

# ***Tutorial: “An Introduction To Sizing And Operations of Energy Systems with GBOML”***

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- Team of **Pr Damien Ernst**, currently includes **15 PhD** students and **5 PostDocs**
- **Research areas** span:
  - Artificial Intelligence (AI)
  - Systems and control
  - Applications in energy
- More specifically, **recent research topics** include [1]:
  - Reinforcement Learning [2-4]
  - Macro energy system planning (multi-carrier and global grid) [5-7]
  - Energy markets (bidding strategies) [8]
  - Distribution/transmission network control and regulation [9]
- Funding comes from a variety of sources, including Walloon, Belgian Federal governments and industry

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# Notations

- A scalar is noted by a lowercase or uppercase letter  $a$
- A vector is noted by a bold lowercase letter  $\mathbf{x}$
- A vector  $\mathbf{x}$  of size  $n$  is defined as  $\mathbf{x}[n]$
- The  $i$ -th element of a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  is noted  $x[i]$ , the indices go from  $0$  to  $n - 1$
- A matrix is defined by an uppercase bold letter  $\mathbf{A}$
- A set is noted as  $\mathcal{X}$

# Energy System Sizing and Operations

## The Basics

- **Energy System Modeling**

- Modeling: Creating a (mathematical) representation of a physical system in order to enable its study
- Energy System Modeling: Creating a representation of an energy system to answer a certain question or achieve a certain goal

- **Energy System Sizing**

- Finding the optimal energy system size in order to achieve a certain goal  
*e.g.* What are the battery capacities needed in a given system ?

- **Energy System Operations**

- Finding the optimal operations to perform in order to achieve a certain goal  
*e.g.* When do I charge or discharge my battery ?

- **Overall Objective**

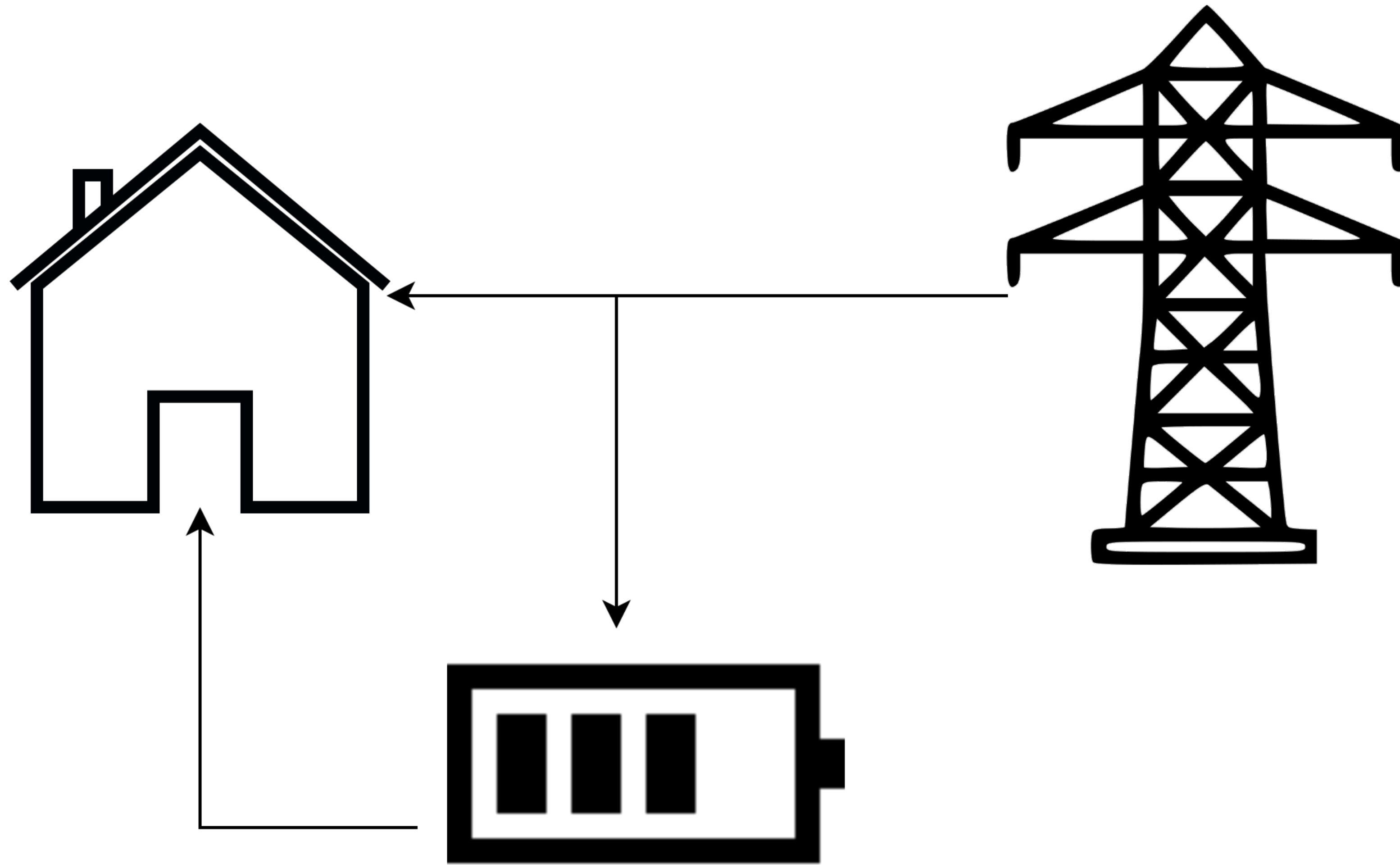
*e.g.* Minimizing the overall cost (investments and operation) or the environmental footprint

- **Energy systems sizing and operations**

- One depends on the other

# Energy System Sizing and Operations

An Example



**FIGURE 1 :** Installing the optimal battery capacity given a known demand and a known hourly price of electricity and operating it.



# Energy System Sizing and Operations

## Properties

- **Time is essential component**
  - Time-dependent systems
  - Optimized over a time period
- **Network of components**
  - Interconnection of independent components
  - Unique topologies

# Energy System Sizing and Operations

## Finding a Solution

- Heuristics or iterative methods
  - Genetic algorithms
- Mathematical optimization
  - Expressed as optimizing a function over a feasible set

$$\min f(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\text{s.t. } \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}$$

- The function  $f$  and the expression of the set  $\mathcal{X}$  determines the optimization type (quadratic, non-linear, mixed integer, [...] programming)

# Mixed-Integer Linear Programming<sup>1</sup>

## The Basics

- Problem formulation:
  - Linear objective function
  - Feasible set is expressed as linear constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \min \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ \text{s.t. } \mathbf{Ax} \leq \mathbf{b} \end{aligned}$$

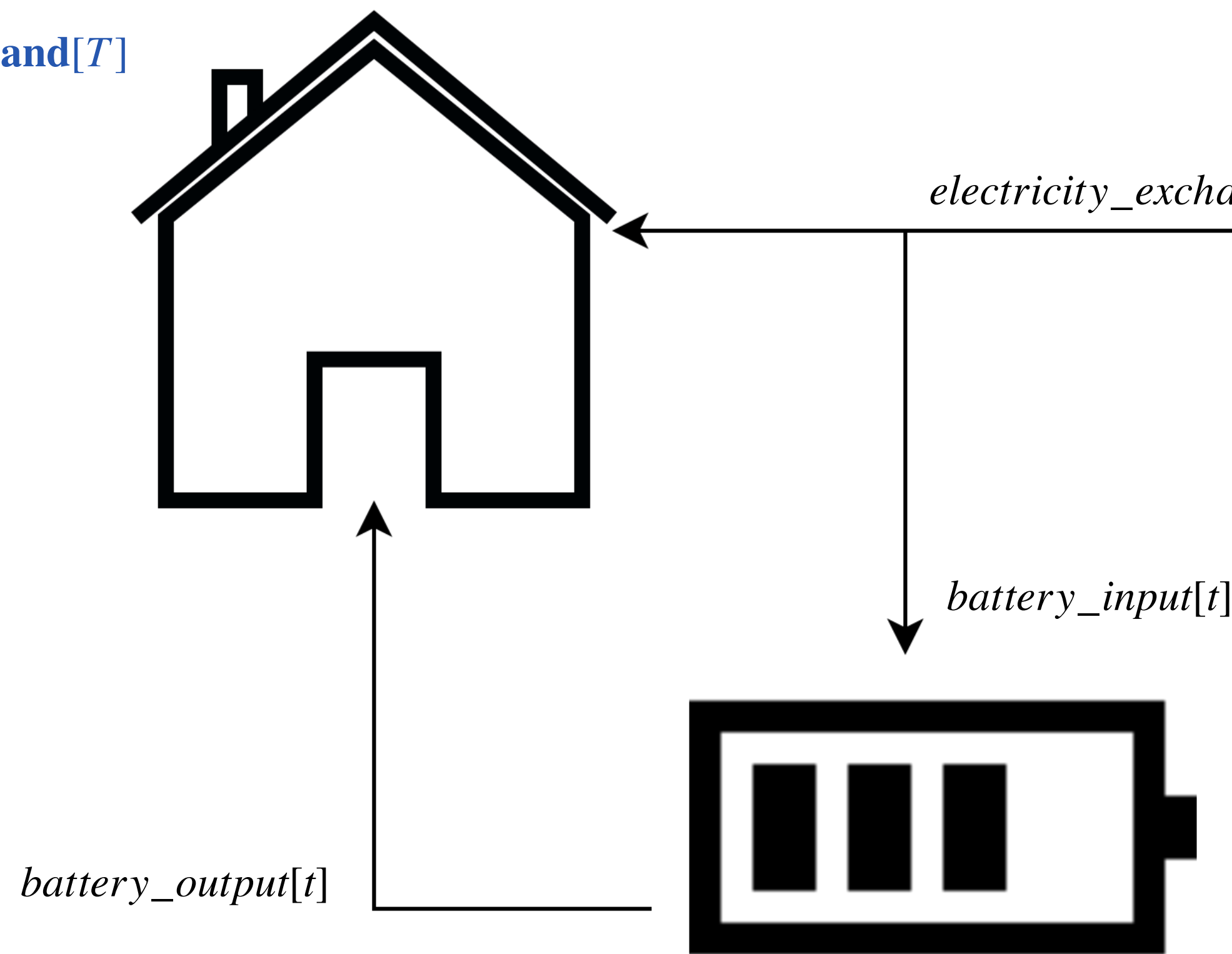
- Enables to deal with relatively large models
- Non-linearities can be approximated with linear-piecewise functions

