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# Power and Energy Systems Engineering Economics

## Applications Examples

### Chapter 4 – Investment Appraisal Methods

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1. Cells with black characters include inputs
2. Cells with red characters include formulas
3. Some examples need for calculations the installation of Add\_Ins developed by the author. See installation instruction in the file introduction.

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Table\_WACC\_excl.\_tax

Item	Equity	Loan
Asset shares	30%	70%
Risk free rate of return / interest	5.0 %/a	5.0 %/a
Risk and venture premium	6.0 %/a	1.0 %/a
Cost of capital in nominal terms	11.0 %/a	6.0 %/a
$WACC_n$ in nominal terms	7.50 %/a	
./. Expected Inflation rate	2.00 %/a	
$WACC_r$ inflation adjusted	5.39 %/a	

Table\_WACC\_incl.\_tax

Item	Equity	Loan
Asset shares	30%	70%
Expected returns after tax		
Risk free rate of return / interest	5.0 %/a	5.0 %/a
Venture risks premium	6.0 %/a	1.0 %/a
Country risk premium (depends on country)	0.0 %/a	0.0 %/a
<b>Cost of capital in nominal terms, after tax</b>	<b>11.0 %/a</b>	<b>6.0 %/a</b>
Corporate tax 25%	3.7 %/a	0.0 %/a
<b>Cost of capital in nominal terms, before tax</b>	<b>14.7 %/a</b>	<b>6.0 %/a</b>
<b>WACC<sub>n</sub> in nominal terms, before tax</b>	<b>8.60 %/a</b>	
./. Expected Inflation rate	2.00 %/a	
<b>WACC<sub>r</sub> inflation adjusted</b>	<b>6.47 %/a</b>	

**Table\_ConversionEscalationRates**

Item	Symbol	Real terms ( $esc_r$ )	Nominal terms ( $n$ )
Inflation rate	$r$	$infl=0.00\%/a$	$infl=2.00\%/a$
OPEX fixed	$j$	$escr= 1.00\%/a$	$Escn= 3.02\%/a$
OPEX variable	$j$	$escr= 1.50\%/a$	$Escn= 3.53\%/a$
Conversion Formula		$esc_n=(1+esc_r)\times(1+inf)-1$	

Item	Symbol	Nominal terms ( $n$ )	Real terms ( $r$ )
Inflation rate	$r$	$2.00\%/a$	$0.00\%/a$
OPEX fixed	$j$	$3.02\%/a$	$escr= 1.00\%/a$
OPEX variable	$j$	$3.53\%/a$	$escr= 1.50\%/a$
Conversion Formula		$escr=(1+escn)/(1+inf)-1$	

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 Ex. 4.1 & 4.2\_LEG\_NPV

Calculation in real terms *)			Year										
Item	Unit	Rates	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CAPEX (Steam PP 700 MW, gross)	mIn €		1,240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Electricity generation, net	GWh /a		4,860	4,860	4,860	4,860	4,860	4,860	4,860	4,860	4,860	4,860	4,860
<b>OPEX</b>													
OPEX, fixed, real terms *)	mIn € / a	1.00% esc /a	27.3	27.6	27.8	28.1	28.4	28.7	29.0	29.3	29.6	29.9	30.2
OPEX, variable, real terms *)	mIn € / a	1.50% esc /a	153.2	155.5	157.8	160.2	162.6	165.0	167.5	170.0	172.6	175.2	177.8
OPEX, fixed discounted **)	mIn € / a	6.47%/a		25.9	24.6	23.3	22.1	21.0	19.9	18.9	17.9	17.0	16.1
OPEX, variable, discounted **)	mIn € / a	6.47%/a		146.0	139.2	132.7	126.5	120.6	115.0	109.6	104.5	99.6	95.0
<b>Present values</b>													
Electricity generation, discounted	GWh	6.47%/a	34,986	$LEC = \frac{CAPEX + \sum_{t=1}^{t=n} \frac{OPEX_t}{q^t}}{\sum_{t=1}^{t=n} \frac{W_{el-t}}{q^t}}$									
CAPEX	mIn €		1,240										
OPEX, fixed, discounted	mIn €		207										
OPEX, variable, discounted	mIn €		1,189										
Total PV	mIn €		2,636										
LEC, in real terms	€/ MWh		75.33										

Note: the spreadsheet is linked to the spreadsheets: WACC\_incl\_tax and Ex. 4.1\_LEC\_NPV\_short  
 \*) inflation adjusted 0.0 %/a  
 \*\*) Discount rate in real terms, from file WACC\_incl\_tax

