### SOLAR PAYBACK - TRAIN-THE-TRAINER SOLAR HEAT FOR INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES

Economic Assessment of SHIP



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### Cash Flow Model Inflows / Outflows

Regular approach for long-lasting, high productive real assets





### Cash Flow Model for SHIP Inflow

Inflow = Revenue from saved energy

- Annual energy yield
  - Forecast derived from simulations
  - Forecast vs. Realized revenues
  - Financial risk
  - Demands risk premium reflected in cost of capital (CoC)

- Conventional energy cost
  - Very volatile
  - Affected by energy price inflation



### Cash Flow Model for SHIP Outflow

- Investment
- Operational Expenditures
- Capital costs





### Cash Flow Model for SHIP Outflow - Investment Costs

- planning, material, components, installation
- Broad variation
  - Heat Transfer Medium
  - Process temperature
  - Collector technology
  - System's complexity
  - Effort of connection & integration

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- Demand profile
- System's size



Up to 50 m<sup>2</sup> > 50-100 m<sup>2</sup> > 100-500 m<sup>2</sup> > 500-1000 m<sup>2</sup>



### **Cash Flow Model for SHIP Outflow - Operating Costs**

- Comperatively low
  - Auxiliary for pumps & control is minimal
  - Technical & commercial management is not required
  - Regular maintanance & monitoring! -> 0.5 to 1% of the investment costs per year



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### Cash Flow Model for SHIP Outflow - Capital Costs

- interest rates payable to (debt) lenders
- required equity returns expected by (equity) investors
- Country specific risk
  - Political stability
  - Protection of investor's property
  - Public debt rate
  - Credit rating



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### Cash Flow Model for SHIP Risk evaluation

- Sources of risk
  - Supply side (revenue)
    - Energy yield
    - Pricing of conventional energy
  - Demand side
    - mis-specification of own future demand profile
- Risk of the investment's cash outflows
  - Investment fixed in supplier/manufacturer contracts
  - Opex minor impact
  - CoC negotiated in financing & construction phase

- Corporate risk
  - already available to the investor's lenders
- Project risk
  - Installation, commissioning, operation
  - Technology risk



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### Financial parameters for SHIP Input and Output parameters



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[5] P Financial parameters for SHIP Assessment parameters - KPIs

- Payback time (statical, dynamical)
- Net present value (NPV)
- Internal rate of return (IRR)
- Levelized cost of heat (LCoH)



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### **Cash Flow Model Inflows / Outflows**

Inflows and Outflows will be discounted to the year of investment



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### Relevant KPIs Net present value NPV

Future capital flows will be discounted to the year of investment

$$NPV = I_0 + \sum_{t=1}^{n} \frac{C_t}{(1+i)^t}$$

where:

 $I_0$  = the initial capital investment in Period t=0 (<(

 $C_t$  = net cash flow in each subsequent period

*i* = discount rate

n = number of analysis periods





### **Assessment parameters - KPIs** Payback time

- Time required to recover the cost of investment
- The lower the payback time the better the investment
- Relates investment cost to annual cash flows
- Easy to understand  $\succ$

Simple Payback vs. Discounted Payback





### Assessment parameters - KPIs Levelized Cost of Heat (LCoH)



#### Good for comparison of different energy sources

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Assessment parameters - KPIs Internal Rate of Return (IRR)

IRR is interest rate for which NPV equals zero!

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### Assessment parameters - KPIs Internal Rate of Return (IRR)

- Project IRR
  - Inflow:
    - full amounts of money needed in project
  - Outflow:
    - cash generated by project
  - Assumption:
    - No debt was used for the project

- Equity IRR
  - Inflow:
    - = required cash flows debt
  - Outflow:
    - Cash flows from project interest & debt repayment
  - "leveraged" version of IRR

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### **Business Model for SHIP Characterization**

- fundamentally different temporal cost distribution compared to conventional heat generation technologies:
  - High costs at beginning
  - Low operational costs
  - Risk assessment has high impact on investment decision

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### Business Model for SHIP Key actors

Industrial company

Financing party

- System provider
- Energy supplier

To be convinced by business model!

- 2 forms of Ownership
- Industrial company
  - Self-financing or third-party financier
  - Complete risk
  - Entire decision-making power
  - Solar thermal not core business -> Reluctance
- ESCO
  - Takes care of planning, financing and installation
  - Project and performance risk
  - Financing risk depending on contract model

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### Business Model for SHIP Driving forces

The implementation of a SHIP system usually is driven by the following:

- Elimination of fuel costs
- Reduction of risks associated with increasingly volatile and rising fuel prices
- Reducing carbon emissions
- Out-sourcing of non-core business

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### **Business Model for SHIP Three business models**

Differentiation of three business models according to the three main different services necessary to replace the costs of conventional heat by sustainable and renewable heat.