# Mixed-Integer Linear Programming

## An MILP Example

Optimization horizon :  $T = 24 * 365$  and  $t \in [0, T - 1]$

Known:  $electricity\_demand[T]$



Known:  $electricity\_price[T]$

$electricity\_exchanged[T]$

**Energy balance:**

$$battery\_output[t] + electricity\_exchanged[t] = electricity\_demand[t] + battery\_input[t]$$

**Objective function**

$$\min electricity\_exchanged[t] * electricity\_price[t] + battery\_capacity * battery\_price$$

$state\_of\_charge[T]$      $battery\_output[T]$   
 $battery\_capacity$      $battery\_input[T]$   
Known:  $battery\_price$

# Mixed-Integer Linear Programming

## An MILP Example

**Optimization horizon :**  $T = 24 * 365$  and  $t \in [0, T - 1]$

Known: **electricity\_demand** $[T]$

**state\_of\_charge** $[T]$

$state\_of\_charge[t] \geq 0$

Known: **electricity\_price** $[T]$

**electricity\_exchanged** $[T]$

$electricity\_exchanged[t] \geq 0$

Known: *battery\_price*

**battery\_output** $[T]$

$battery\_output[t] \geq 0$

**battery\_input** $[T]$

$battery\_input[t] \geq 0$

*battery\_capacity*

$battery\_capacity \geq 0$

### Energy balance:

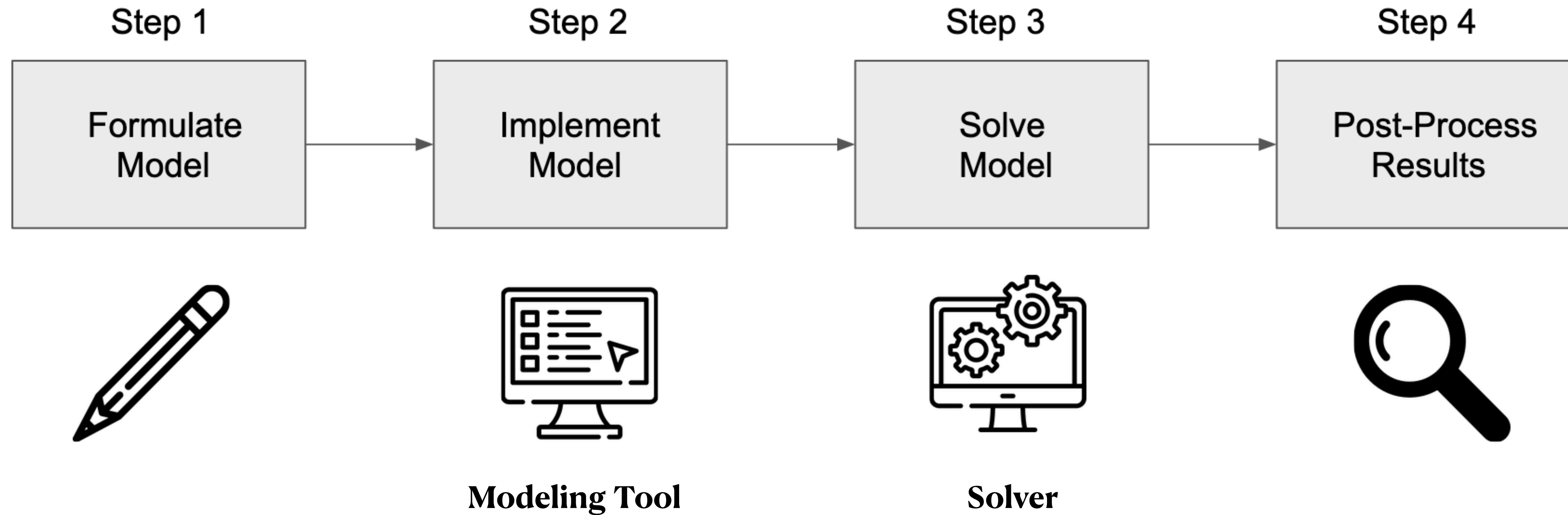
$$battery\_output[t] + electricity\_exchanged[t] = electricity\_demand[t] + battery\_input[t]$$

### Objective function

$$\min : electricity\_exchanged[t] * electricity\_price[t] + battery\_capacity * battery\_price$$

# Mixed-Integer Linear Programming

## Workflow



# Solvers

## An Overview

- Commercial solvers



- Open-source solvers



- Meta-solvers

- DSP [16]

# Modeling Tools

## AMLs

- Algebraic Modeling Languages (AMLs)
  - Formulation close to mathematical notation
  - Very expressive (e.g. can represent any mixed-integer nonlinear program)
  - Often interface with multiple solvers
  - Examples:





# Modeling Tools

## OOMEs

- **Object-Oriented Modeling Environments (OOMEs)**
  - Focus on one particular application (e.g. energy system sizing and operations)
  - Usually make use of predefined components that are “imported”
  - Typically have advanced data processing capabilities tailored to the application
  - Often open-source
  - Examples:



# Modeling Tools

## Drawbacks of AMLs and OOMEs

- AMLs:
  - Fail to expose block structure
  - Do not enable reuse or do not have import-like capabilities
- OOMEs:
  - Lack the expressiveness of AMLs
  - Often cumbersome to add new components
  - Often rely on AMLs and inherit their shortcomings

# Modeling Tools

## GBOML



- The **Graph-Based Optimization Modeling Language (GBOML)**[27, 28] combines the strengths of AMLs and OOMEs
  - Open-Source and Stand-alone
  - Can represent any MILP
  - Possesses a hierarchical block structure for model encoding, exploits structure in model generation and interface with structure exploiting solvers
  - Syntax close to the mathematical notation
  - Time-indexed models can be encoded easily
  - Re-use and combining model components is straightforward
  - Interfaces with various solvers

# Modeling Tools

## GBOML



- Software developed in Python:
  - Few dependencies (PLY, NumPy, SciPy)
  - Provides two methods to encode models (text file and Python API)
  - Interfaces with several Solvers (Cplex, Gurobi, Xpress, HiGHS, CLP/CBC, DSP)
  - Produces plain .csv and structured .json outputs
- Model structure is exploited on multiple levels:
  - Model encoding via dedicated language constructs
  - Model generation via parallelism, symbolism and multiprocessing
  - Solving via structure-exploiting solvers
- Fully documented - Clear issue handling

# Modeling Tools

GBOML [29]

