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# Optimization of a boom for a lattice boom crane

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# Introduction

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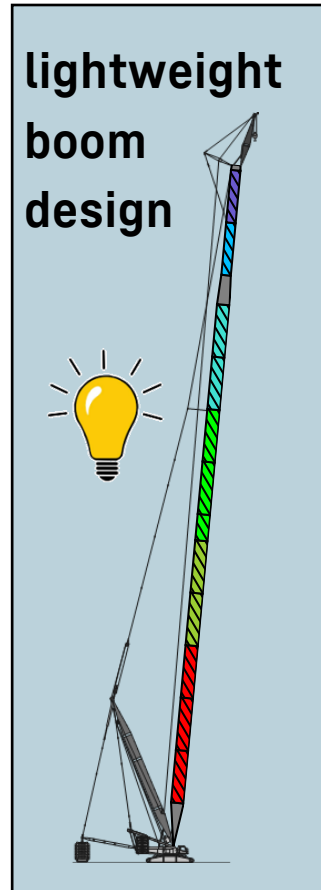
# Optimization task

**Objective** 

operation in steep position  
(wind power)



increase lifting capacity



self weight strength

**Restrictions** 

assembly



transportation

max. dimensions



## Introduction

# LR 1600/2 with SL13 boom system

## 156 m main boom (SL)

- S-sections + Li-sections
- increasing wall thickness  $t_1 > t_2 > \dots > t_6$
- supplementary guying

