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Steps towards a global hybrid database

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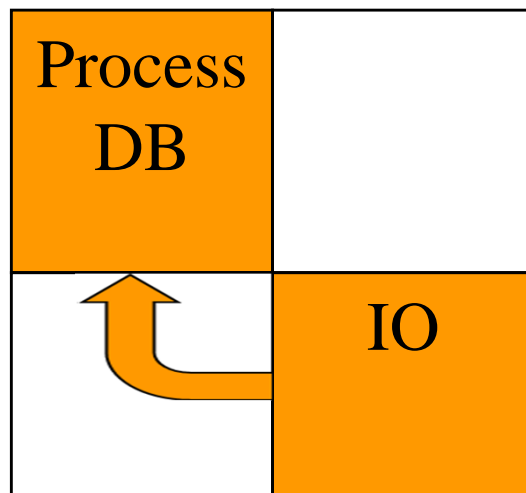
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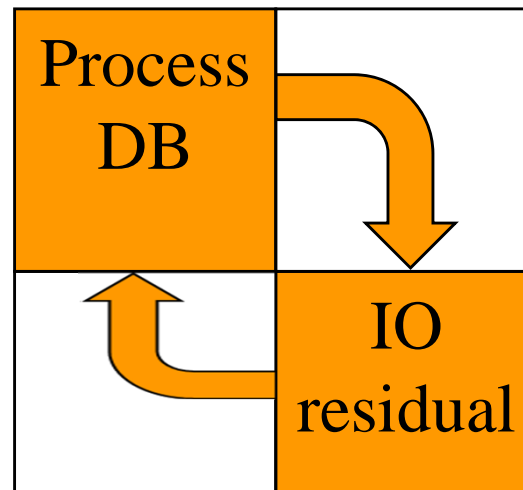


Hybrid databases

- Combining the **detail** of process-based data with the **completeness** of the make-use (IO) framework



tiered approach



embedded approach

- Make-Use convention: Columns = activities; Rows = products

The ecoinvent “IO repository”



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- Repository: A place to store
- IO repository: A place to store Make-Use (IO) data
- One column in a Make-Use table = one activity dataset
- Each row = one exchange (input or output)
- Same format as process-based datasets: ecoSpold2
- Special activity types: IO and residual

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Imports, final consumption and exports



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- Besides the core technology matrix (producing industries):
 - Imports
 - Final consumption
 - Exports
- Again: Each column =
One activity dataset

Balanced MSUT	Activities	Import	Final use	Export	Valation	Total
Products	V'	N			Valuation	q
Total	g					
Products	U		y	E		q
Primary production factors	Labour costs					
	Net taxes					
	Net operating costs					
	Rent					
Total	g					

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Classification of activities and products

- Activities: UN ISIC Rev. 4
- Products: UN CPC Ver. 2
- More parallel classifications as well:
 - Original local classifications (e.g. NAICS)
 - Other classifications (e.g. GPC)
 - User-defined tags



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Parallel use of monetary and physical units



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- Make-Use tables can only handle one unit per exchange (input or output): Monetary and physical tables stored separately
- ecoSpold 2 - and therefore the IO repository - can handle unlimited number of properties of each exchange, e.g.:
 - Monetary
 - Mass (wet, dry)
 - Composition (Cadmium content, Carbon content, etc.)
 - Lifetime

all stored in the same activity dataset

- Thus, from the same activity datasets, many different matrices can be produced, both monetary and physical

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Physical resource inputs and emissions



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Balanced PSUT	Activities	Import	Final use	Export	Total
Products	V'	N			q
Total	g				

Products	U	y	E	q
Net additions to stocks	-ΔS			
Supply of wastes	-W_V			
Use of wastes	W_U			
Resources	R			
Emissions	-B			
Total	g			

← From resource statistics

← Factor-based emissions



Integration of satellite tables

- The valuation table: Translating from V' in basic prices to U in purchaser's prices