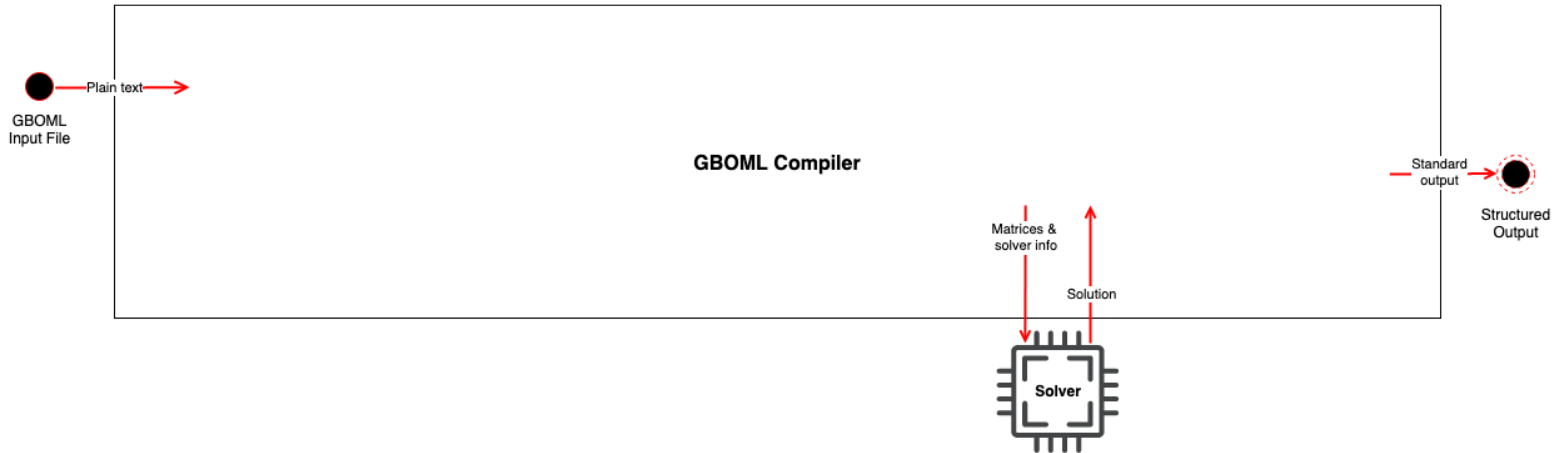
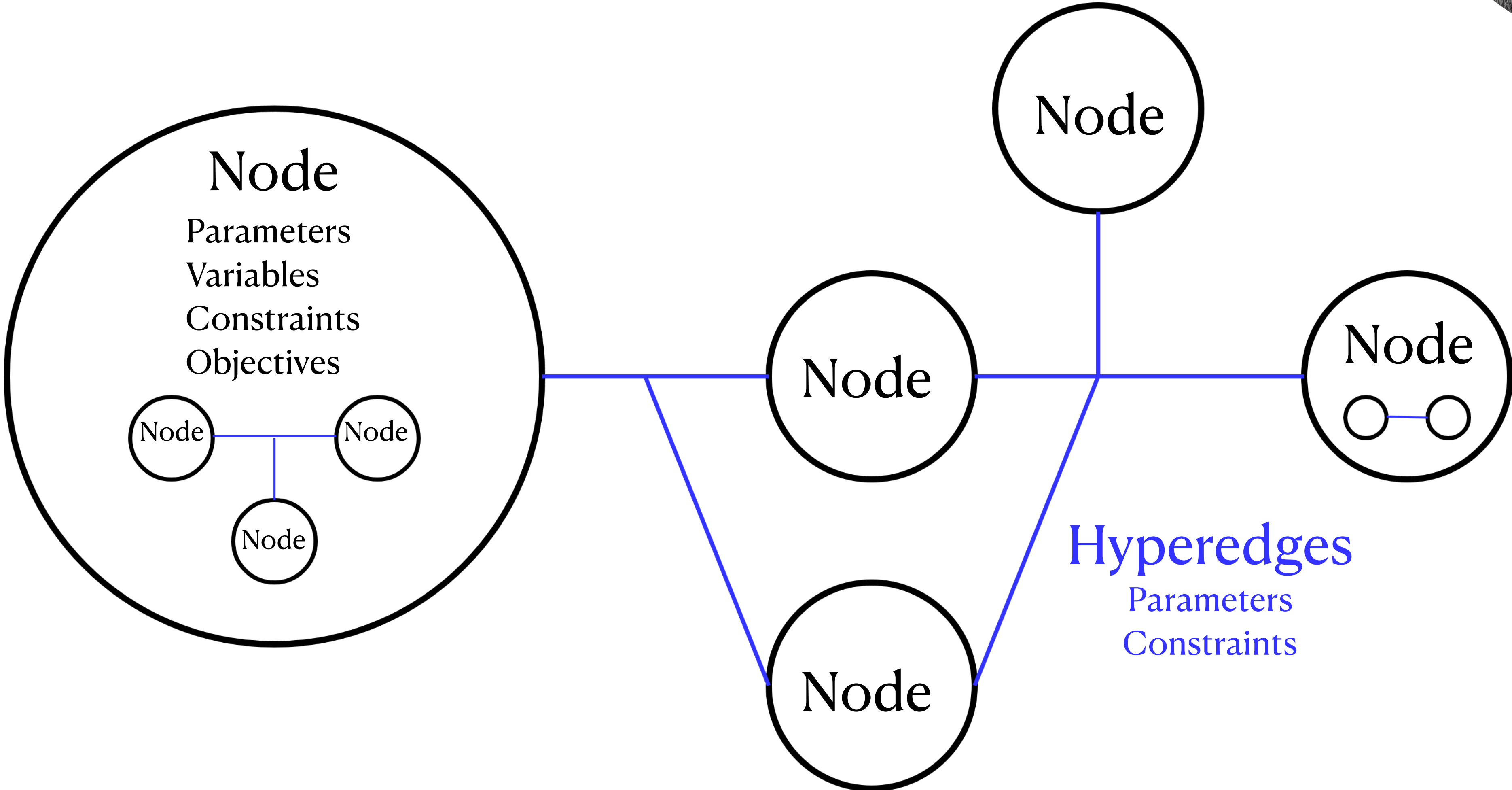


FIGURE 2 : GBOML working.

# Modeling Tools

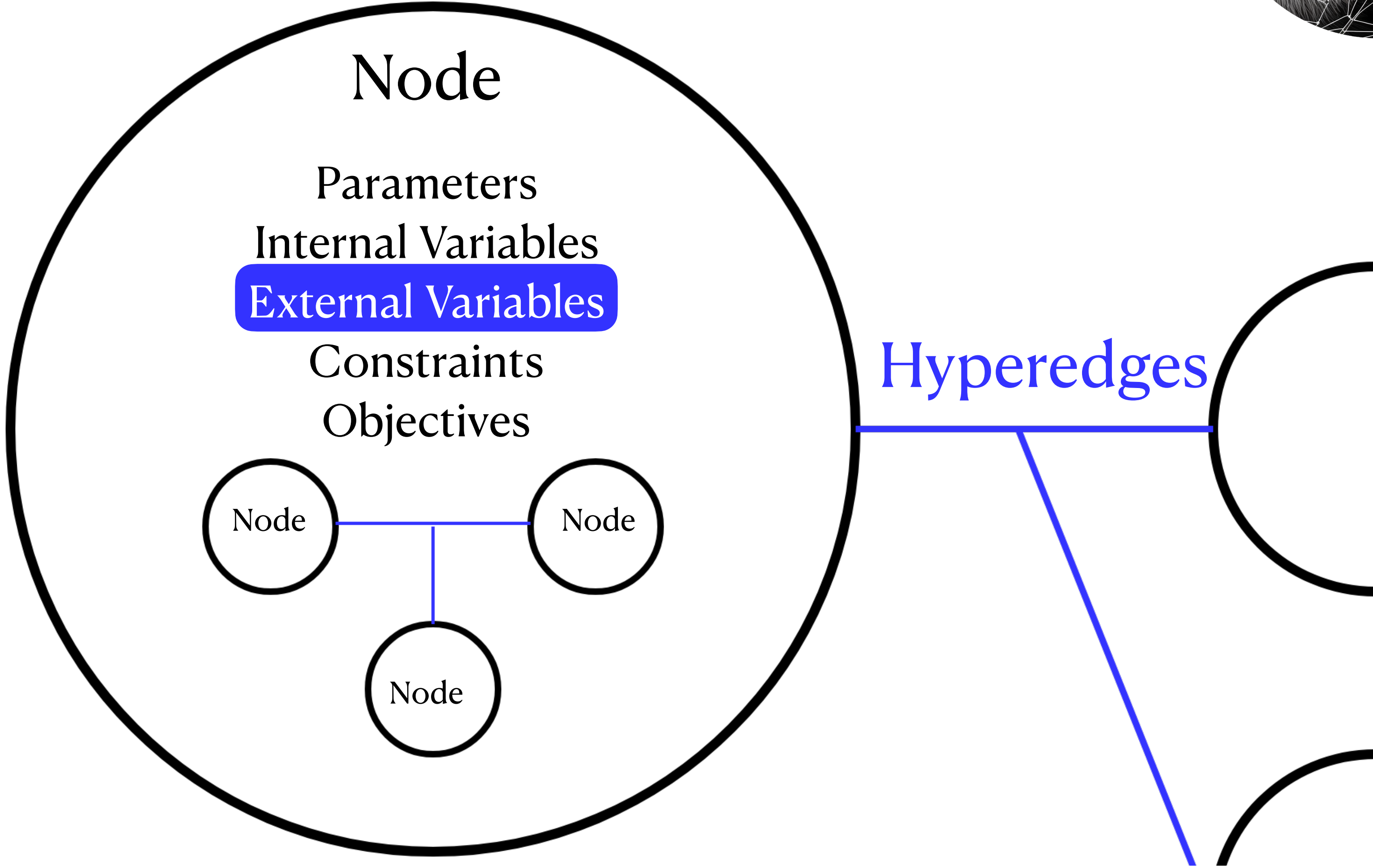
## GBOML Hierarchical Hypergraph



**FIGURE 3 :** Representation of one particular hierarchical hypergraph made-up of 5 nodes and 2 hyperedges. The node most to the left and to the right both contain a hypergraph themselves.

# Modeling Tools

## GBOML Hierarchical Hypergraph



**FIGURE 4 :** Representation of one node made-up of parameters, internal/external variables, constraints, objectives and a hypergraph. The hyperedges connect only the external variables of different nodes.

# Modeling Tools

GBOML Language



## #TIMEHORIZON

T = <value>;

#NODE <node\_name>

#PARAMETERS

<param\_def>

#VARIABLES

<var\_def>

#CONSTRAINTS

<constr\_def>

#OBJECTIVES

<obj\_def>

#HYPEREDGE <edge\_name>

#PARAMETERS

<param\_def>

#CONSTRAINTS

<constr\_def>



# Modeling Tools

GBOML Language



## #TIMEHORIZON

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**#PARAMETERS**

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**#CONSTRAINTS**

<constr\_def>

# Modeling Tools

GBOML Language



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T = <value>;