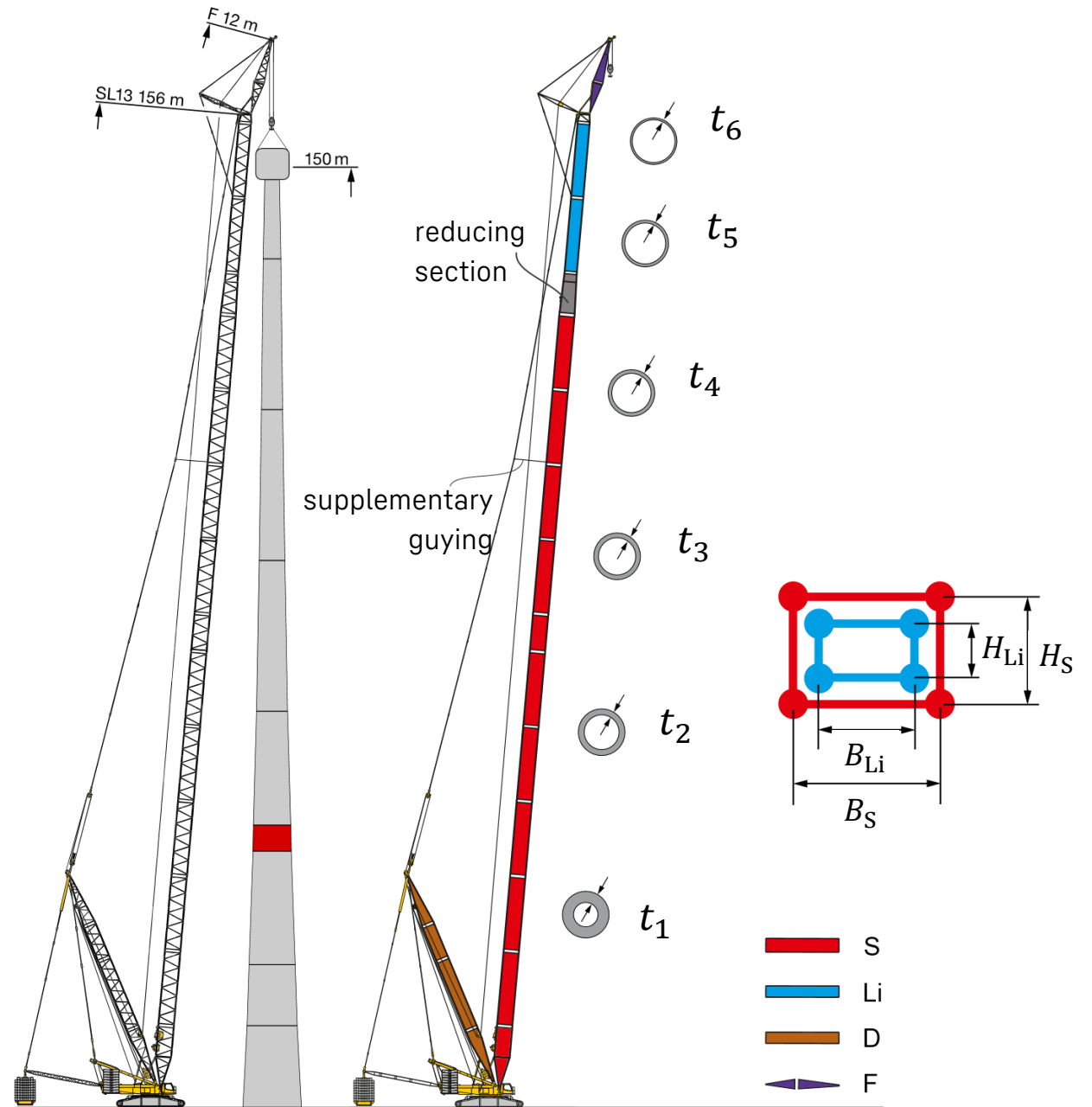
## 12 m Fixed jib

## 36 m Derrick boom

## Ballast

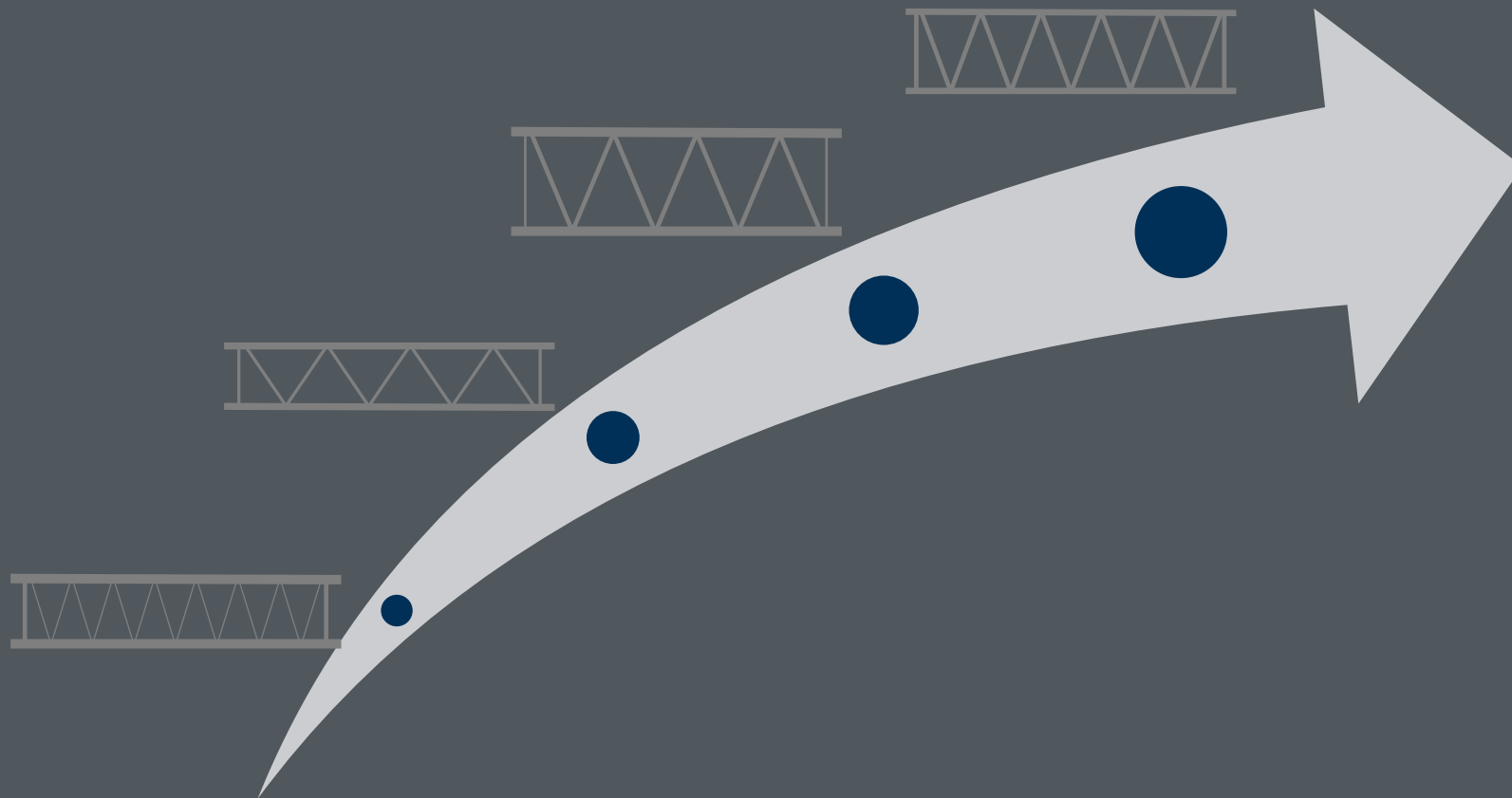
- 65 t central ballast
- 190 t superstructure ballast
- 350 t Derrickballast (B2)

