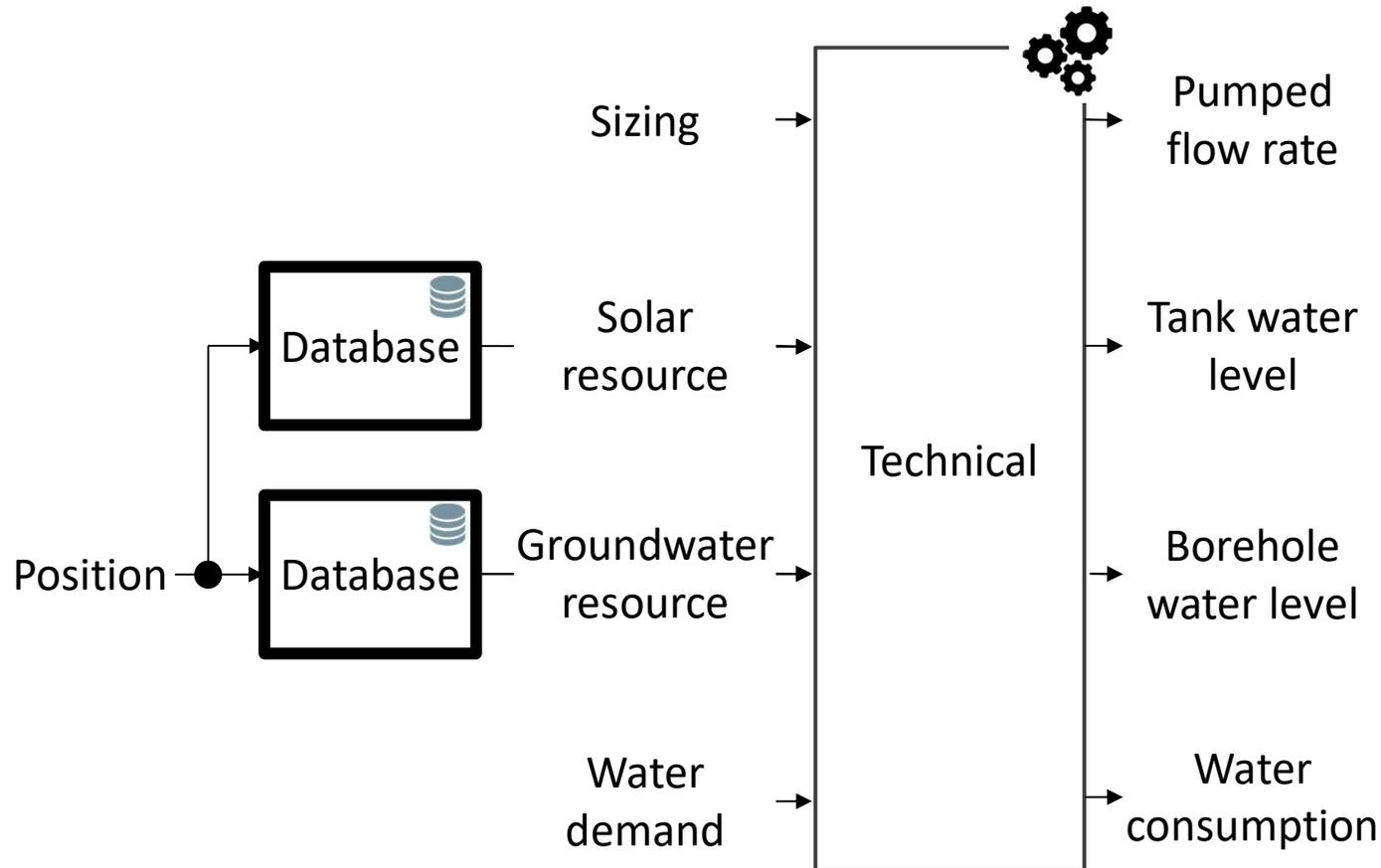


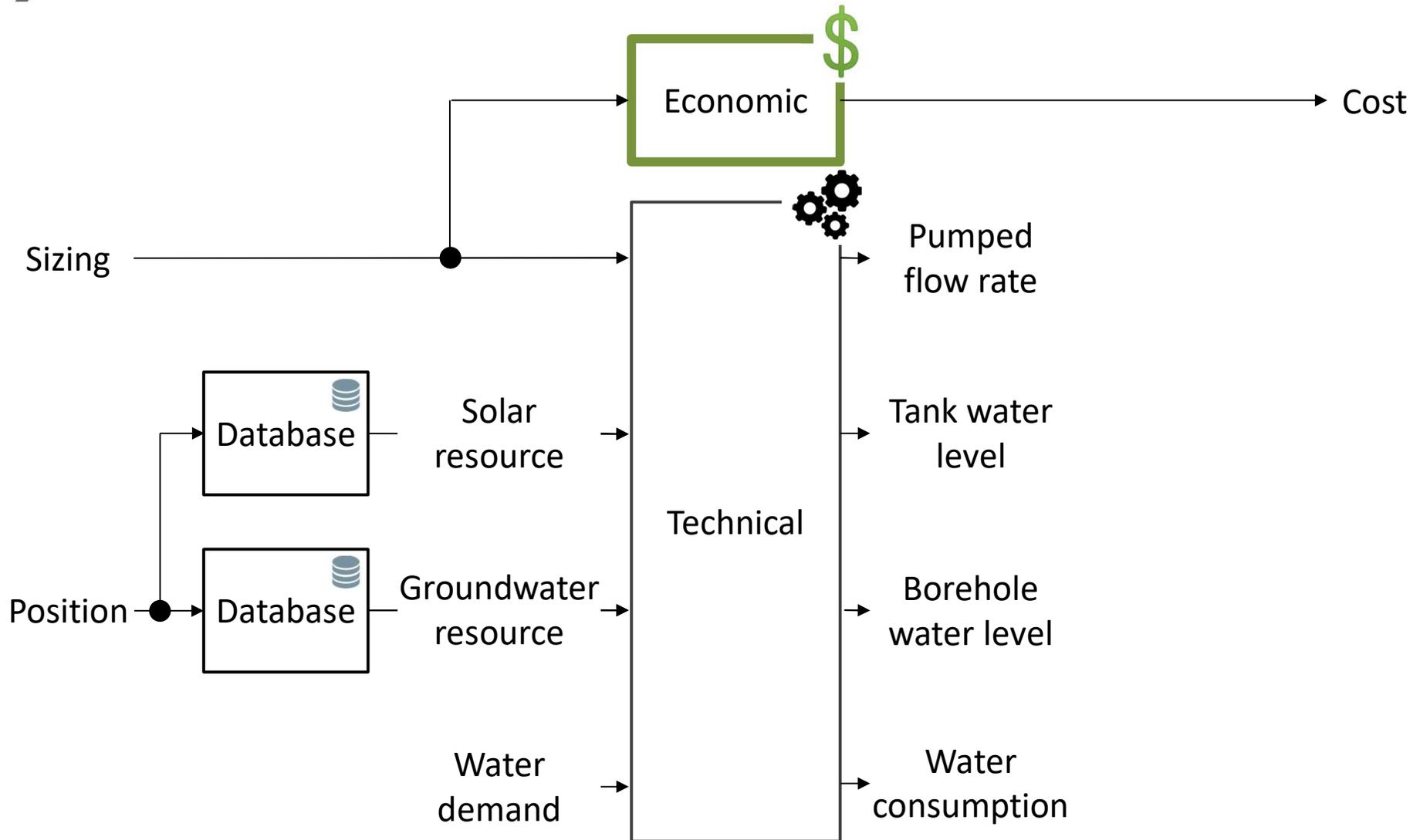
- Running since Jan 2018 (34 month)
- Time step 2 s (45 000 000 data points)