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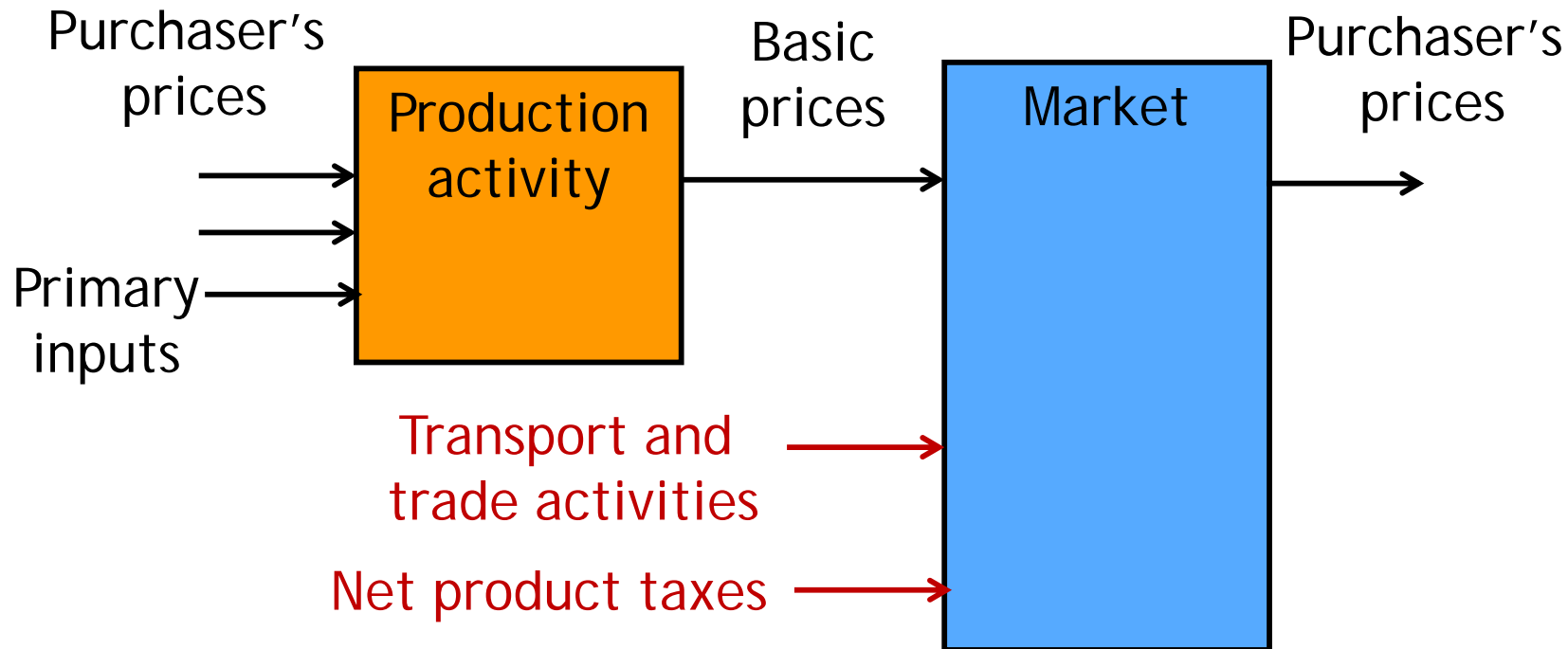