**Lifting capacity @ 20 m:**  $P_{TL} \approx 71 \text{ t}$



# Optimization of a single boom section

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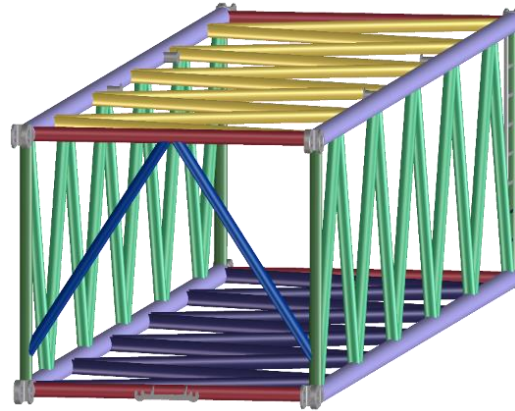


Optimizing a single boom section

# Parametric System

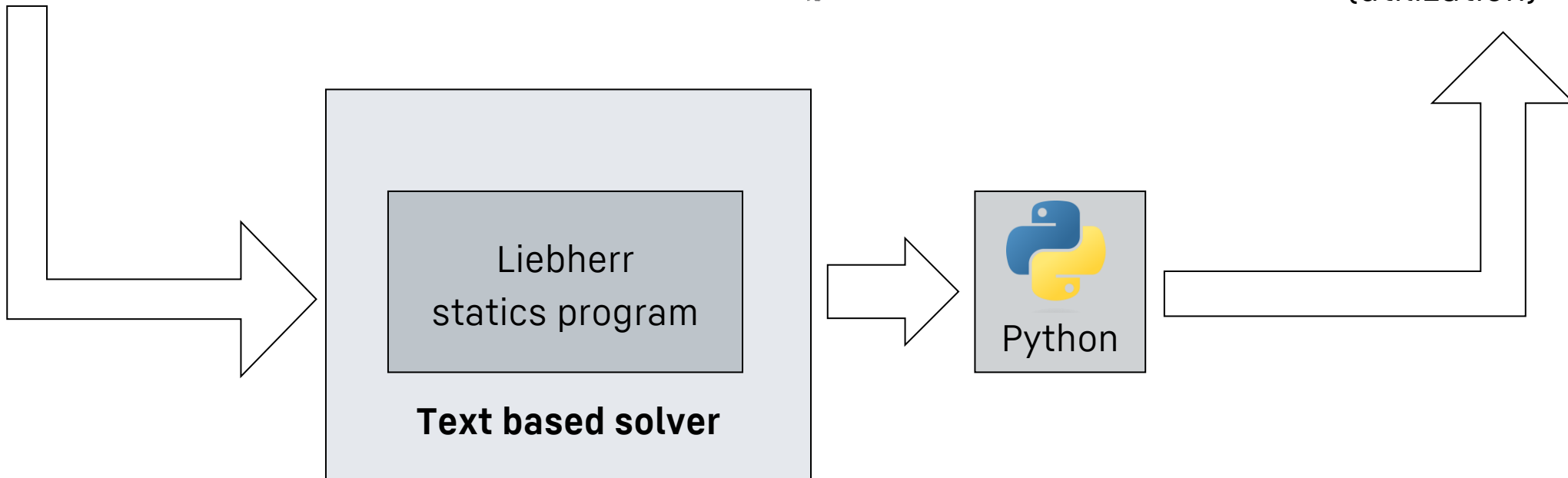
## Parameters

- length, width, height
- diameters
- thicknesses

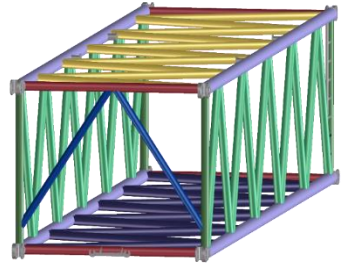


## Responses

- mass
- stiffness
- strength/loadability  
(utilization)