## III. Modeling & Optimal design



when using satellite data:  
**accuracy drop < 3 %**

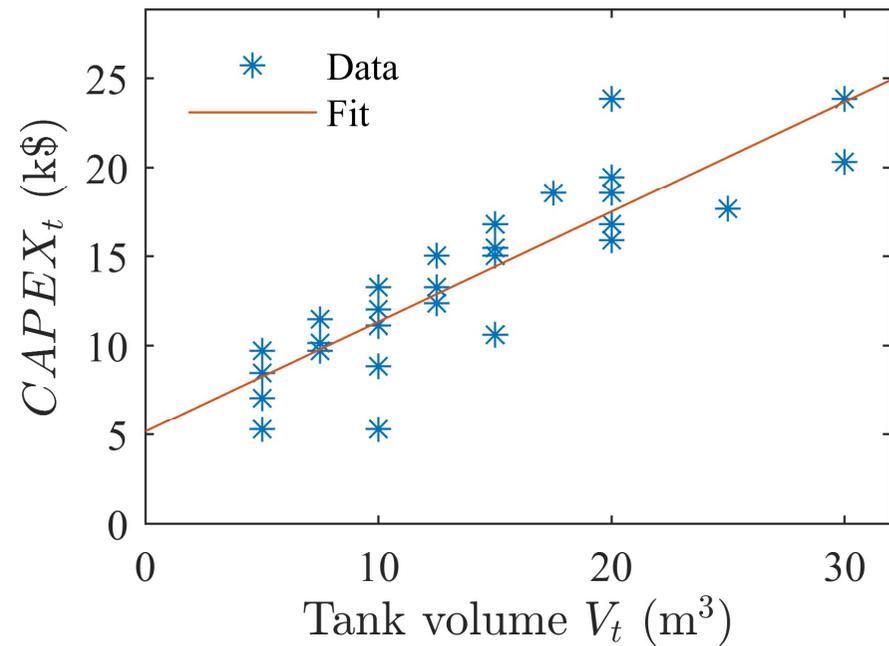
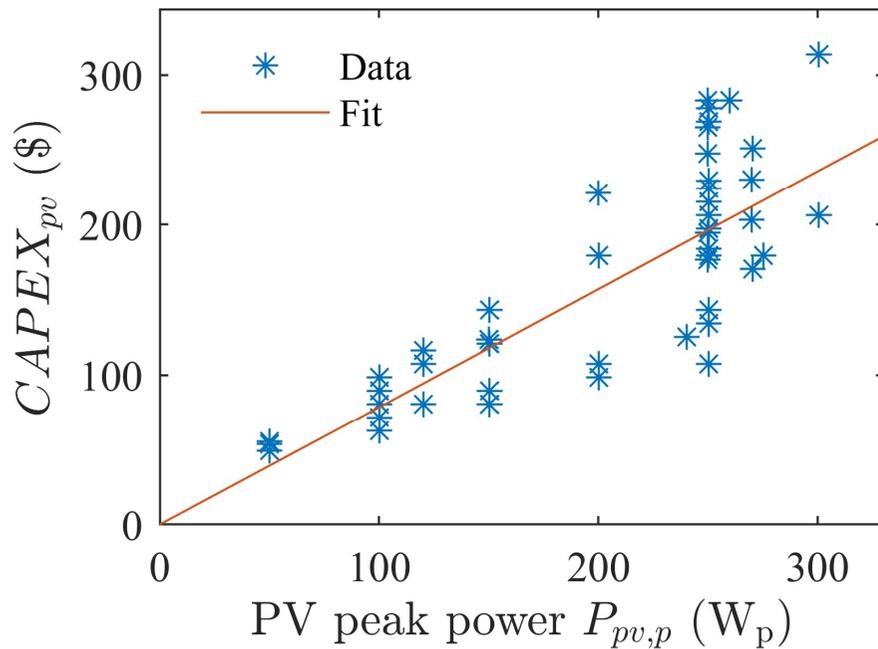