Calculation in nominal terms *)			Year										
Item	Unit	Rates	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CAPEX (Steam PP 700 MW, gross)	mIn €		1,240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Electricity generation	GWh /a		4,860	4,860	4,860	4,860	4,860	4,860	4,860	4,860	4,860	4,860	4,860
<b>OPEX</b>													
OPEX, fixed, nominal **)	mIn € / a	3.02% esc /a	27.3	28.1	29.0	29.8	30.8	31.7	32.6	33.6	34.6	35.7	36.8
OPEX, variable, nominal **)	mIn € / a	3.53% esc /a	153.2	158.6	164.2	170.0	176.0	182.2	188.6	195.3	202.2	209.3	216.7
OPEX, fixed, discounted	mIn € / a	8.60%/a		25.9	24.6	23.3	22.1	21.0	19.9	18.9	17.9	17.0	16.1
OPEX, variable, discounted	mIn € / a	8.60%/a		146.0	139.2	132.7	126.5	120.6	115.0	109.6	104.5	99.6	95.0
<b>Present values</b>													
Electricity generation, discounted	GWh	8.60%/a	31,747	$LEC = \frac{CAPEX + \sum_{t=1}^{t=n} \frac{OPEX_t}{q^t}}{\sum_{t=1}^{t=n} \frac{W_{el-t}}{q^t}}$									
CAPEX	mIn €		1,240										
OPEX, fixed, discounted	mIn €	8.60%/a	207										
OPEX, variable, discounted	mIn €	0.00%/a	1,189										
Total PV	mIn €		2,636										
LEC, nominal	€/ MWh		83.02										

Note: the spreadsheet is linked to the spreadsheets: WACC\_incl\_tax and Ex. 4.1\_LEC\_NPV\_short  
 \*) including inflation 2.0 %/a  
 \*\*) Discount rate in real terms, from file WACC\_incl\_tax  
 \*\*) The escalation rates on nominal terms are calculated from the real escalation rates and the inflation rate

## Ex. 4.3\_LECs\_NPV\_short

Item		Unit	In real terms	In nominal terms
Electricity generation, net	$W_e$	GWh /a	4,860	4,860
CAPEX (steam PP 700 MW gross)		mIn €	1,240	1,240
<b>Rates</b>				
Inflation rate	$j_{inf}$	% /a	0.00%	2.00%
Discount rate (WACC)	$i_r; i_n$	% /a	6.47%	8.60%
<b>OPEX</b>				
OPEX, first year, fixed		mIn € / a	27.3	27.3
Escalation rate **)	$j_r; j_n$	% /a	1.00%	3.02%
OPEX, first year, variable		mIn € / a	153.2	153.2
Escalation rate *)	$j_r; j_n$	% /a	1.50%	3.53%
<b>Present values</b>				
Electricity generation *)	$PV(W_e)$	GWh	34,986	31,747
CAPEX (steam PP 700 MW gross)		mIn €	1,240	1,240
OPEX, fixed, discounted ***)	$10a$	mIn €	207	207
OPEX, variable, discounted ***)	$10a$	mIn €	1,189	1,189
<b>Net present cost NPC, total</b>		<b>mIn €</b>	<b>2,636</b>	<b>2,636</b>
<b>LEC (= NPC / PV (W<sub>e</sub>))</b>		<b>€ / MWh</b>	<b>75.33</b>	<b>83.02</b>