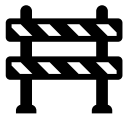


## Optimization for minimum mass



reduce mass:  $m_{zw} \downarrow$

– good-natured behavior  $\rightarrow$  high CoP, MOP-based optimization



strain energy  $W \leq \hat{W}$   
utilization  $a \leq 53 \%$

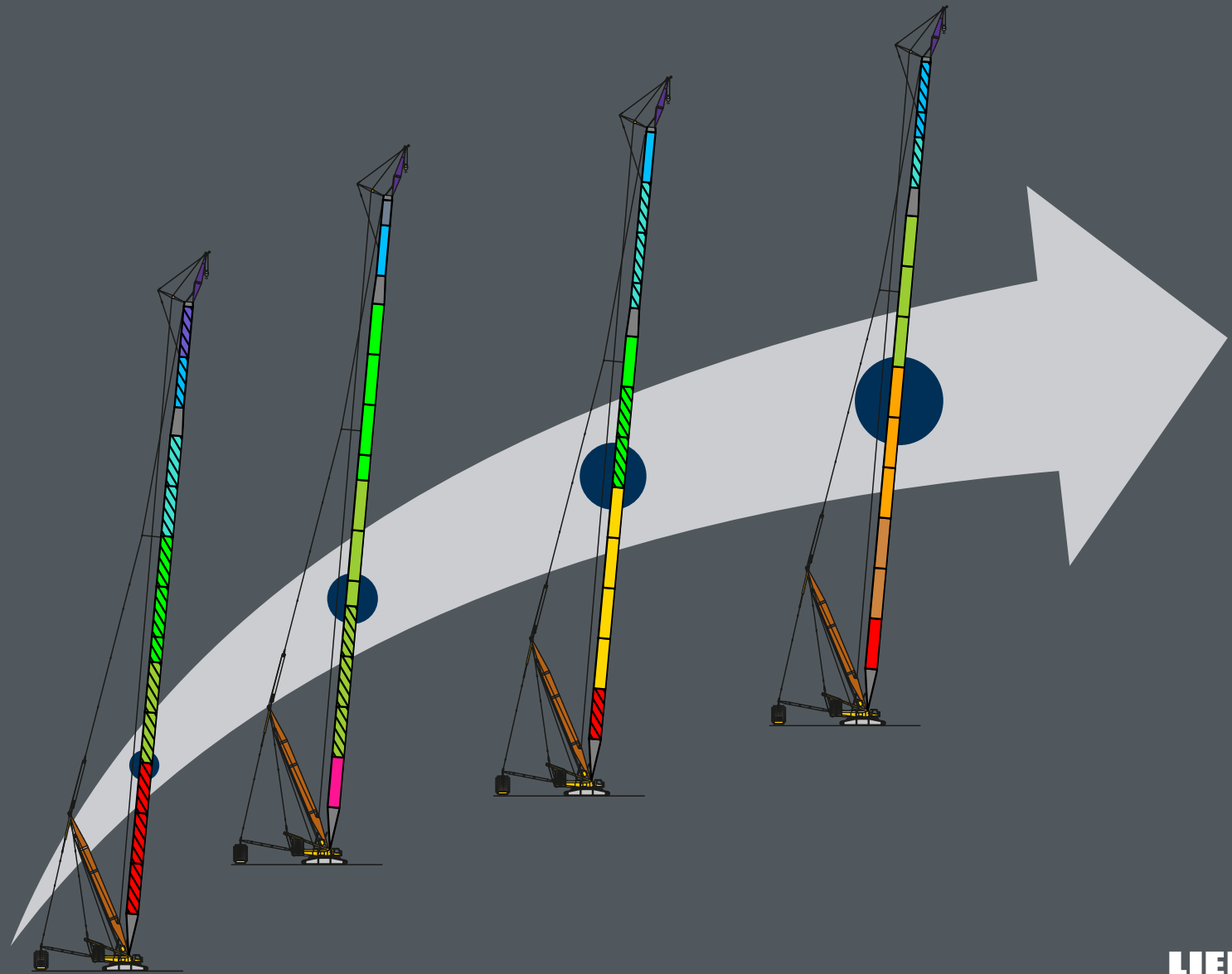
– short computing time  $\rightarrow$  direct optimization