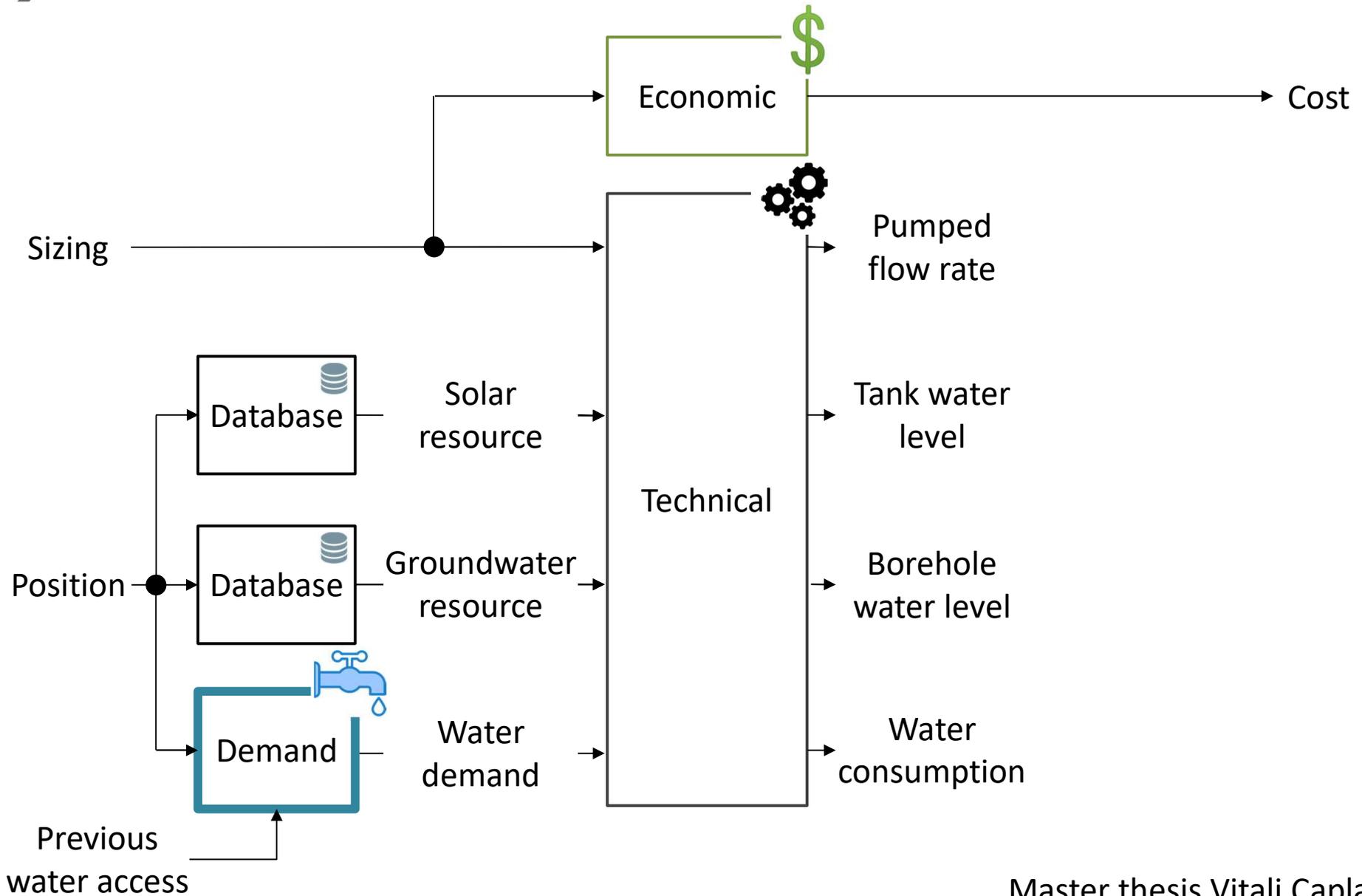
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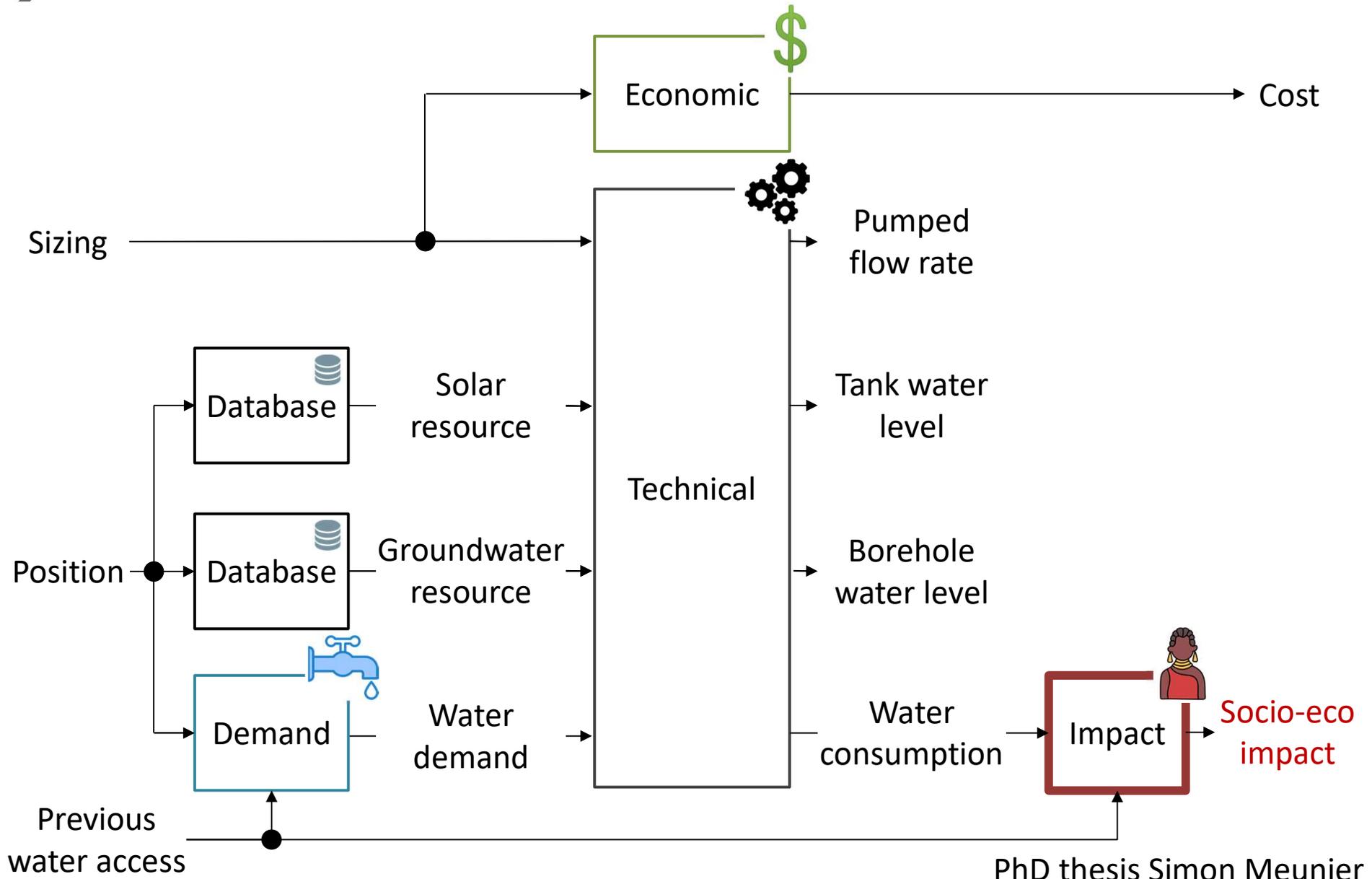
# Economic model