**Note:** the spreadsheet is linked to the spreadsheet WACC\_incl.\_tax

\*) Calculated with Excel function PV

\*\*)  $j_n = (1+j_r) \times (1+j_{inf}) - 1$  in percent format

\*\*\*) Calculated with Add-In: BWSec

## Ex. 4.4\_LECs\_CBT\_deflated LEC

Item		Unit	In real terms	In nominal terms
<b>Power plant</b>				
Electrical output, gross	$P_{gross}$	MW	700	700
Electrical output, net	$P_{net}$	MW	648	648
Full load hours	$t$	h / a	7,500	7,500
Electricity generation, net	$W_e$	GWh / a	4,860	4,860
Life time		a	10	10
CAPEX		mIn €	1,240	1,240
<b>Rates</b>				
Inflation rate	$j_{inf}$	% / a	0.00%	2.00%
Discount rate (WACC)	$i_r; i_n$	% / a	6.47%	8.60%
<b>OPEX</b>				
OPEX, first year, fixed		mIn € / a	27.3	27.3
Escalation rate **)	$j_r; j_n$	% / a	1.00%	3.02%
OPEX, first year, variable		mIn € / a	153.2	153.2
Escalation rate *)	$j_r; j_n$	% / a	1.50%	3.53%
<b>Present values</b>				
Power ***)	$PV(P_{net})$	MW	4,904	4,904
Electricity production ***)	$PV(W_e)$	GWh	34,986	34,986
CAPEX		mIn €	1,240	1,240
OPEX, fixed, discounted ***)		mIn €	207	207
OPEX, variable, discounted ***)		mIn €	1,189	1,189
<b>Tariff, for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the period</b>				
Capacity tariff		€ / kWa	295.0	295.0
Volume tariff		€ / MWh	33.98	33.98
Composite tariff		€ / MWh	73.31	73.31

**Note:** the spreadsheet is linked to the spreadsheet WACC\_incl.\_tax

\*) Calculated with Excel function PV

\*\*)  $j_n = (1 + j_r) \times (1 + j_{inf}) - 1$  in percent format

\*\*\*) calculated with Add-In: BWSec



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Ex. 4.5 to 4.7 IRR

Goal seek, required revenues to obtain	IRROE=11.0 %/a	after tax	=294,886
		Input expenses	-50,000

IRR on investment

Year		0	1	2	3	4	5
CAPEX		-1,000,000					
Payment series							
Revenues	esc 2.5 %/a		294,886	302,258	309,815	317,560	325,499
Expenses	esc 3.5 %/a		-50,000	-51,750	-53,561	-55,436	-57,376
<b>Total in- &amp; outflows *)</b>	<b>IRROI=8.7 %/a</b>	<b>-1,000,000</b>	<b>244,886</b>	<b>250,508</b>	<b>256,253</b>	<b>262,124</b>	<b>268,123</b>

\*) Excel function: *IRR* (mark series of values, guess 10%)

IRR on equity before tax (Corporate tax is not a payments series !)

Year		0	1	2	3	4	5
CAPEX		-1,000,000					
Loan	70%	700,000					
Outstanding principal (for calculation of interest)			560,000	420,000	280,000	140,000	0
Payment series							
Revenues	esc 2.5 %/a		294,886	302,258	309,815	317,560	325,499
Expenses	esc 3.5 %/a		-50,000	-51,750	-53,561	-55,436	-57,376
Interest on loan	6.0 %/a		-42,000	-33,600	-25,200	-16,800	-8,400
Loan repayment	5 a		-140,000	-140,000	-140,000	-140,000	-140,000
<b>Total in- &amp; outflows *)</b>	<b>IRROE=14.0 %/a</b>	<b>-300,000</b>	<b>62,886</b>	<b>76,908</b>	<b>91,053</b>	<b>105,324</b>	<b>119,723</b>

\*) Excel function: *IRR* (markseries of values, guess 10%)

IRR on equity after tax (Corporate tax is a payment series !)

Year		0	1	2	3	4	5
CAPEX		-1,000,000					
Depreciation (for calculation of corporate tax only)			-200,000	-200,000	-200,000	-200,000	-200,000
Loan	70%	700,000					
Outstanding principal (for calculation of interest only)			560,000	420,000	280,000	140,000	0
Payment series							
Revenues	esc 2.5 %/a		294,886	302,258	309,815	317,560	325,499
Expenses	esc 3.5 %/a		-50,000	-51,750	-53,561	-55,436	-57,376
Interest on loan	6.0 %/a		-42,000	-33,600	-25,200	-16,800	-8,400
Corporate tax	25.0 %		-722	-4,227	-7,763	-11,331	-14,931
Loan repayment	5 a		-140,000	-140,000	-140,000	-140,000	-140,000
<b>Total in- &amp; outflows *)</b>	<b>IRROE=11.0 %/a</b>	<b>-300,000</b>	<b>62,165</b>	<b>72,681</b>	<b>83,290</b>	<b>93,993</b>	<b>104,792</b>

\*) Excel function: *IRR* (mark series of values, guess 10%)

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Ex. 4.8\_Anuity vs livetime

Options 1: Single Investment in 1<sup>st</sup> year only, life time 4 years

discount rate  $i = 6.0\%$

Item	Unit	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
$\Sigma P_i$	CU	100.00	100.00	0	0	0								
$\Sigma PV_0$	CU	100.00												
Annuity	CU / a	27.23	Excel Function $PMT(\text{Interest rate}; \text{life time}; PV \text{ CAPEX}; 0; 1)$											