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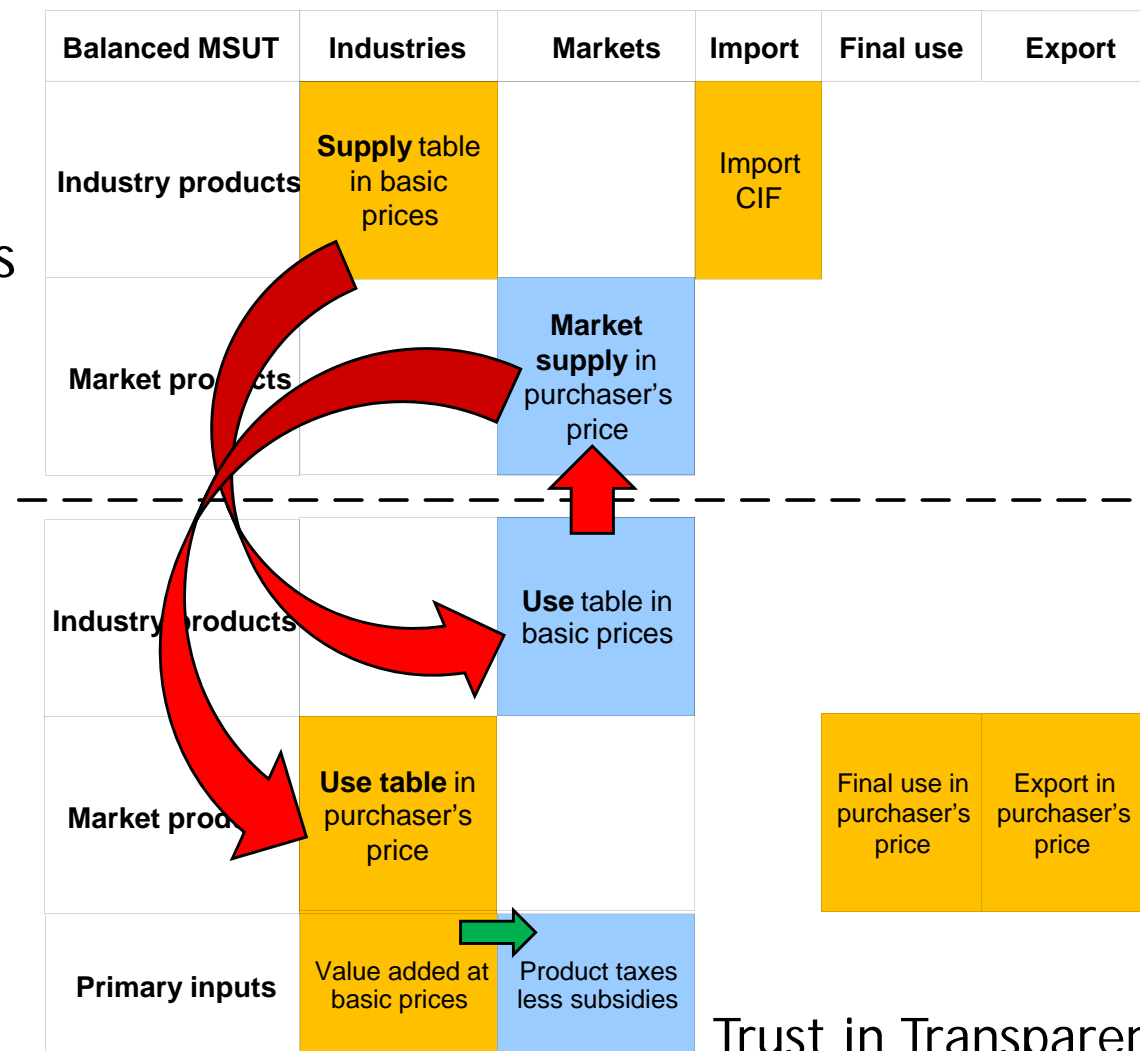
Integration of satellite tables