$$\text{Cost} = CAPEX + OPEX$$



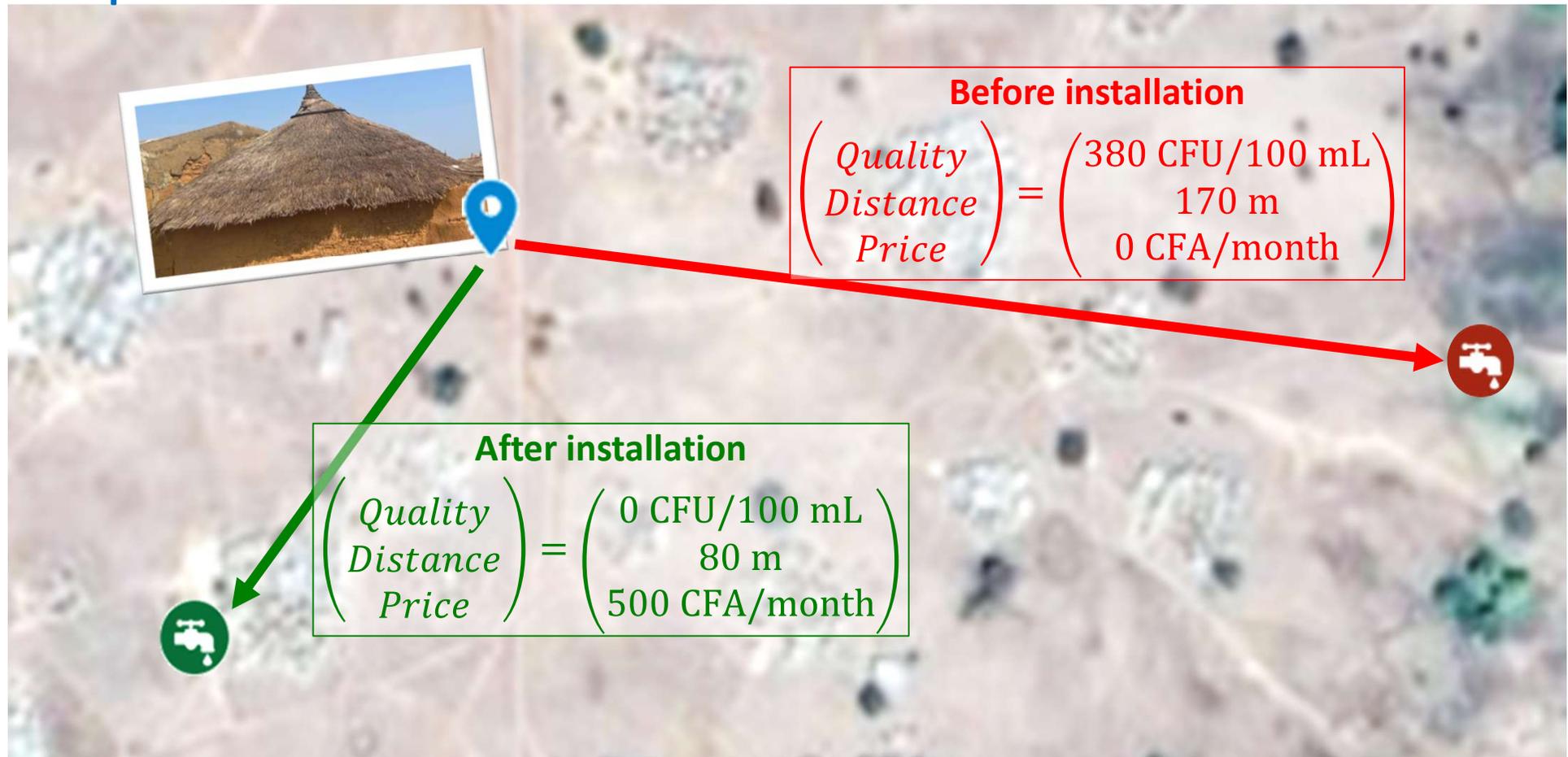
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PhD thesis Simon Meunier