– algorithms: NLPQL and ARSM

– considerable improvement depending on parameter limits of outer dimensions

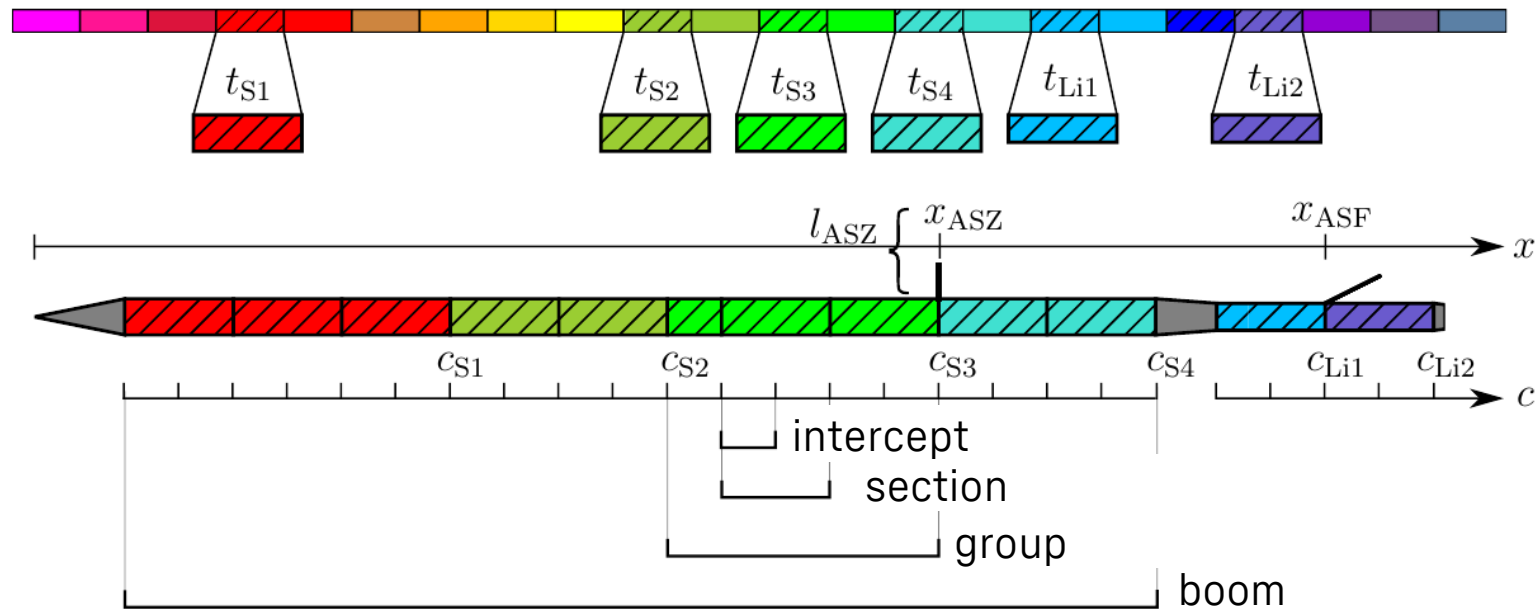


# Optimization of the boom sequence

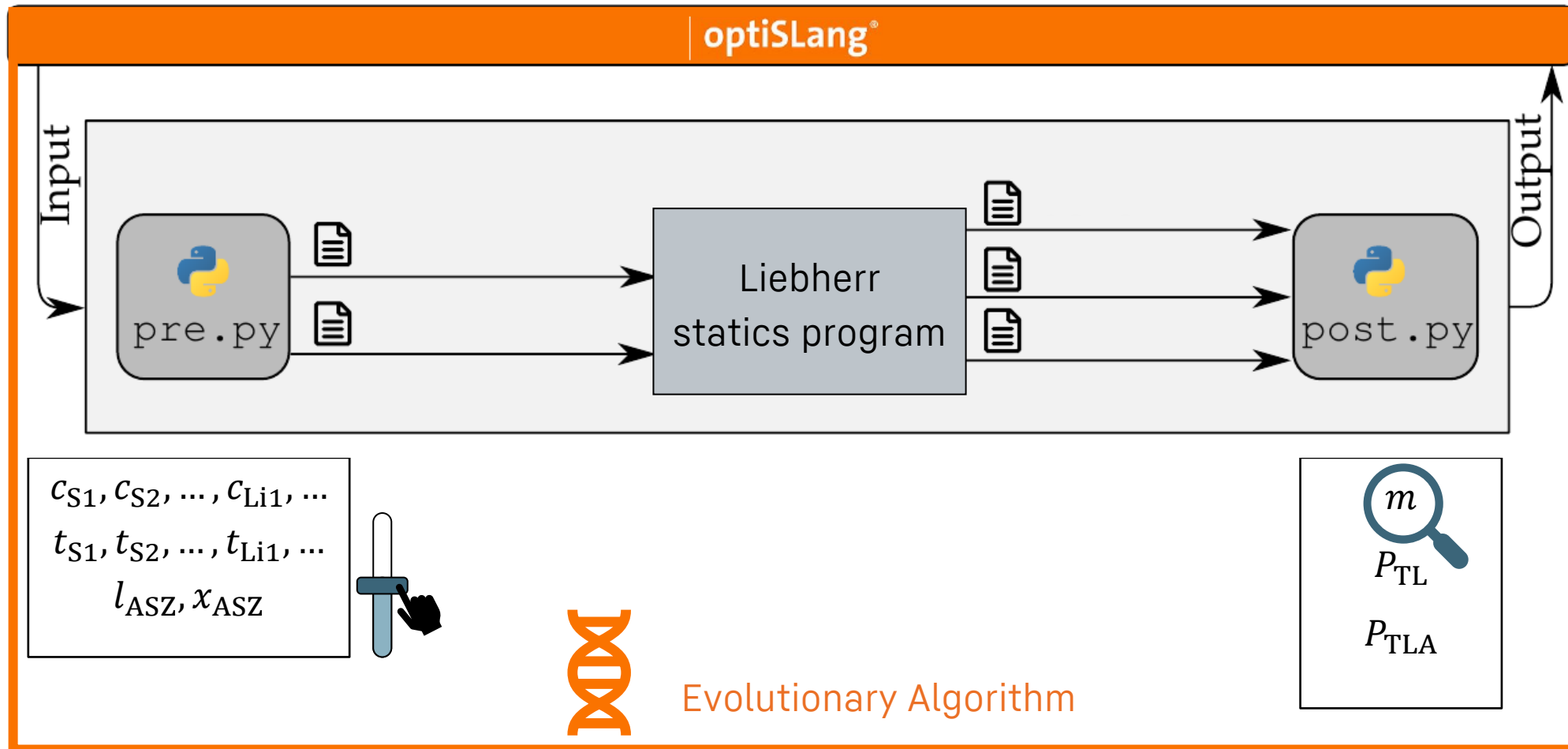


## Parameterizing the main boom sequence

- division into group encoded by index of last intercept:  $c_{S1}, c_{S2}, \dots, c_{Li1}, \dots$
- corresponding wall thicknesses:  $t_{S1}, t_{S2}, \dots, t_{Li1}, \dots$  (descending order)
- supplementary guying:  $l_{ASZ}, x_{ASZ}$