**#NODE** <node\_name>

**#PARAMETERS**

<param\_def>

**#VARIABLES**

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**#OBJECTIVES**

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**#HYPEREDGE** <edge\_name>

**#PARAMETERS**

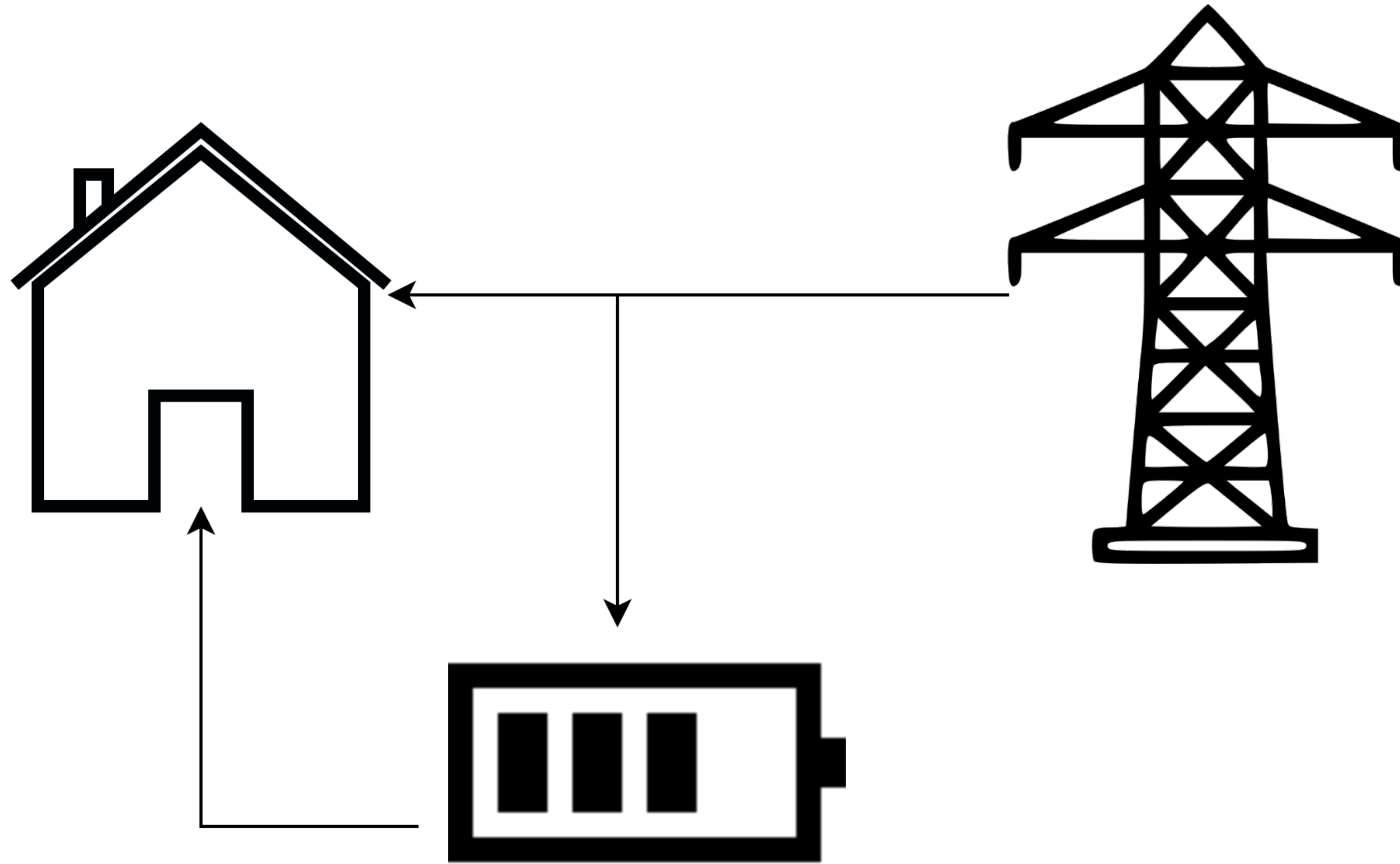
<param\_def>

**#CONSTRAINTS**

<constr\_def>

# Modeling Tools

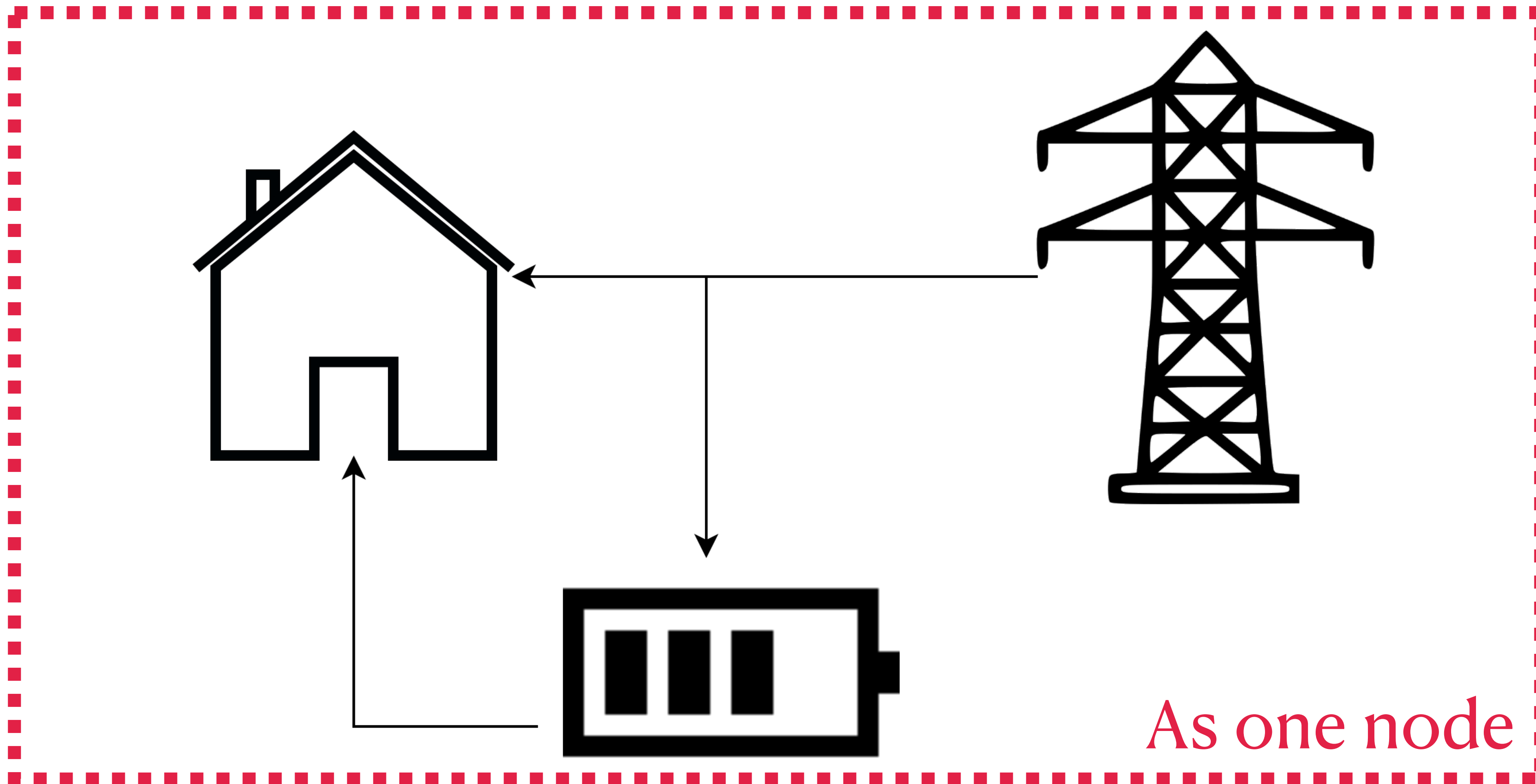
## An Example in GBOML: Battery System



**FIGURE 1** : Installing the optimal battery capacity given a known demand and a known hourly price of electricity and operating it.

# Modeling Tools

## An Example in GBOML: Battery System



**FIGURE 1** : Installing the optimal battery capacity given a known demand and a known hourly price of electricity and operating it.

```
#TIMEHORIZON T = 24*365;
```

```
#NODE Bat_House_Grid
```

```
#PARAMETERS
```

```
elec_demand = import «demand.csv»;  
elec_price = import «elec_price.csv»;  
bat_price = 120;
```

```
#VARIABLES
```

```
internal: electricity_exchanged[T];  
internal: battery_output[T];  
internal: battery_input[T];  
internal: state_of_charge[T];  
internal: battery_capacity;
```

```
#CONSTRAINTS
```

```
electricity_exchanged[t] >= 0;  
battery_output[t] >= 0;  
state_of_charge[t] >= 0;  
battery_capacity >= 0;  
battery_capacity >= state_of_charge[t];  
battery_input[t] <= battery_capacity;  
battery_output[t] <= battery_capacity;  
state_of_charge[0] == state_of_charge[T-1];  
state_of_charge[t+1] == state_of_charge[t]+battery_input[t]-battery_output[t];  
battery_output[t]+electricity_exchanged[t] == elec_demand[t]+battery_input[t];
```

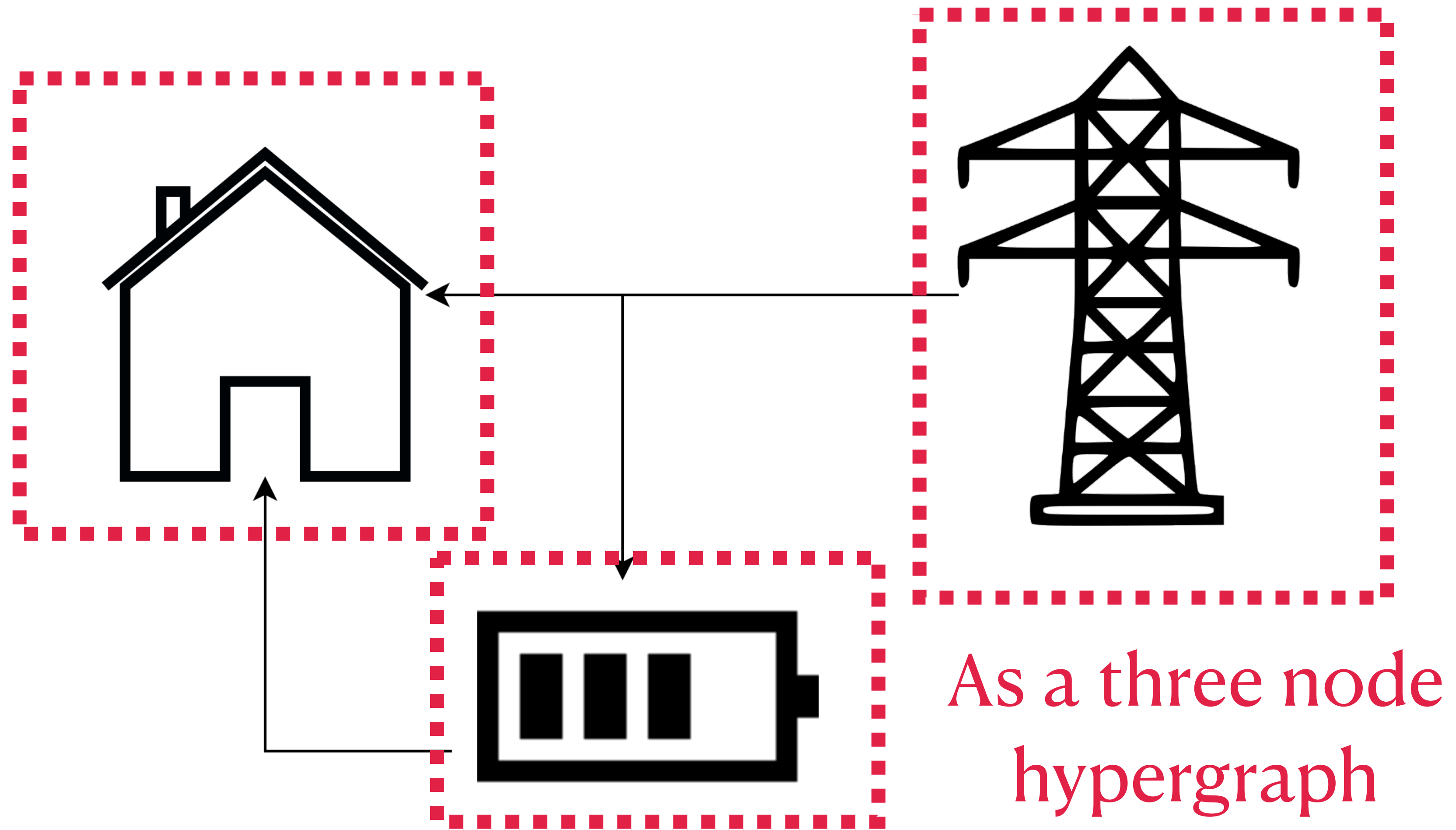
```
#OBJECTIVES
```

```
min: electricity_exchanged[t]*elec_price[t];  
min: battery_capacity*bat_price;
```