# Impact model

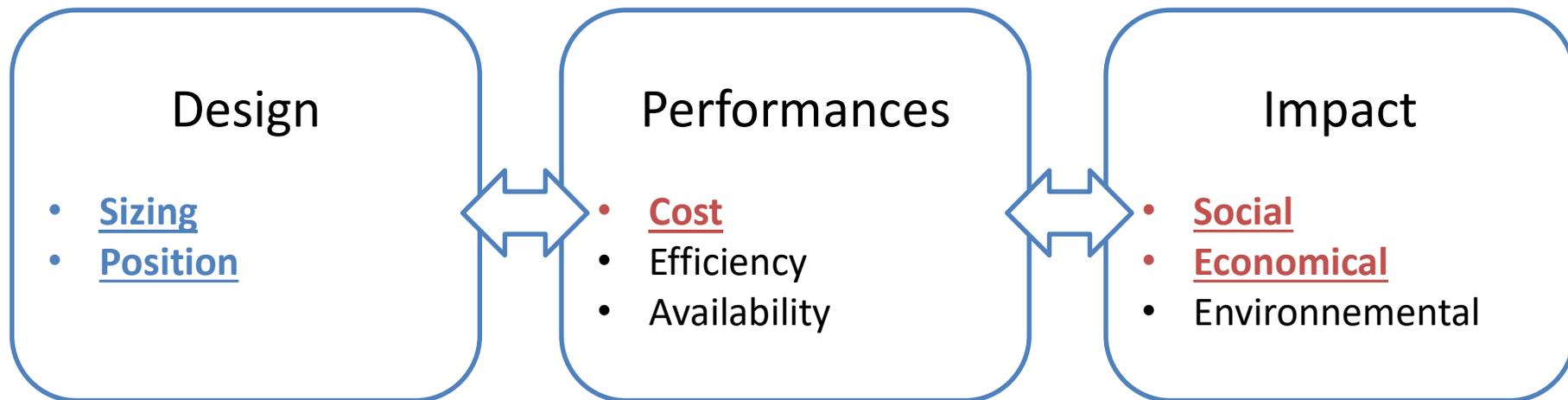


$$\text{Socio - eco impact} = \sum_{\text{village}} \{ \alpha \Delta \text{Quality} + \beta \Delta \text{Distance} + \gamma \Delta \text{Price} \}$$

# A technical **and socio-economic** problem !



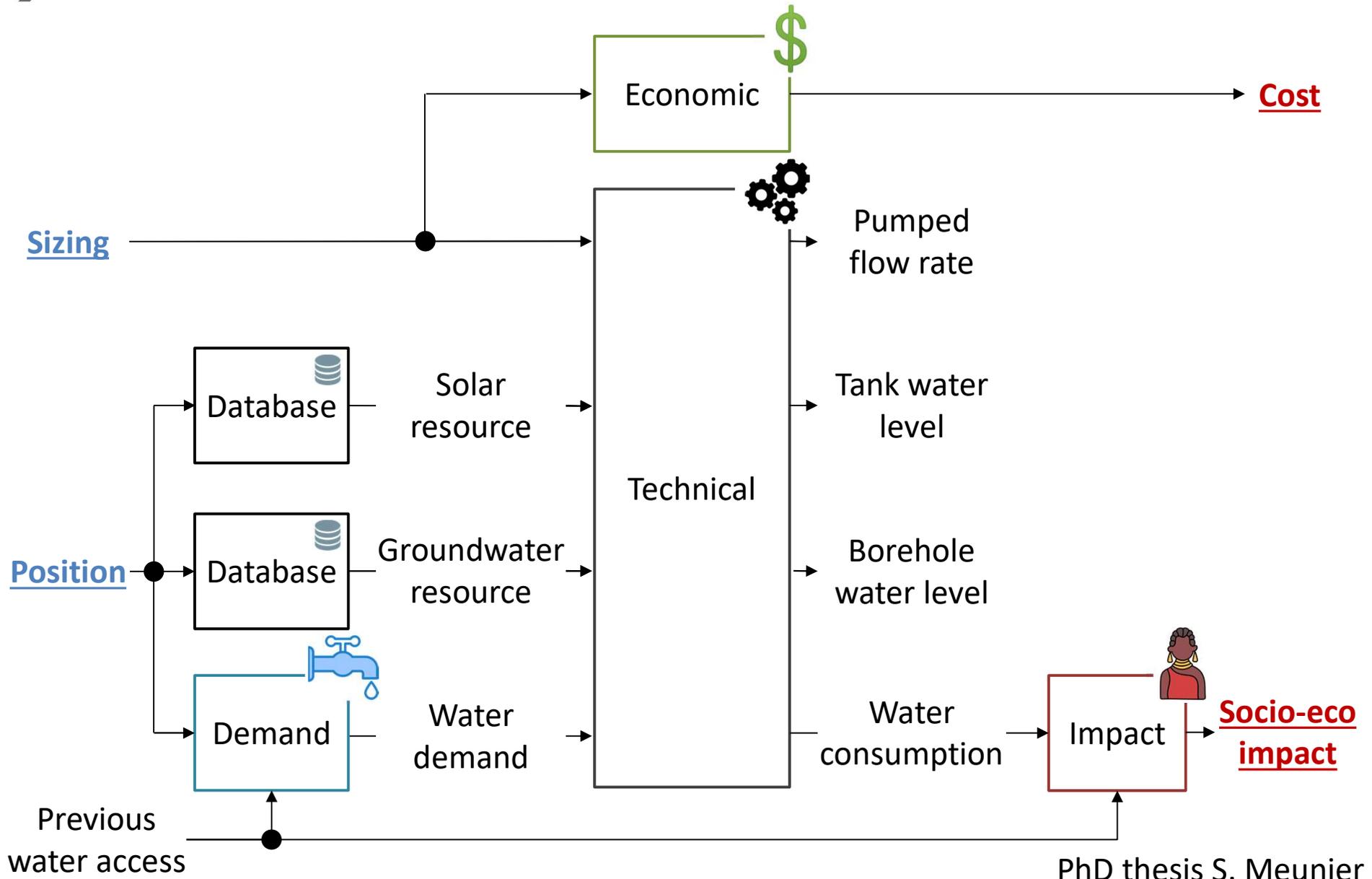
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# Optimization problem