- The valuation table: Translating from V' in basic prices to U in purchaser's prices



Integration of satellite tables

- The valuation table: **Replaced by market activities** translating from V' in basic prices to U in purchaser's prices



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Integration of waste satellite tables



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← Additions to stock

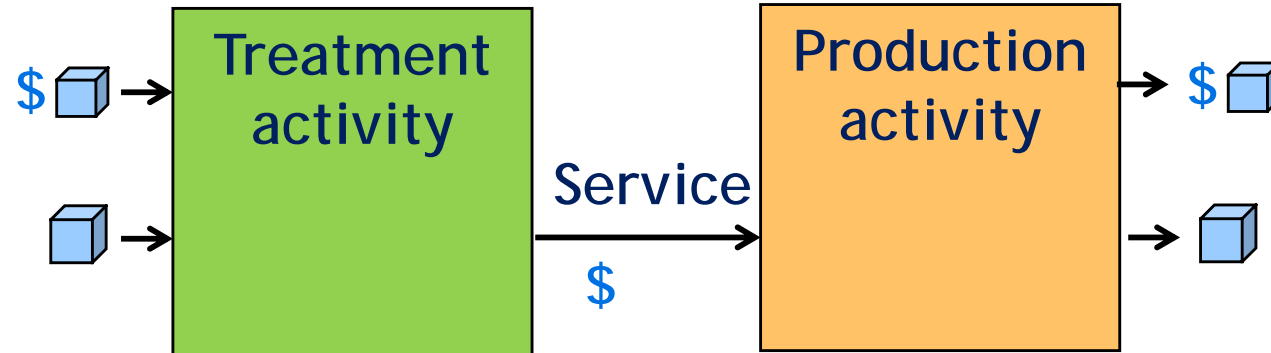
← Supply and use of materials for treatment (wastes and materials for recycling)