# Modeling Tools

## An Example in GBOML : Battery



**FIGURE 1 :** Installing the optimal battery capacity given a known demand and a known hourly price of electricity and operating it.

```
#TIMEHORIZON T = 24*365;
```

```
#NODE Battery
```

```
#PARAMETERS
```

```
bat_price = 120;
```

```
#VARIABLES
```

```
external: battery_output[T];
```

```
external: battery_input[T];
```

```
internal: state_of_charge[T];
```

```
internal: battery_capacity;
```

```
#CONSTRAINTS
```

```
battery_output[t] >= 0;
```

```
state_of_charge[t] >= 0;
```

```
battery_capacity >= 0;
```

```
battery_capacity >= state_of_charge[t];
```

```
battery_input[t] <= battery_capacity;
```

```
battery_output[t] <= battery_capacity;
```

```
state_of_charge[0] == state_of_charge[T-1];
```

```
state_of_charge[t+1] == state_of_charge[t]  
+ battery_input[t]  
- battery_output[t];
```

```
#OBJECTIVES
```

```
min: battery_capacity*bat_price;
```

```
#NODE Grid
```

```
#PARAMETERS
```

```
elec_price = import «elec_price.csv»;
```

```
#VARIABLES
```

```
external: electricity_exchanged[T];
```

```
#CONSTRAINTS
```

```
electricity_exchanged[t] >= 0;
```

```
#OBJECTIVES
```

```
min: electricity_exchanged[t]*elec_price[t];
```

```
#NODE House
```

```
#PARAMETERS
```

```
elec_demand = import «demand.csv»;
```

```
#VARIABLES
```

```
external: demand[T];
```

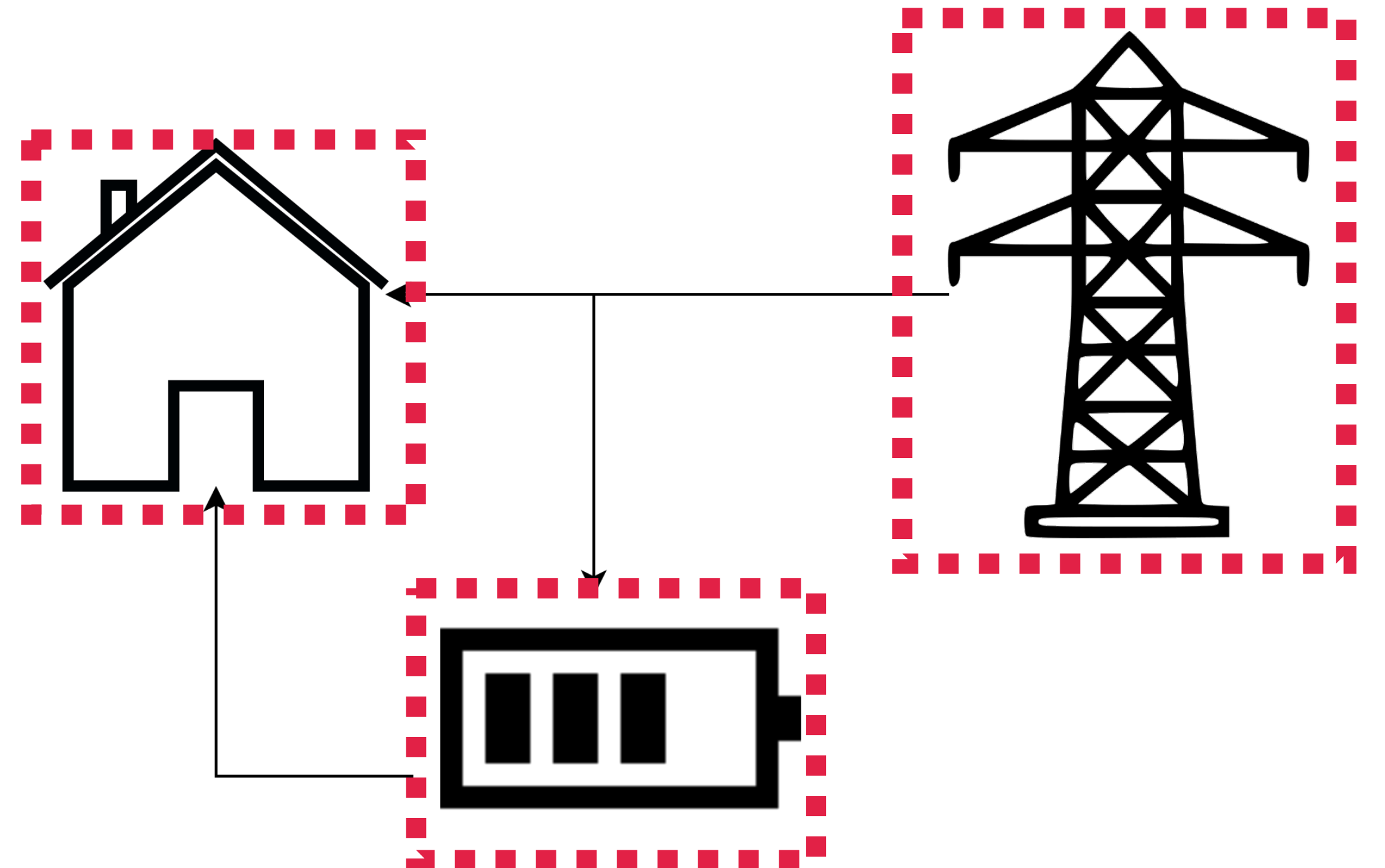
```
#CONSTRAINTS
```

```
demand[t] == elec_demand[t];
```

```
#HYPEREDGE Interconnection
```

```
#CONSTRAINTS
```

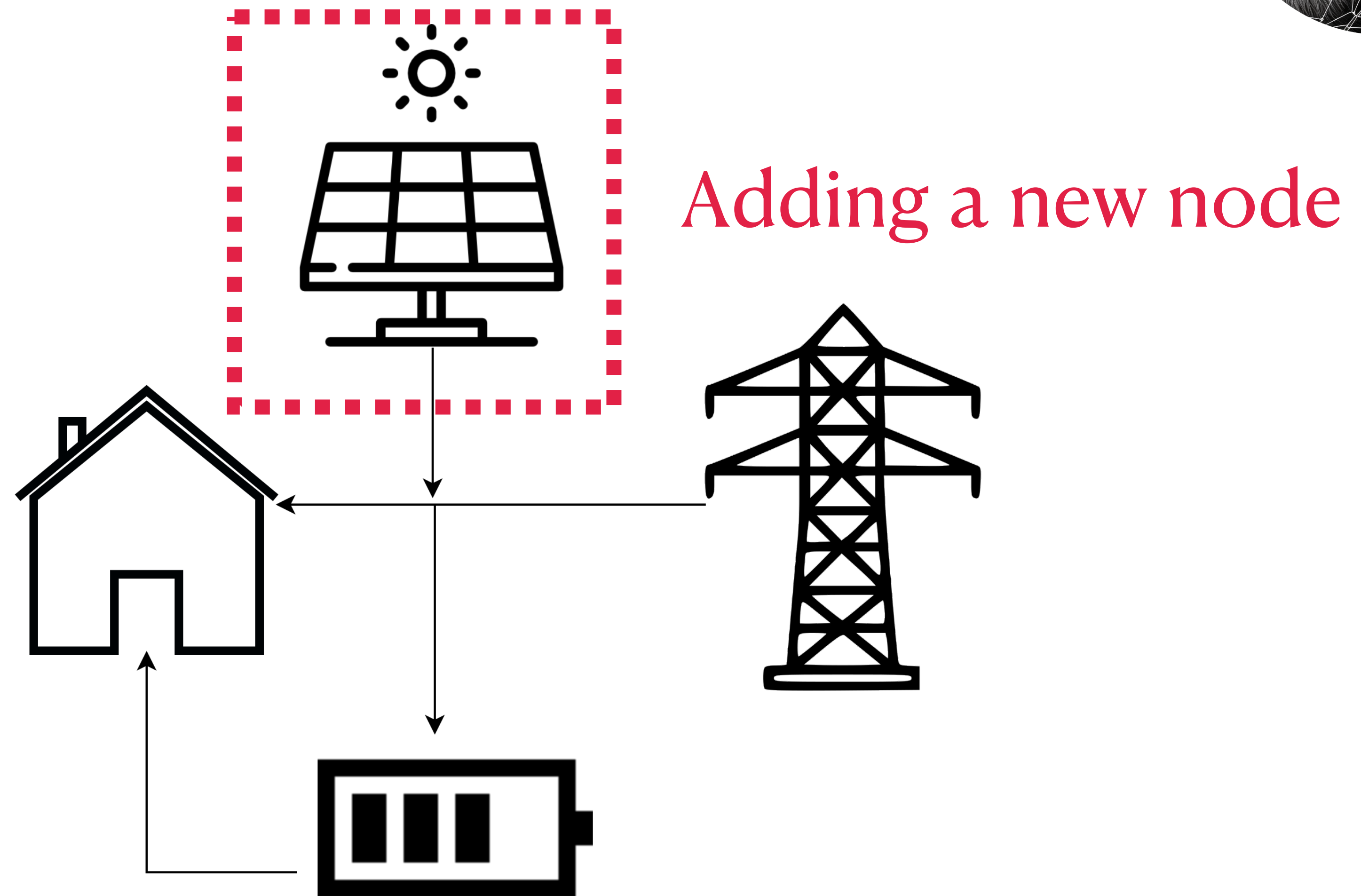
```
Battery.battery_output[t]+Grid.electricity_exchanged[t]  
== House.demand[t]+Battery.battery_input[t];
```