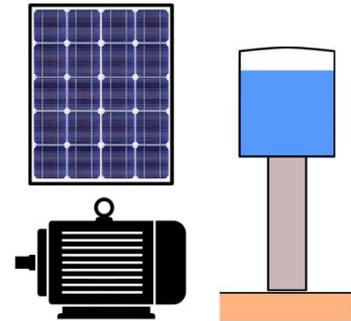
## Formulation

- Optimisation variables



Position  
*Lat, Lon*

Sizing  
 $P_{pv,p}, V_t, MP_i$



- Objective functions:



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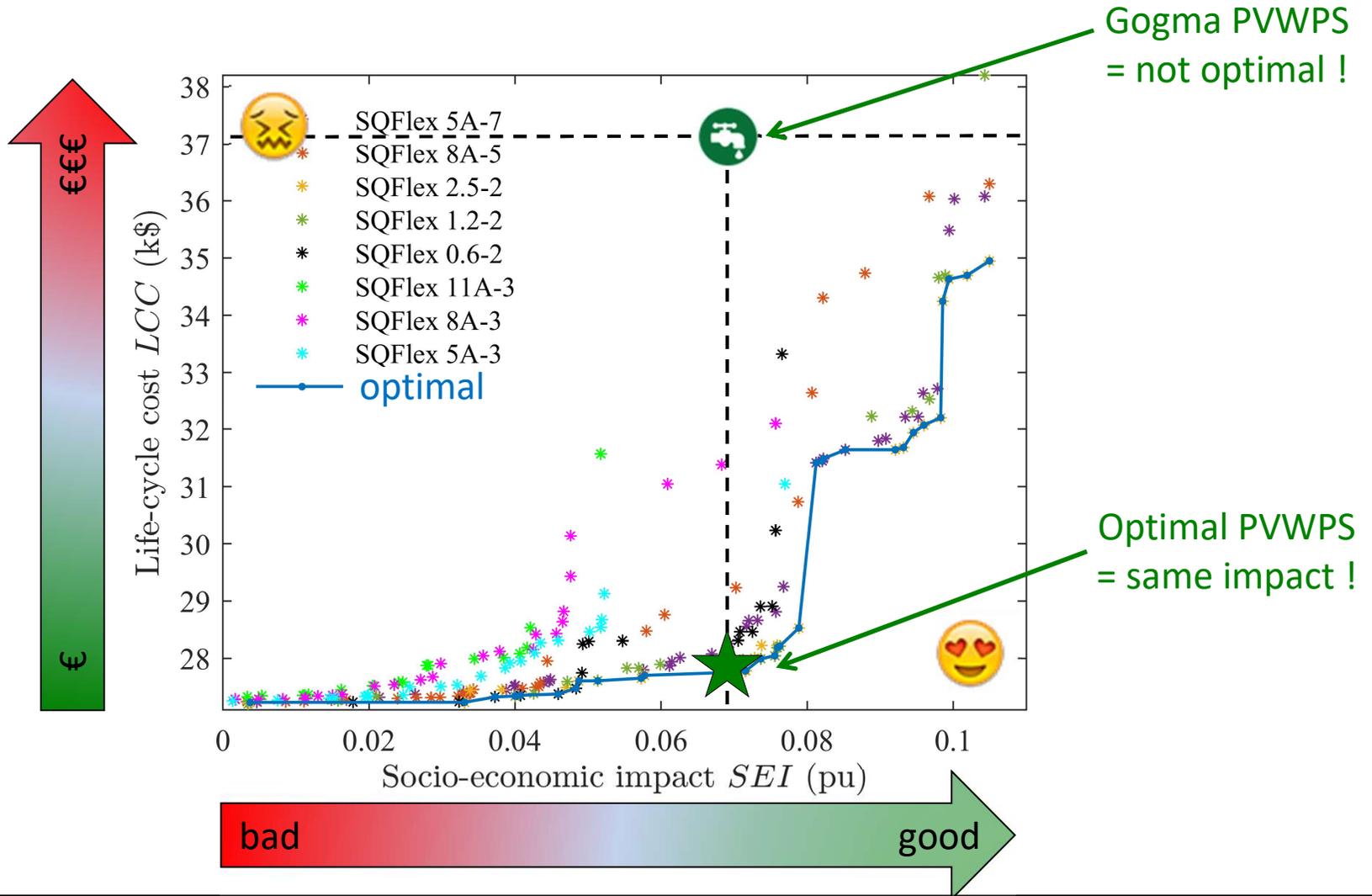
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## Solving