Construction	<ul> <li>EPC - Sales Model</li> <li>Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) for the technical implementation,</li> </ul>	
Financing	<ul> <li>EPC – Rental Model</li> <li>For the financing of the initial investment costs of the renewable heat plant,</li> </ul>	
Operation	<ul> <li>ESCO – Model</li> <li>Energy Servicing Company (ESCO) to operate the renewable heat plant during its life time.</li> </ul>	[1]

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### Business Model for SHIP Three business models

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### Business Model for SHIP EPC – Sales model

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### Construction

- An engineering, procurement and construction (EPC)-contractor
  - purchases all necessary parts and services for commissioning of the plant and then transfers the plant to the client/off-taker.
  - takes all risks related to the construction phase and therefore requires a considerable margin on top of the pure margin-free investment costs.
- During construction or latest at commissioning the client pays the purchase price of the plant according to contractually agreed milestones. The financing of the purchase price rests with the client or heat consuming/offtaking company

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### **Business Model for SHIP EPC – Sales model**

### Construction

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### **Business Model for SHIP EPC – Rental model**

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### Financing

- An engineering, procurement and construction (EPC)-contractor
  - Not only builds the plant but also raises the necessary funds to finance it most likely on his own balance sheet
- Instead of receiving a purchase price for the plant from the off-taker at commissioning, the EPC will own the plant and charge the off-taker a continuous rental payment for using the plant.
  - This rental payment covers of course at least the EPC's (re-)financing costs as well as risk premia, and additional upfront and running margins.

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### Business Model for SHIP EPC – Rental model

### Financing

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### Business Model for SHIP ESCO

### The energy servicing company (ESCO) provides the service to operate the renewable plant that generates the heat delivered to the off-taker.

- The ESCO may be able to offer long-term price stability and thereby stabilize the potential future value added of the off-taker as his costs of heat become more stable and plannable.
- The major cost component of the renewable heat is initial investment cost (CapEx) annualized into interest- and re-payment that are mostly fixed.
- The ESCO will charge his original cost of operation (i.e. the plant's OpEx) plus a profit margin and risk premia to cover all risks related to the operation of the plant.

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Operation

### **Business Model for SHIP Energy Service Company ESCO**

### Operation

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### **Current state in Brazil**

- High taxes on imported products
- SHIP raplaces:
  - Gas absence of networks
  - Biomass (bagasse) constraints in use of fresh wood
  - LPG price fluctuations
- GHG emissions
  - Government is in the process of introducing market instruments to reduce GHG emissions

- Certifications
  - certification of equipment manufacturers introduced
  - High costs -> threat to small manufacturers
  - absolutely necessary for the development of the market, as generally accepted standards give banks and investors security
- ESCOs
  - ESCO association ABESCO since 1997
  - 35% of ESCO's target groups in industry
  - Not familiar with SHIP

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### Current state in Brazil Support Policies

- The energy efficiency promotion is mainly dedicated to the electricity sector (not solar thermal)
  - Around the world, national programmes on energy efficiency often include solar thermal technology
- Selection of programmes and financing institutions to promote efficiency:
  - PROCEL, CT-ENERG, PEE, FNMC, BNDES
  - Focus on electricity saving measures and therefore not suitable for SHIP
- Need for dedicated funding and credit lines for SHIP investments

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### **Current state in Brazil**

**Key actions** 

# Three key actions are needed to implement the Industrial Solar Heat Strategy

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Profitability even without support

### **Solar Payback Online Calculator**

#### **Online Calculator**

The Solar Payback Online Calculator provides a simplified way for 5 cities in different regions in each country to assess the economics of heat production with conventional fuels in comparison to solar thermal based heating alternative. You can either use default technical / economic values or insert your own values for most of the calculations. For further explanations, please go to the TOOL MANUAL.

Please note: The Calculator might not be supported by all (versions of) browsers. In this case, please fall back on Google Chrome.

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#### Solar Payback Online Calculator

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https://www.solar-payback.com/calculator

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#### Annual Heat Demand

#### **Greater competitiveness in three key industrial sectors**

Potential SHIP users can be found in the dynamically growing pulp and paper, food and beverage, and chemical industries.

INDUSTRIES	NO. OF BUSINESSES IN THE 10 MOST POWERFUL STATES ECONOMICALLY	HEAT DEMAND MET BY FOSSIL FUELS Low-temp (< 150 °C)	INCREASE IN HEAT DEMAND BETWEEN 1996 AND 2016	1
PULP & PAPER	4,960	716 ktoe	146%	per company:
FOOD & BEVERAGE	45,865	751 ktoe	13%	Ø 1700 MWh/a
CHEMICALS	8,727	596 ktoe	24%	

Source: EPE 2017 / CNI 2015 / IBGE 2015

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**Energy Price: Fuel/Oil** LPG ers. Gas **FUEL** FUEL OIL PRICES INCL. TAX **AVERAGE** (2,000 m<sup>3</sup> of natrual gas a day) 165 to 275 220 BRL/MWh A 218 to 258 238 BRL/MWh 546 BRL/MWh 495 to 597 A [1] [1] MEE 2018 / Sindigás 2018 Solar **Fraunhofer** renac