# Modeling Tools

An Example in GBOML: Battery - PV Panels



**FIGURE 5 :** Installing the optimal battery capacity and PV capacity given a known demand and a known hourly price of electricity and operating it.



```
#TIMEHORIZON T = 24*365;

#NODE Battery = import Battery from "house_bat_grid_3_node.txt";

#NODE Grid = import Grid from "house_bat_grid_3_node.txt";

#NODE House = import House from "house_bat_grid_3_node.txt";

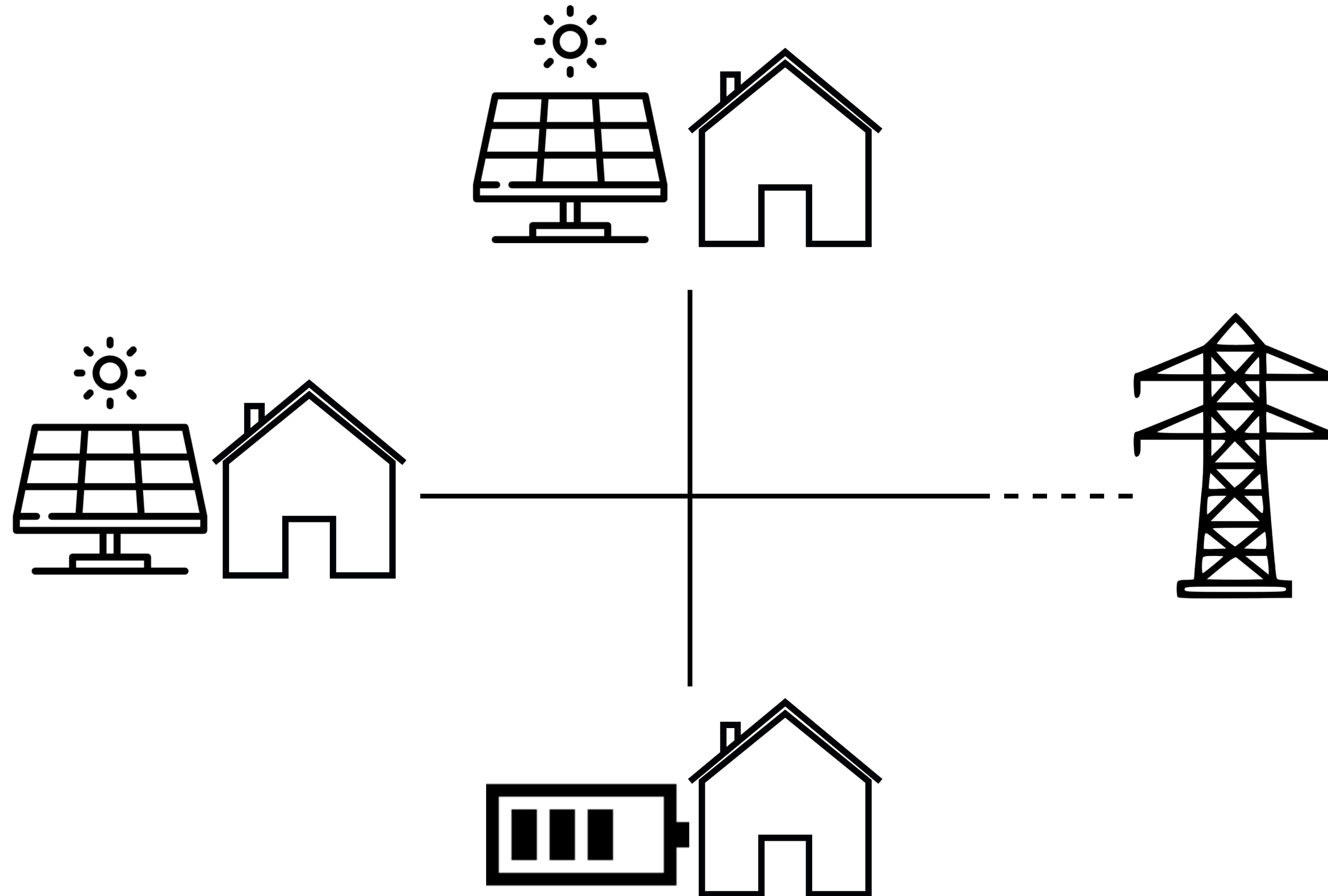
#NODE PV_panels
  #PARAMETERS
    cost = 110;
    irradiance = import "irradiance.csv";
  #VARIABLES
    external: electricity_prod[T];
    internal: capacity;
  #CONSTRAINTS
    electricity_prod[t] == irradiance[t]*capacity;
  #OBJECTIVES
    min: capacity*cost;

#HYPEREDGE Interconnection
  #CONSTRAINTS
    Battery.battery_output[t]+Grid.electricity_exchanged[t]+PV_panels.electricity_prod[t]
    == House.demand[t]+Battery.battery_input[t];
```

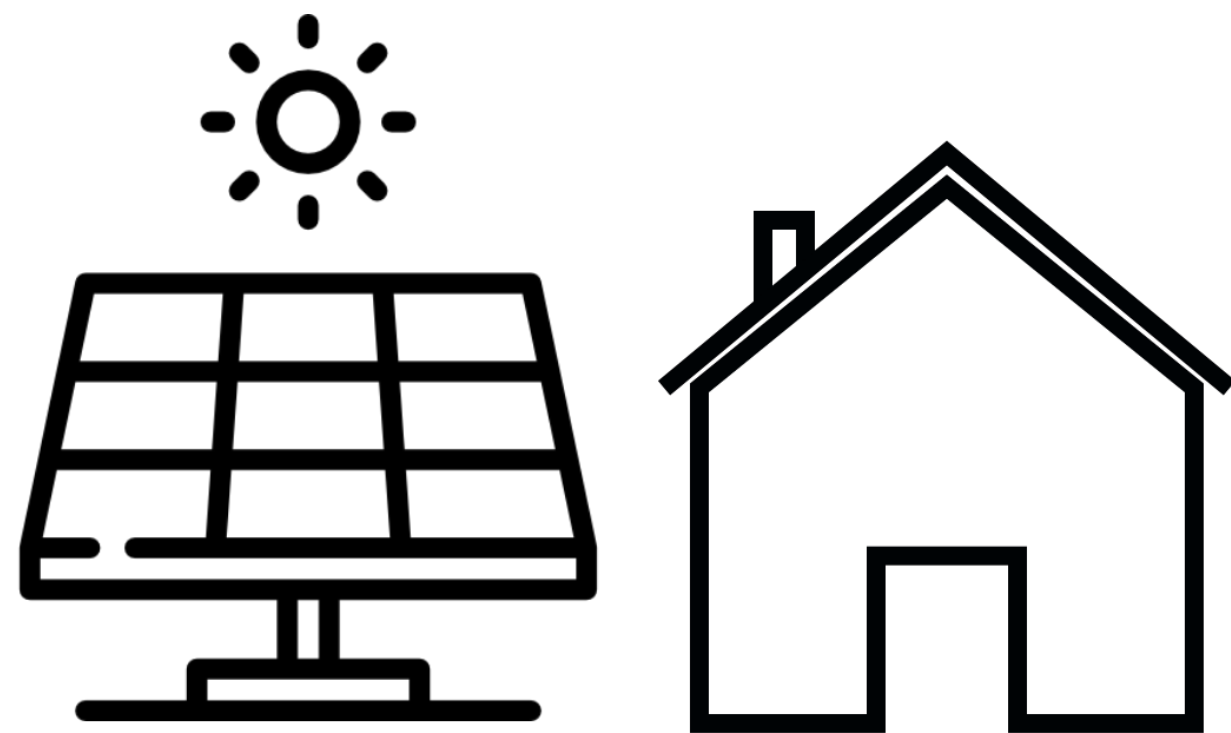


# Modeling Tools

An Example in GBOML: Renewable Energy Community



**FIGURE 6 :** Installing the optimal battery capacity and PV capacity in a renewable energy community



```
#NODE Prosumer
```

```
#PARAMETERS
```