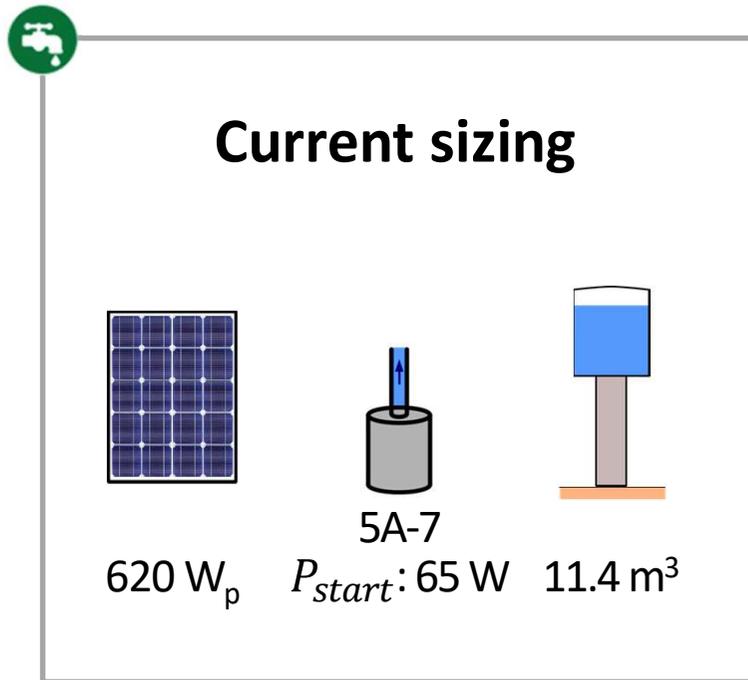
- **1 hour time step**, over **1 year**
- **Seasonality** considered (dry/wet)
- Differential evolution algorithm

# Optimization results

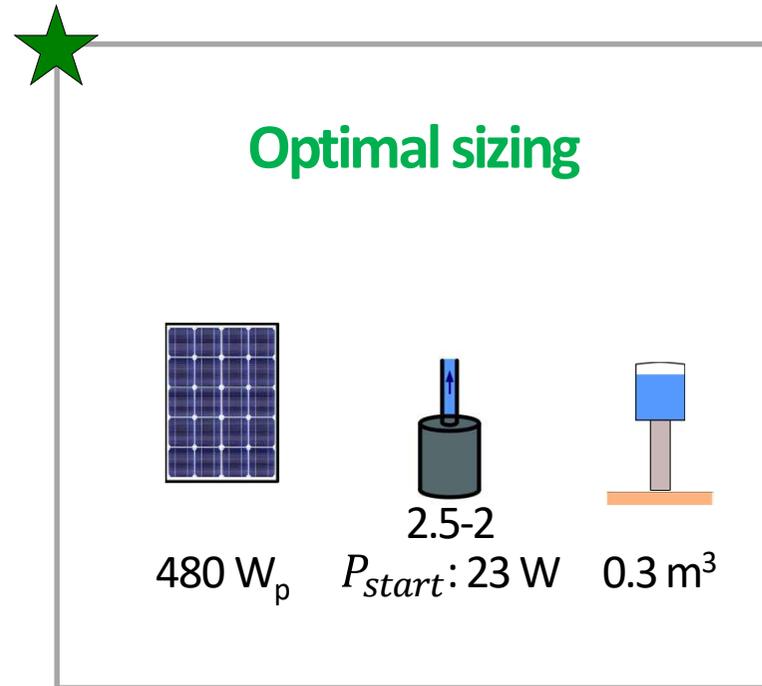
Pareto front for 8 motor-pump references and deduced final Pareto front