Integration of waste satellite tables



V'		
U		
WV'		
WU		



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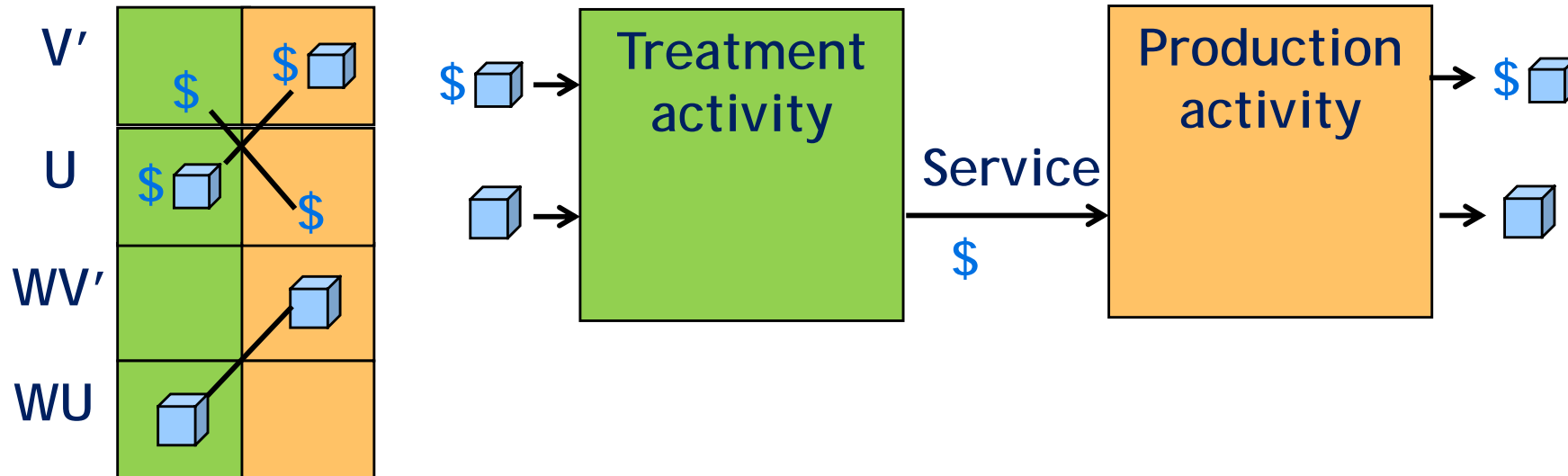
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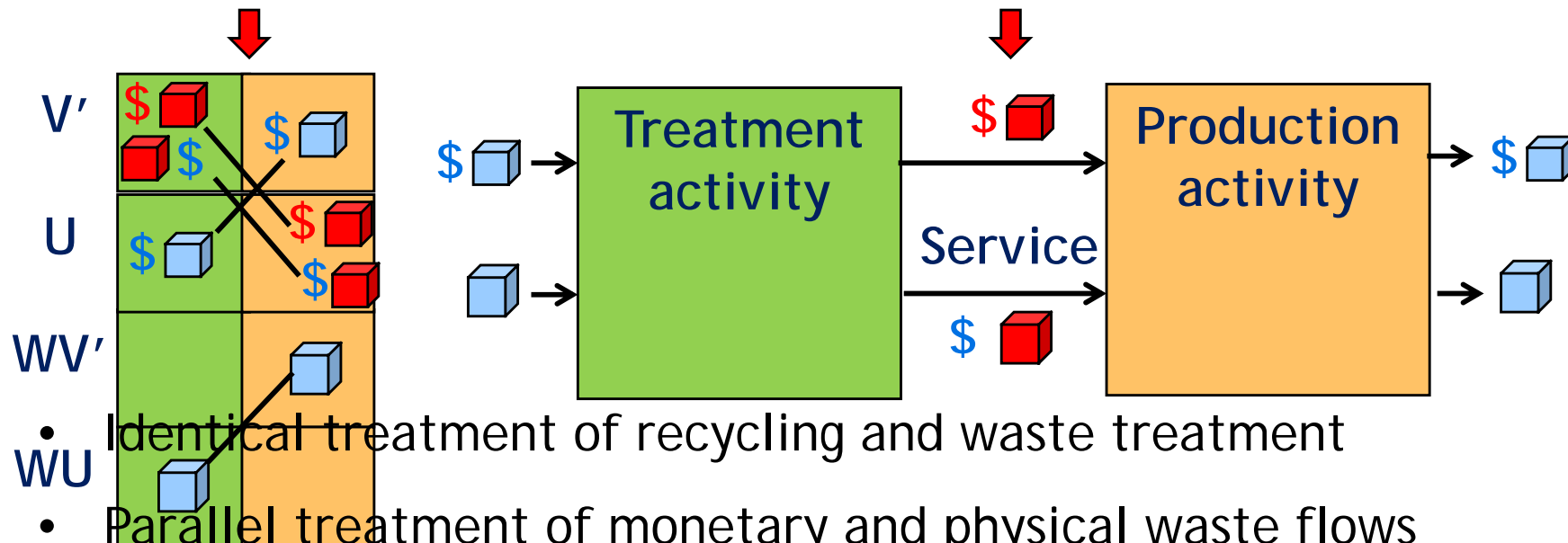
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- Identical treatment of recycling and waste treatment

- Parallel treatment of monetary and physical waste flows

Integration of satellite tables



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- Additions to stock = linking to future waste treatment
- Capital formation and use integrated in the core make-use table through the use of an investment matrix

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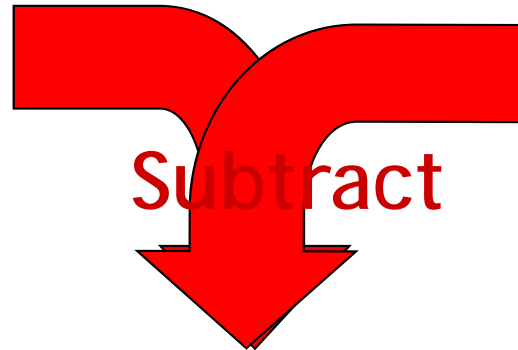


From repository to hybrid database

Balanced MSUT	Activities (a_U)	Products (c_U)	Export	Total
Activities (a_g)		V		g'
Products (c_g)			E	q
Import		N_V'		
Primary inputs	Labour and profit			
Total	g	q'		