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- Task 1a
  - FPC at 50°C

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- Project is feasible (project IRR > CoC) with a good project IRR of 48,9% (TES=50l/m<sup>2</sup>)
- The solar LCOH comes to 490 BRZ/MWh vs. Current LCOH of 1726 BRZ/MWh

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#### Task 1a

■ FPC at 50°C

Storage size	Solar yield [MWh/vear]	Invest cost [BRL]	NPV project margin [BRL]	Proiect IRR [%]	Simple Payback [vears]	Discounted Pavback [vears]	Solar LCOH [BRL/MWh]	Current LCOH [BRL/MWh]	CoC [%]
25	496,7	1102383	3922791	48,6	1,4	2,1	492	1726	14,6
50	573,3	1263967	4537020	48,9	1,4	2,00	490	1726	14,6
75	620	1425550	4846822	47,2	1,5	2,20	505	1726	14,6
100	463,3	1587133	3092047	34,4	2,6	3,90	683	1726	14,6

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- Task 1a Daytime vs. Nighttime
  - FPC at 50°C

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IRR - daily Profile

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The solar LCOH comes to 426 BRZ/MWh vs. Current LCOH of 1726

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Task 1b

- PTC at 150°C -Solar LCOH Project IRR [%] [BRL/MWh] Current LCOH [BRL/MWh]
- Project becomes feasible with a big storage (TES=100l/m<sup>2</sup>) at a project IRR of 19,5%
- The solar LCOH comes to 1266 BRZ/MWh vs. Current LCOH of 1726

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#### Task 1b

PTC at 150°C

Storage size [l/m²]	Solar yield [MWh/year]	Invest cost [BRL]	NPV project margin [BRL]	Project IRR [%]	Simple Payback [years]	Discounted Payback [years]	Solar LCOH [BRL/MWh]	Current LCOH [BRL/MWh]	CoC [%]
25	178,4	1846068	-83531	14	7,6	19	1800	1726	14,6
50	243,2	1962408	461435	17,4	6,2	13,2	1430	1726	14,6
75	281,6	2078748	734365	18,3	5,7	11,6	1319	1726	14,6
100	311,2	2195088	917184	19,5	5,5	10,8	1266	1726	14,6

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Task 1b 

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- Project is feasible with a project IRR of up to 20,4% (TES=100l/m<sup>2</sup>)
- The solar LCOH comes to 1205 BRZ/MWh vs. Current LCOH of 1726

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#### Task 1b

■ LFR at 150°C

Storage size [l/m²]	Solar yield [MWh/year]	Invest cost [BRL]	NPV project margin [BRL]	Project IRR [%]	Simple Payback [years]	Discounted Payback [years]	Solar LCOH [BRL/MWh]	Current LCOH [BRL/MWh]	CoC [%]	
25	296,3	2584181	361529	16,3	6,6	14,7	1536	1726		14,6
50	381,3		1044268	19	5,6	11,3	1298	1726		14,6
75	433.7	2947744	1393923	20.1	5.3	10.3	1224	1726		14,6
100	468,8	3129525	1564378	20,4	5,2	10,1	1205	1726		14,6

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- Task 2a
  - PTC at 150°C
  - Storage size =100 l/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Fuel price = 230 BRZ/MWh
  - Investment Costs = 2,405,970 BRZ
  - The project does not reach feasibility. The project IRR comes to 9,9%

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- Task 2b
  - PTC at 150°C
  - Storage size =100 l/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Fuel price = 230 BRZ/Mwh
  - Investment Costs = 1,809,000 BRZ (33% import tax off)

The project does still not reach feasibility. The project IRR comes to 13,1%

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- Task 2c
  - PTC at 150°C
  - Storage size =100 l/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Fuel price = 230 BRZ/Mwh
  - Investment Costs = 1,809,000 BRZ (33% import tax off)
  - Debt rate = 4%
  - ➡ CoC = 6,5%, the project IRR reaches 12,5%
  - Current LCOH = 908 BRZ/MWh ↔ Solar LCOH = 592 BRZ/MWh

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Task 2 

LPG price [BRZ/MWh]	debt rate [%]	Storage size [l/m²]	Solar yield [MWh/year]	Invest cost [BRL]	NPV project margin [BRL]	Project IRR [%]	Simple Payback [years]	Discounted Payback [years]	Solar LCOH [BRL/MWh]	Current LCOH [BRL/MWh]	СоС [%]
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230	13,22	2 100	) 389	1809000	-206764	13,1	8,1	19	805	722	. 14,6
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CoC and Current LCOH are affected by debt rate

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### Standardized description of business models with the St. Gallen Business Model Navigator (BMN)

Standardized description of three business models from a metaperspective using four dimensions: the Who, the What, the Value and the Why

- Who are the business's target customers?
- What kind of value proposition does the business offer its customers?
- How does the business model create value for its customers?
- Why does the business model generate profit?

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#### **Turnkey supplier - EPC Sales model**

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### **Turnkey supplier - Rental model**

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#### **ESCO** model

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#### **Cash Flow Model**

Example of NPV calculation of two almost similar projects

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