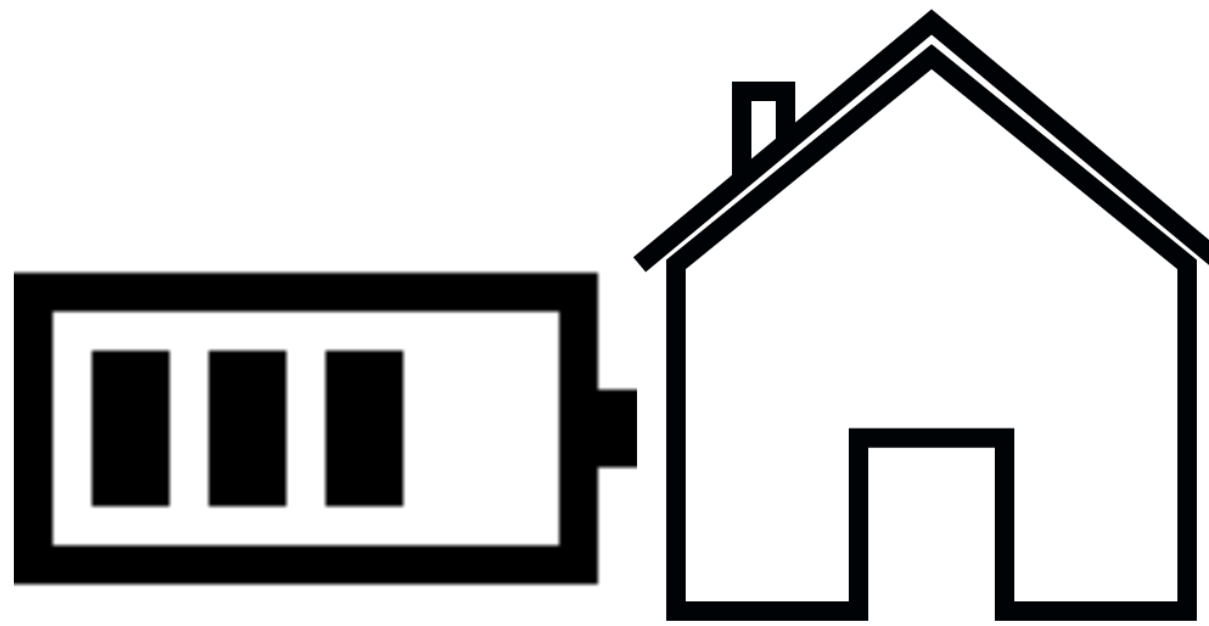
```
elec_demand = import "elec.csv";  
cost = 110;  
irradiance = import "irradiance.csv"
```

```
#NODE House = import Grid from "house_bat_grid_3_node.txt" with  
elec_demand = Prosumer.elec_demand;
```

```
#NODE PV = import PV_panels from "house_bat_grid_pv.txt" with  
cost = Prosumer.cost;  
irradiance = Prosumer.cost;
```

```
#VARIABLES
```

```
external : pv_prod[T] <- PV.electricity_prod[T];  
external : demand[T] <- House.demand[T];
```



```
#NODE Bat_consumer
```

```
#PARAMETERS
```

```
cost_bat = 110;
```

```
elec_demand = import "elec_demand.csv";
```

```
#NODE House = import House from "house_bat_grid_3_node.txt" with  
elec_demand = Bat_consumer.elec_demand;
```

```
#NODE Battery = import Battery from "house_bat_grid_pv.txt" with  
bat_price = Prosumer.cost_bat;
```

```
#VARIABLES
```

```
internal : bat_input[T] <- Battery.battery_input[T];
```

```
external : bat_output[T] <- Battery.battery_output[T];
```

```
internal : energy_demand[T] <- House.demand[T];
```

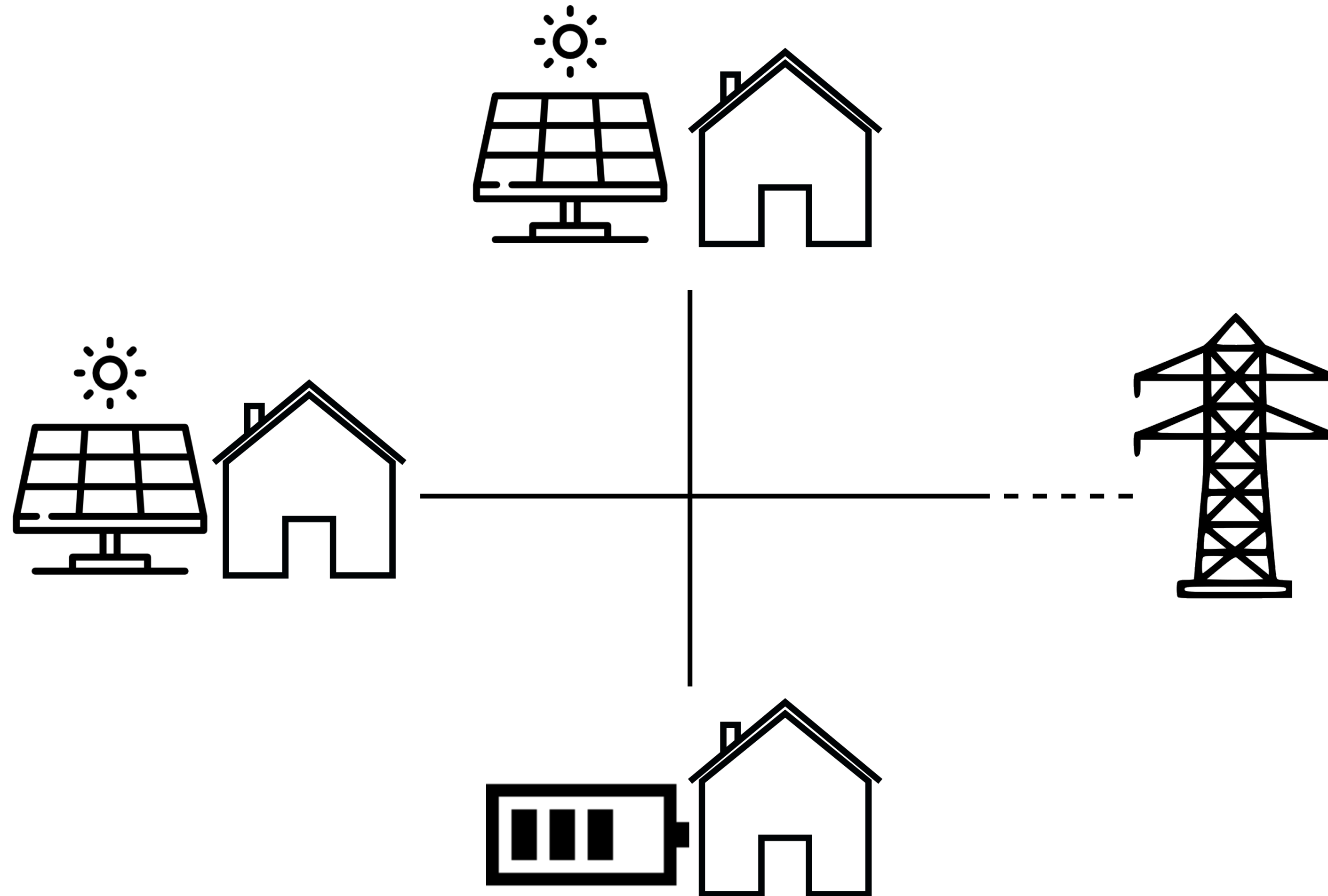
```
external : demand[T];
```

```
#CONSTRAINTS
```

```
demand[t] == bat_input[t] + energy_demand[t];
```