Option 1 as above: Investments 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> year, total life time 12 years

discount rate  $i = 6.0\%$

$\Sigma P_i$	CU	300.00	100.00	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	100	0	0	0
$\Sigma PV_0$	CU	241.95	100.00				79.21				62.74			
Annuity	CU / a	27.23	Excel Function $PMT(\text{Interest rate}; \text{life time}; PV \text{ CAPEX}; 0; 1)$											

Option 2: Single Investment, life time 12 years

discount rate  $i = 6.0\%$

$\Sigma P_i$	CU	241.95	241.95											
$\Sigma PV_0$	CU	241.95	241.95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Annuity	CU / a	27.23	Excel Function $PMT(\text{Interest rate}; \text{life time}; PV \text{ CAPEX}; 0; 1)$											

Note: All investments at the beginning of the respective year

$\Sigma P_i$ : Values at current cost level (CU year 0), (1st, 5th, 9th year)

$\Sigma PV_0$ : Present values of investments  $P_i$  referred to the time "0"  $PVo = PV_i / (1+i)^{(t-1)}$

## Ex 4.9\_Annu

Item	Unit	in real terms	in nominal terms
<b>Techno / economic constraints</b>			
Rated power output, net (700 MW gross)	MW	648	648
Electricity generation, net 7500 h/a	GWh / a	4,860	4,860
Life time	a	10	10
Discount rate	% / a	6.47%	8.60%
Inflation	% / a	0.00%	2.00%
Escalation rate OPEX, fixed	% / a	1.00%	3.02%
Escalation rate OPEX, variable	% / a	1.50%	3.53%
<b>CAPEX</b>	<b>mIn €</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>1,240</b>
<b>OPEX at operation start (beginning of 1st year)</b>			
OPEX, fixed (personnel, maintenance, etc)	mIn € / a	27.3	27.3
OPEX, variable (fuel, consumables)	mIn € / a	153.2	153.2
<b>Annual costs</b>			
Annualized CAPEX	mIn € / a	172.3	189.8
OPEX, fixed *) (Add-In ANesc)	mIn € / a	28.7	31.6
OPEX, variable (incl. fuel) *) (Add-In ANesc)	mIn € / a	165.2	182.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>mIn € / a</b>	<b>366.1</b>	<b>403.5</b>
<b>Specific costs</b>			
capacity cost (fixed costs)	€ / (kW a)	310.11	341.75
Energy cost	€ / MWh	33.98	37.45
<b>Composite cost LEC</b>	<b>€ / MWh</b>	<b>75.33</b>	<b>83.02</b>

\*) levelized including escalation

Ex. 4.10\_Payback

Item	Unit	Standard motor	High efficiency motor
<b>Technical parameters</b>			
Rated capacity	kW	1,500	1,500
Full load operating hours	h/a	7,000	7,000
Efficiency	-	92.1%	95.3%
Electricity consumption	MWh /a	11,404	11,018
CAPEX	US\$	750,000	835,000
Electricity price	US\$ / MWh	55.00	55.00
Discount rate <i>r</i>	-	15.0%	
<b>Annual costs</b>	US\$ / a	627,229	605,981
Incremental CAPEX: $-\Delta I_0$	US\$	85,000	
Cost saving: $\Delta E_t$	US\$ / a	21,248	
Simple Payback	a	4.00	
Discounted payback $t_{pb}$ *)	a	6.6	
$-\Delta I_0 + \sum_{t=1}^{t=t_{pb}} \frac{\Delta E_t}{q^{t_{pb}}} = 0$			

\*) Discounted payback calculated with the "PV and goal seek function of MS Excel

**Note:** Apply formula as follows:  $-\Delta I_0 - PV(\text{discount rate } (r), nper(t_{pb}), \Delta E_t, 0, 0)$   
then goal seek "set cell to value 0 by changing  $t_{pb}$ "

## Ex. 4.11 ROI

Item	Unit	Standard motor	High efficiency motor
<b>Technical parameters</b>			
Rated capacity	kW	1,500	1,500
Full load operating hours	h/a	7,000	7,000
Efficiency	-	92.1%	95.3%
Electricity consumption	MWh /a	11,404	11,018
<b>CAPEX</b>	US\$	750,000	835,000
<b>Electricity price</b>	US\$ / MWh	55.00	55.00
<b>Annual costs</b>	US\$ / a	627,229	605,981
Incremental CAPEX: $-\Delta I_o$	US\$	85,000	
Cost saving: $\Delta E_t$	US\$ / a	21,248	
<b>ROI</b>	-	25%	