



# Open source models urbs & rivus

Operations research models for energy system planning and operation

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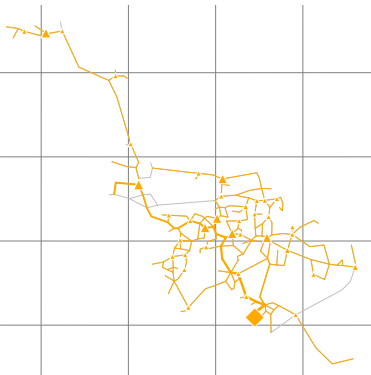
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# Exemplary result of model rivus

Network capacities (lines) and conversion unit capacities (symbols) for a Bavarian town

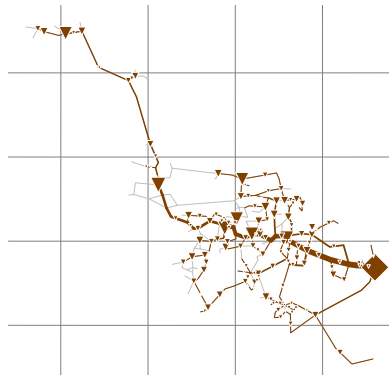
Electricity



Heat



Natural gas



Green field planning of energy conversion and transmission capacities:  
Full electric grid, full gas grid; heat mainly generated locally from gas

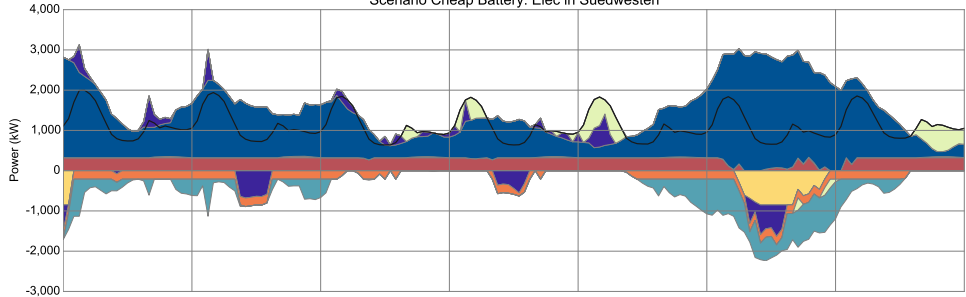
[https://github.com/ojdo/rivus/runhg15.py:scenario\\_no\\_electric\\_heating\(\)](https://github.com/ojdo/rivus/runhg15.py:scenario_no_electric_heating())

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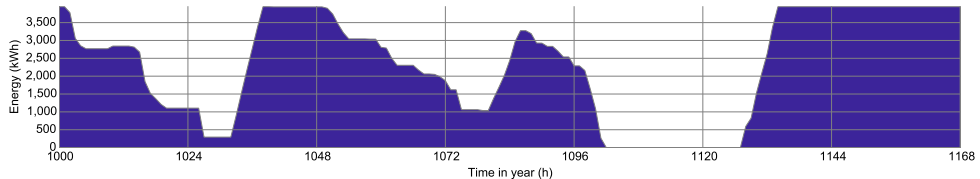
Electricity generation for a district (*Südwesten*) in the same Bavarian town

## One week in early spring

Scenario Cheap Battery: Elec in Suedwesten



■ District heating plant ■ Photovoltaics ■ Wind park ■ Storage ■ Einzelhandel ■ Reiterstrasse ■ Zentrum ■ Heat pump plant



[https://github.com/tum-ens/urbs/rivhg15.py:scenario\\_cheap\\_battery\(\)](https://github.com/tum-ens/urbs/rivhg15.py:scenario_cheap_battery()) on branch haag15

What to remember?

**Outline** open source energy system models with shared design  
the usual LP/MILP optimisation for minimum cost energy supply

**Technical** written in the increasingly popular Python/Pyomo/Pandas stack  
focus on simplicity (< 2 kLOC each, including plumbing)

**Reproducibility** browse or try it out for yourself  
<https://github.com/tum-ens/urbs> (stable)  
<https://github.com/ojdo/rivus> (beta)

*Essentially, all models are wrong, but some are useful.*

– George E. P. Box (1919–2013)