# Modeling Tools

An Example in GBOML: Renewable Energy Community



**FIGURE 6 :** Installing the optimal battery capacity and PV capacity in a renewable energy community



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```

"version": "0.1.3",
"model": {
  "horizon": 10,
  "number_nodes": 1,
  "global_parameters": {},
  "nodes": {
    "H": {
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      "number_constraints": 1,
      "number_expanded_constraints": 10,
      "number_objectives": 1,
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          4
        ]
      },
      "variables": [
        "x"
      ]
    }
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  "hyperedges": {}
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  "status": true
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"solution": {
  "status": "optimal",

```

# Modeling Tools

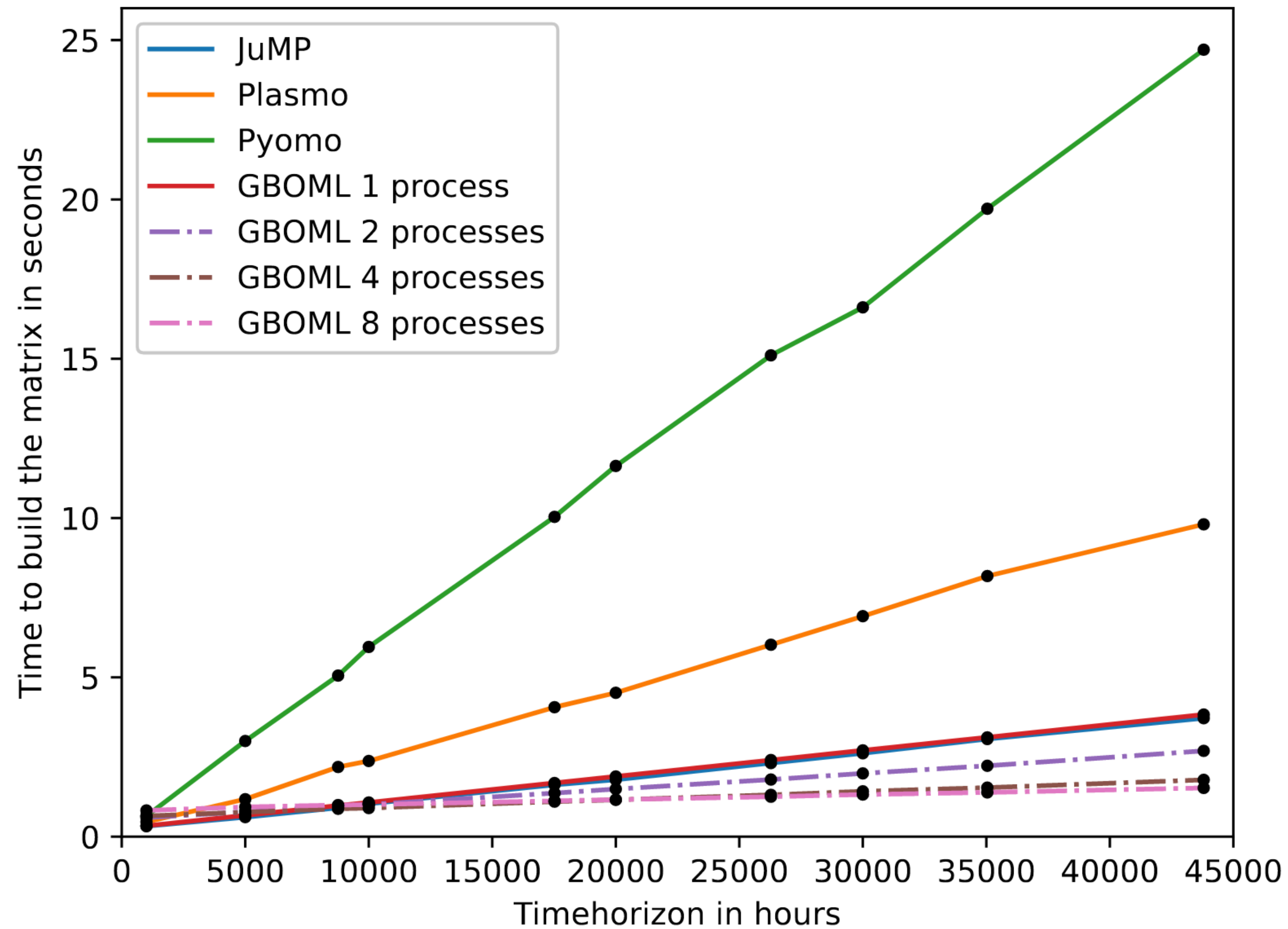
## GBOML Output



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	DISTRIBUTION.operating_cost	0.34500000000000003	0.32000000000000006	0.305	0.29500000000000004	0.28500000000000003	0.27	0.24	0.22500000000000000
2	DISTRIBUTION.power_import	6.9	6.400000000000001	6.1	5.9	5.700000000000001	5.4	4.8	4.5
3	DISTRIBUTION.unnamed_objective	2817.4100000000003							
4	DEMAND.consumption	6.9	6.400000000000001	6.1	5.9	5.700000000000001	5.4	4.8	4.5
5	BATTERY.capacity	-0.0							
6	BATTERY.investment_cost	0.0							
7	BATTERY.energy	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
8	BATTERY.charge	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
9	BATTERY.discharge	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10	BATTERY.unnamed_objective	0.0							
11	SOLAR_PV.capacity	-0.0							
12	SOLAR_PV.investment_cost	0.0							
13	SOLAR_PV.electricity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
14	SOLAR_PV.investment	0.0							

# Modeling Tools

## GBOML Performance[29]



**FIGURE 7:** Time taken to generate the matrices in different modeling tools for a growing time horizon for the remote hub [5, 29]



# Tutorial

Hands-on



[http://tiny.cc/gboml\\_tutorial](http://tiny.cc/gboml_tutorial)

# Future Works

## GBOML and in the Lab



- In terms of tool :
  - Sensitivity Analysis in GBOML
  - Augmenting the python interface
  - Energy templates
  - Finding optimal partitions for structure exploiting methods
- In terms of energy modeling:
  - Modeling the belgian energy system
  - Modeling renewable energy communities
  - Modeling remote renewable energy hubs

# Conclusion

## GBOML

- Explained the sizing and operations of energy system
- Overview of the resolution process
- Introduced GBOML, a modeling tool for supply chain management and energy system sizing and operations
  - Easy to use and install
  - Allows model combination and re-use
  - Enables structure encoding
  - Fast
  - Interfaces with structure exploiting algorithms
- Illustrated several examples

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# *Appendix*

# Appendix A

## GBOML Detailed Inner-working

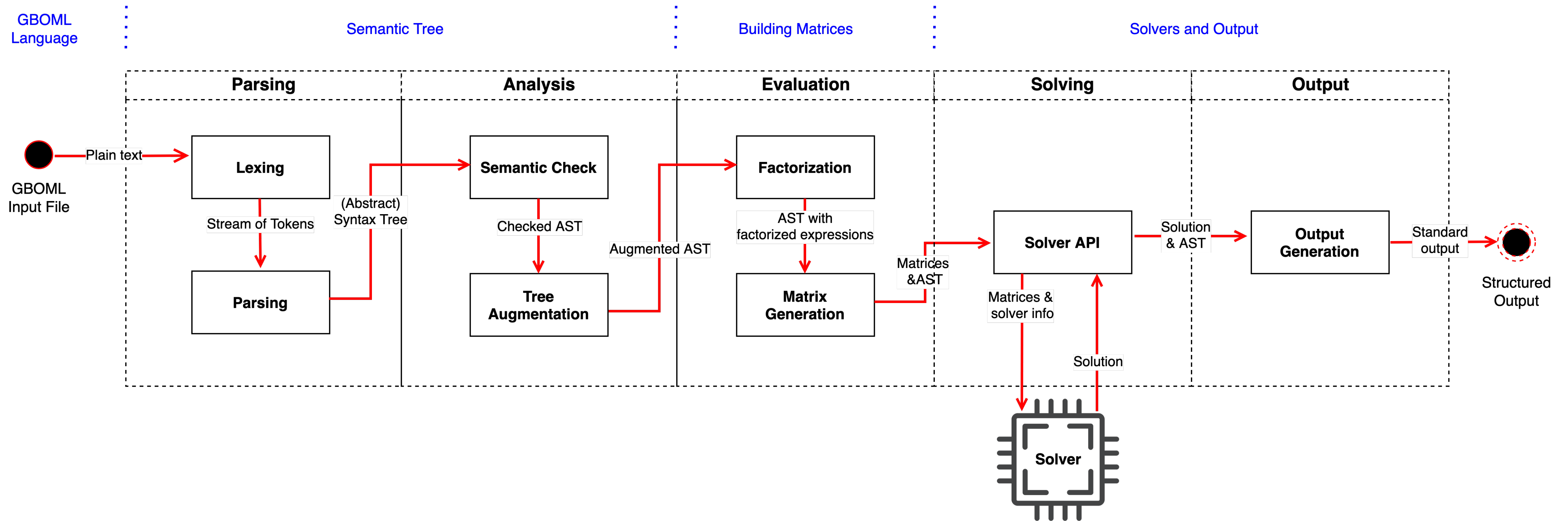


FIGURE 8 : GBOML detailed inner-workings [29]



# Appendix B

## Mathematic Formulation of GBOML

- Each node  $n$  can be defined as a tuple  $\langle \mathbf{v}_n^{ext}, \mathbf{v}_n^{int}, \mathbf{G}_n, \mathbf{H}_n, \mathbf{G}_n, \mathbf{O}_n \rangle$  where,
  - $\mathbf{v}_n^{ext}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_n^{int}$  respectively denote the external and internal vector variables such as their concatenation is denoted  $\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{v}_n^{ext} \oplus \mathbf{v}_n^{int}$
  - $\mathbf{G}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{\psi_n \times (1+|\mathbf{v}_n|)}$  and  $\mathbf{H}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{\eta_n \times (1+|\mathbf{v}_n|)}$  denote the inequality and equality constraints such that  $\mathbf{G}_n \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{v}_n \end{bmatrix} \leq \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{H}_n \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{v}_n \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$ ,
  - $\mathbf{G}_n$  is the hypergraph  $(\mathcal{N}_n, \mathcal{E}_n)$  contained in node  $n$  where  $\mathcal{N}_n$  represents the set of subnodes of the hypergraph contained in node  $n$  and  $\mathcal{E}_n$  the set of sub-hyperedges,
  - and the matrix  $\mathbf{O}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{\sigma_n \times (1+|\mathbf{v}_n|)}$  represents the objective function to minimize  $\sigma_n$  representing the number of objectives defined in node  $n$ ,  $\min \mathbf{1}^{1 \times \sigma_n} \mathbf{O}_n \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{v}_n \end{bmatrix}$ .

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- Each hyperedge  $e$  is defined as a tuple  $\langle \mathcal{N}_e, \mathbf{G}_e, \mathbf{H}_e \rangle$  where,
  - $\mathcal{N}_e$  is the set of nodes concerned by the hyperedge  $e$  and  $\mathbf{v}_e$  the concatenation of all the external variables in  $\mathcal{N}_e$
  - $\mathbf{G}_e$  denote the inequality constraints such that  $\mathbf{G}_e \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{v}_e \end{bmatrix} \leq \mathbf{0}$ , and
  - $\mathbf{H}_e$  denote the equality constraints such that  $\mathbf{H}_e \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{v}_e \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$

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- Let us define,
  - the function  $f$  that takes a set of nodes  $\mathcal{N}$  as input and returns the sum of the objectives of the nodes and their subnodes recursively,

$$f(\mathcal{N}) = \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}} \left( \mathbf{1}^{1 \times \sigma_n} \mathbf{O}_n \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{v}_n \end{bmatrix} + f(\mathcal{N}_n) \right).$$

- the Boolean-valued function  $g$  that takes a hypergraph  $\mathbf{G} = (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{E})$  as input and returns,

$$g(\mathbf{G}) = \left[ \mathbf{G}_e \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{v}_e \end{bmatrix} \leq \mathbf{0} \quad \forall e \in \mathcal{E} \right] \wedge \left[ \left( \mathbf{G}_n \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{v}_n \end{bmatrix} \leq \mathbf{0} \wedge g(\mathbf{G}_n) \right) \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N} \right].$$

- the Boolean-valued function  $h$  that takes a hypergraph  $\mathbf{G} = (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{E})$  as input and returns,

$$h(\mathbf{G}) = \left[ \mathbf{H}_e \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{v}_e \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \quad \forall e \in \mathcal{E} \right] \wedge \left[ \left( \mathbf{H}_n \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{v}_n \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \wedge h(\mathbf{G}_n) \right) \quad \forall n \in \mathcal{N} \right].$$

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- A compact representation of the problem is given as,

$$\min f(\mathcal{N}_g)$$

$$\text{s.t. } h(\mathbf{G}_g) \text{ is true}$$

$$g(\mathbf{G}_g) \text{ is true}$$