# calculation process

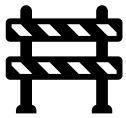


# Pareto optimization



mass  $m \downarrow$

lifting capacity  $P_{TL} \uparrow$



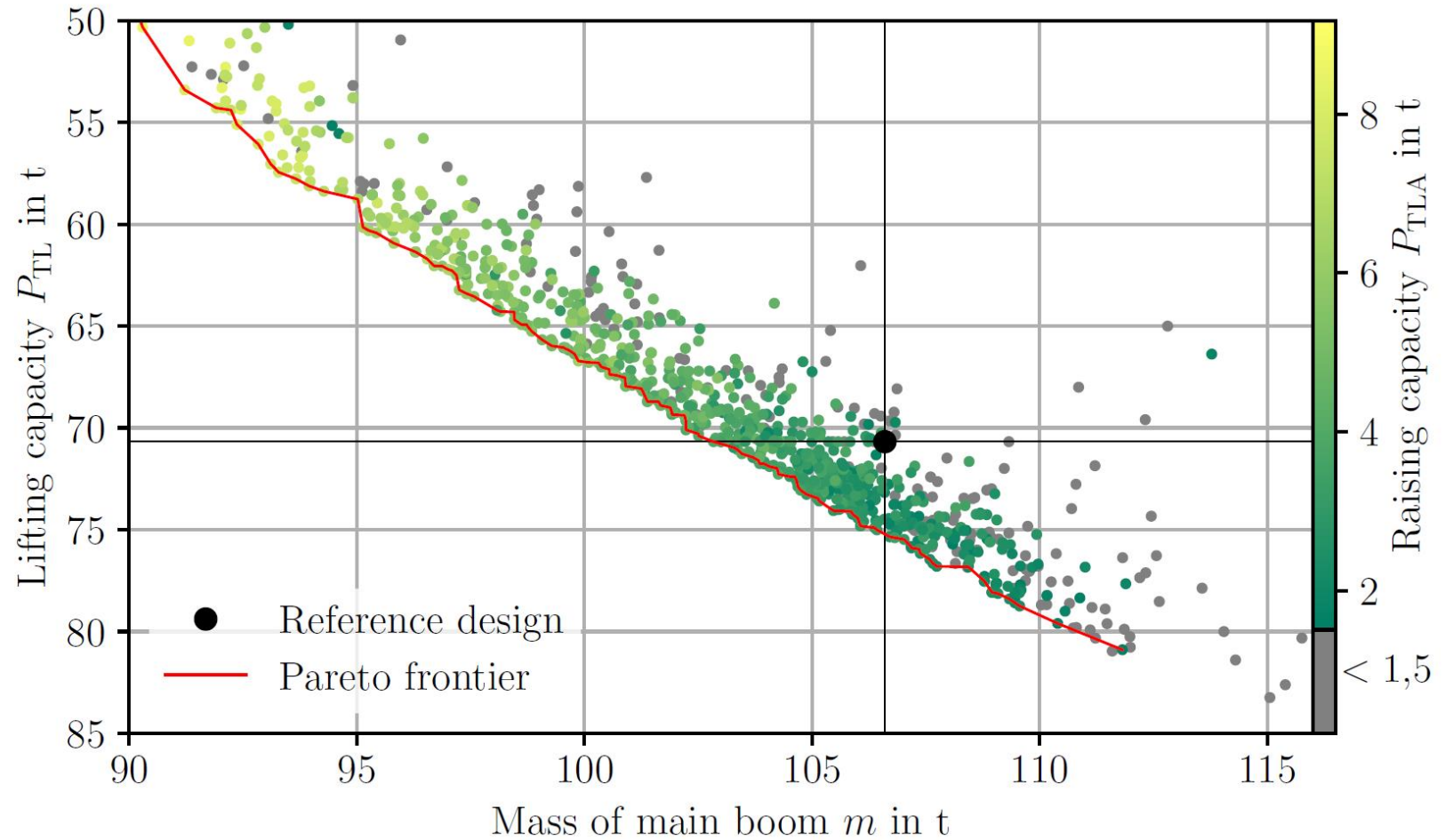
erection capacity

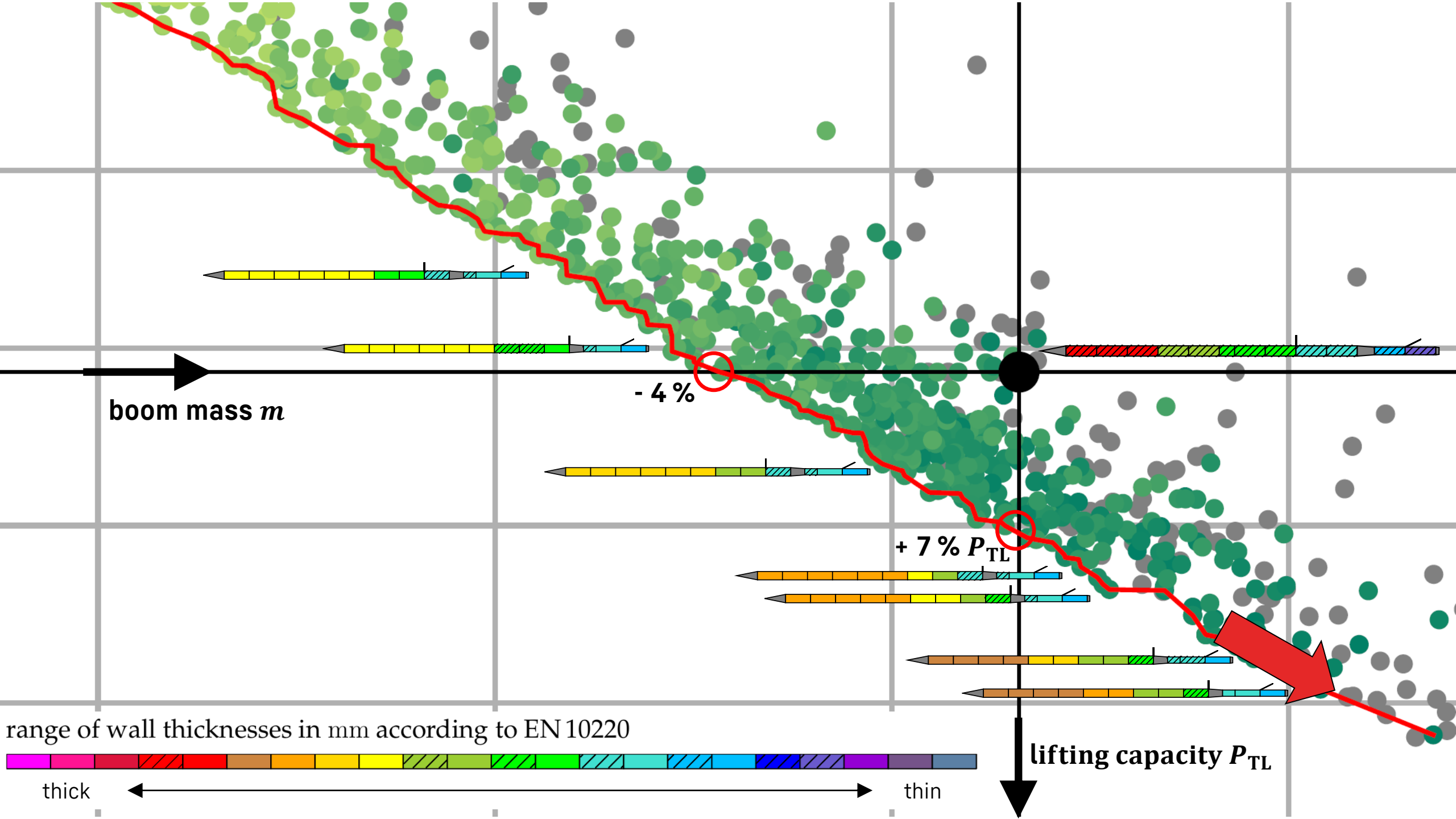
$P_{TLA} \geq 1.5 \text{ t}$



Evolutionary

Algorithm (direct)