IO

Add industry-internal processes



Subtract



Process-DB

Scale-up to IO-geography

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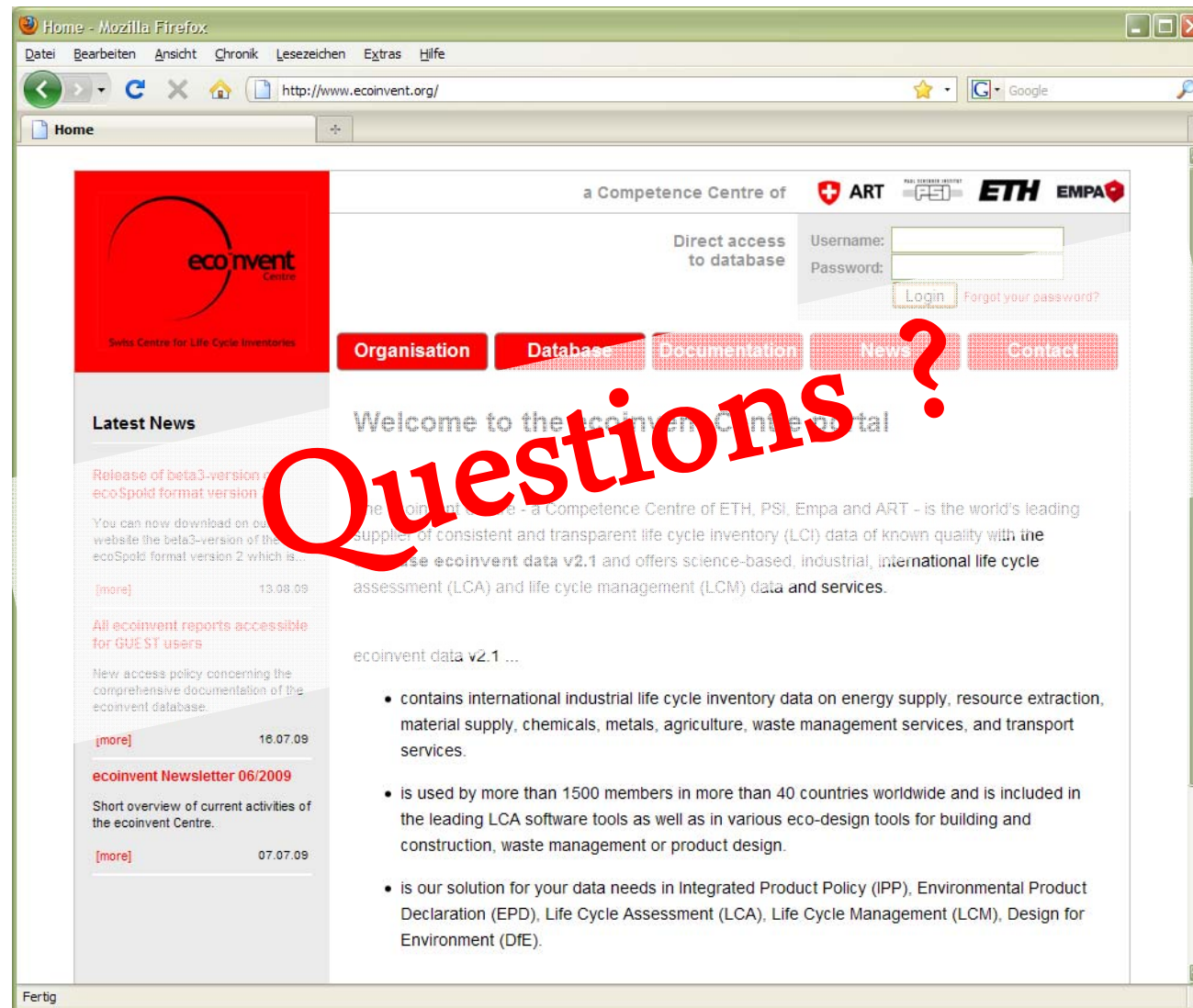
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Hybrid DB:
Scaled-up
processes &
residuals



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