# Optimal sizing

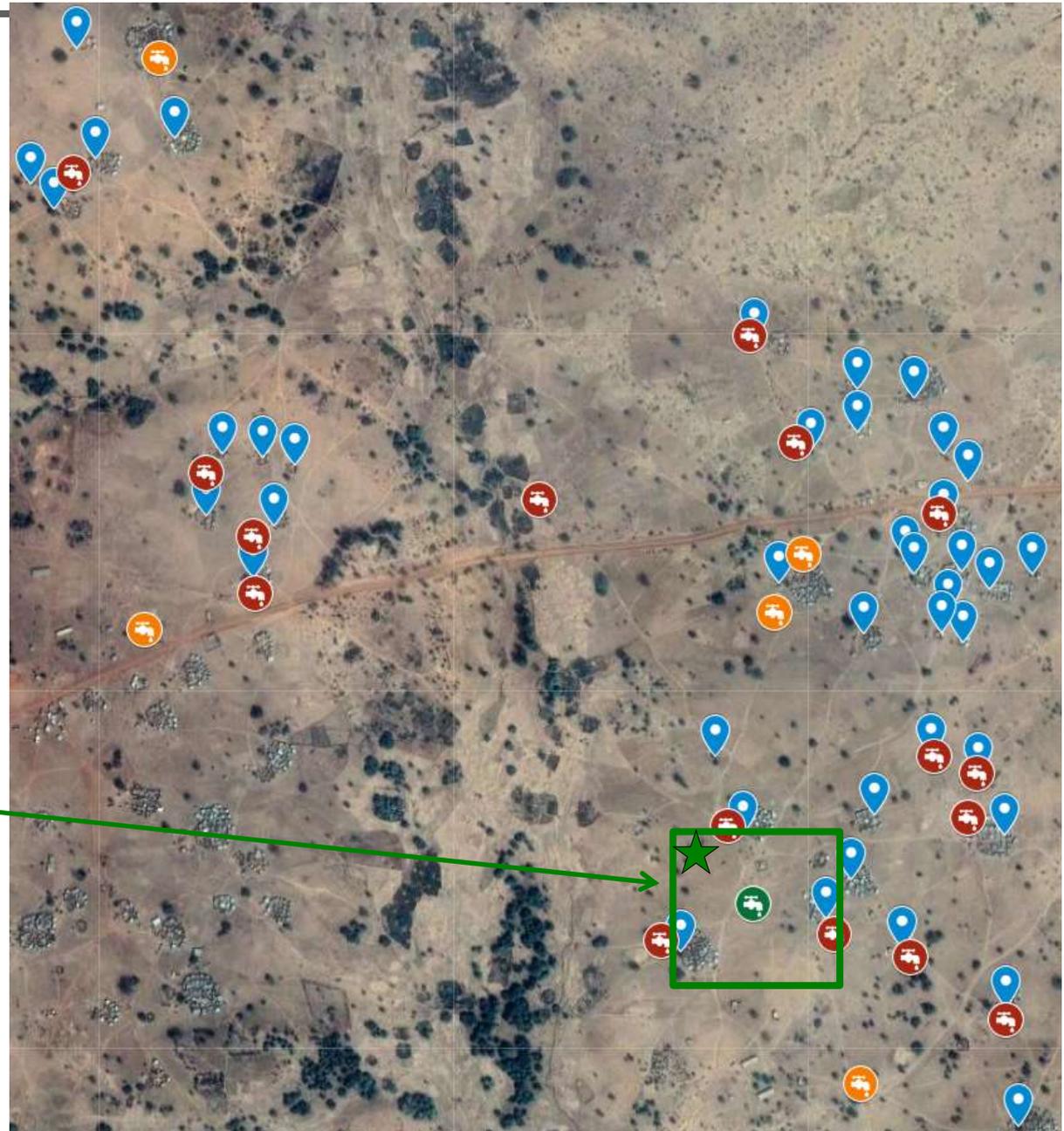


Cost: \$36k  
Impact: 0.07



Cost: \$28k  
Impact: 0.07

# Optimal position



Optimal installation zone

-  Household gathering
-  Open well
-  Hand pump
-  Current PVWPS

## IV. Contributions & Perspectives

# Contributions

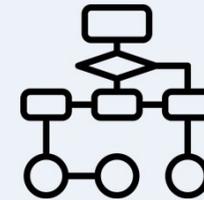
## Photovoltaic water pumping systems

- Continuous monitoring of PVWPS for domestic water & in Africa: unique dataset
- Proposition and validation of a PVWPS technical model
- PVWPS modelling:
  - Climatic satellite data suitable
  - 1 hour time step suitable



## Methodological

- New optimisation variable: Position
- New objective function: Impact socio-economic
- Coupling of a technical model with a socio-economic model

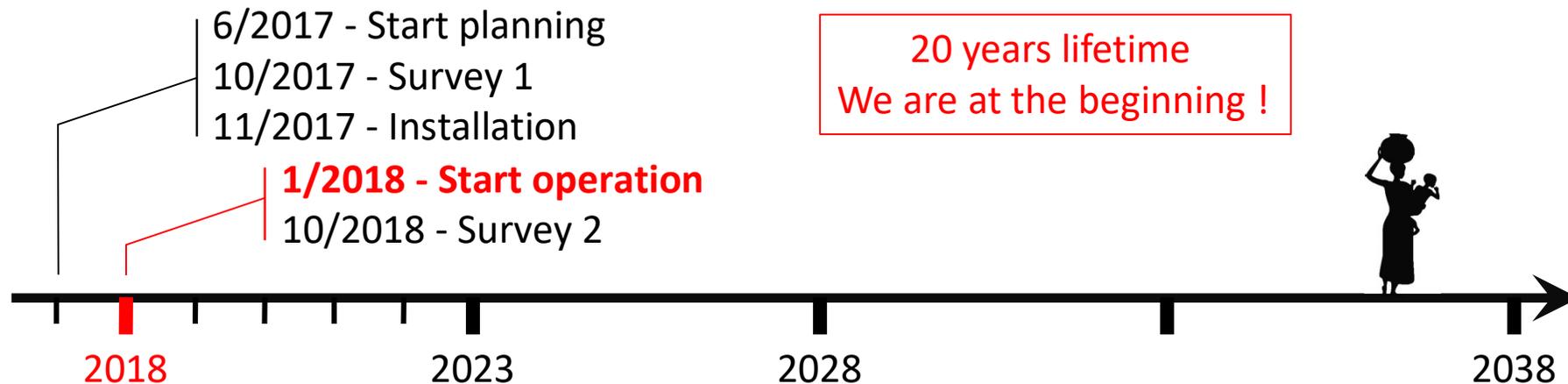


## Water access

- Water demand model: predict households' source choice & load curves
- Theory of change: impact of water source choice



## Perspectives: Long term impact of PVWPS



- Long term socio-economic impact (5-year impact)
- Long term environmental impact (hydraulic resources)
- Optimal sizing taking the long-term impact into account ?

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