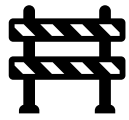




# Single objective optimization



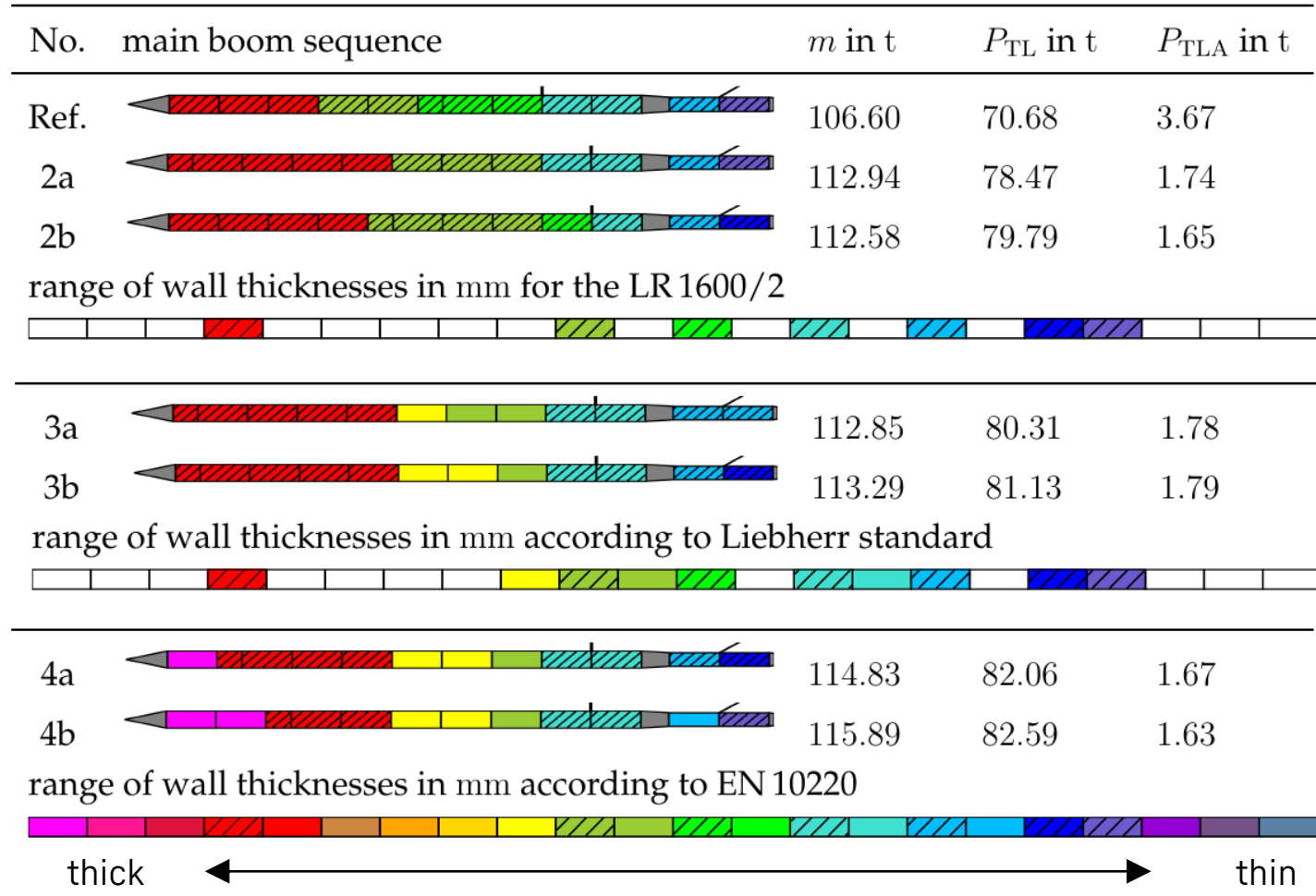
lifting capacity  $P_{TL}$  ↑



Raising capacity  
 $P_{TLA} \geq 1.5$  t



Evolutionary Algorithm  
(direct)



# Conclusion

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# Conclusion

- Optimization of single boom sections is not sufficient for the given optimization problem.
- Optimization of the boom sequence focuses on the most important parameters while retaining the general design of the boom system
- The concept for a sorted parametrization of the boom sequence is effective.
- Considerable improvements in strength and weight can be made by applying optiSLang
- Direct Optimization with evolutionary algorithms is most successful.
- The problem is not suited for the MOP.