

# BTC\_Mining\_Simulation

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```
[19]: import pandas as pd
import sim
#AI was utilized to develop the simulation and plots
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[ ]: #To run the full repo please clone the link here:
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[BTC Mining Project GitHub Repository](#)

## Assumptions:

- Risk-free rate:  $r_f = 0.04$
- Bitcoin mining rate per rig: Mine rate = 0.00008 BTC/day
- Power consumption per rig: 3,250 W/day
- Number of Antminers: 1,000
- Market utilized: Day Ahead
- M\_Paths = 500

Node: NSPNEWLOAD

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[20]: nsp= sim.run_sim(seed=None, intraday=False, analysis = False,
↳plot_vol_surface=False, Node='NSP')
```

LSMC optimal NPV : \$891,565

Intraday Analysis

## Assumptions:

- Intraday Period = 15M

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[21]: intra = sim.run_sim(seed=None, intraday=True, analysis = True,
↳plot_vol_surface=True, Node='NSP')
```

LSMC optimal NPV : \$558,800

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[22]: #Print Summary

print(f"Always operating ${intra['Operate all ($)'].values[0]}")
print(f"Least Squares Monte Carlo Payout ${intra['Net payout ($)'].values[0]} ")
print(f"Curtail Value ${intra['Curtail value ($)'].values[0]}")
```

Always operating \$521962  
Least Squares Monte Carlo Payout \$558800  
Curtail Value \$36838

This 3D surface plot illustrates how the net payout from a BTC mining operation varies with changes in BTC price volatility and electricity price volatility. Generally, we observe that higher BTC volatility tends to increase the expected payout. This is unexpected as we would think greater volatility in BTC would decrease the net payouts or when it is optimal to exercise. In contrast, increased electricity volatility introduces more uncertainty in operating costs, often leading to lower or more erratic payouts due to the risk of unexpected price spikes. However the surface shows several sharp peaks, indicating that certain combinations of volatilities can lead to significantly higher payouts, though these can be driven by random shocks in the model. Although the randomization and shocks may oppose the explanation

New Node: ODEL

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[23]: odel = sim.run_sim(seed=None, intraday=False, analysis = False,
    ↪plot_vol_surface=False, Node='ODEL')
```

LSMC optimal NPV : \$763,999

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[24]: #Average Annual Profit
profit = odel['npv_lsm']

#Volatility in profit
vol = odel['npv_lst_std']

#Sharpe
sharpe = profit / vol

print(f"Average Profit: ${profit:.2f}")
print(f"Volatility: {vol:.0f}")
print(f"Sharpe Ratio: {sharpe:.2f}")
```

Average Profit: \$763998.97  
Volatility: 579707  
Sharpe Ratio: 1.32

## 1 Final Project: Evaluating a Crypto Mining Data Center

### 1.1 Part 1. The first facility

Across >500 simulations, what is the expected average annual excess profit?

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[25]: profit = nsp['npv_lsm']
print(f"${nsp['npv_lsm']:.2f}")
```

\$891564.68

Across the simulations what is the volatility in annual profitability?

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[26]: vol = nsp['npv_lst_std']
      print(f"{nsp['npv_lst_std']:.2f}")
```

925109.65

**What is the ratio of this average excess profitability to volatility?**

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[27]: print(profit / vol)
```

0.9637394633770381

**Antminer's S19 pros are selling for ~500USD. If your uncle offered to sell you the facility for 500K, would you buy it? Based on the return given the respective volatility of BTC versus electricity, what is the breakeven expected value of the facility?**

Assuming a risk-free rate of 4% and expected average annual profits of 908,810.69, the choice is trivial: we would buy the facility for 500,000.

However, if we factor in volatility, we observe that the profits are widely dispersed across simulations. As a result, there's a meaningful chance of incurring a steep loss even if the average return is high. Assuming a normal distribution of returns across 500 simulations, the present value (discounted at 4%) of the annual profit falls below \$500,000 in approximately 160 simulations.

Considering this tail risk, we would still proceed with the purchase, although the decision now depends on one's level of risk aversion.

**What is the simulated average annual excess profit expectation?**

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[28]: profit_odel = odel['npv_lsm']
      print(f"Average Profit: ${profit_odel:.2f}")
```

Average Profit: \$763998.97

**What is the simulated excess profit-to-volatility ratio?**

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[29]: #Volatility in profit
      vol_odel = odel['npv_lst_std']

      #Sharpe
      sharpe = profit_odel / vol_odel

      print(sharpe)
```

1.317906071383213

**How does this investment compare to doubling the size of the installation at your uncle's original location (assuming the same capital expenditure in each case)? What can you learn from this difference?**

$$NPV_{doubled} = 2 * NPV_{original}$$

$$Sharpe_{doubled} = Sharpe_{original}$$

This is probably a discussion of fixed costs vs marginal costs.

### 1.1.1 3 Understanding the Model

We arrive at an answer using the cost minimization function:

$$\min_K [K + qC(K)],$$

where (  $K$  ) is cost of capital investment, (  $q$  ) is the fraction of the year we are operating, and (  $C$  ) is cost of operating per KWH. For example, if we run the plant for the whole year (  $q = 1$  ), then we have costs:

$$K_i + C_i.$$

Intuitively, we assume that (  $C(K)$  ) is a decreasing cost function such that its derivative is (  $C'(K) < 0$  ).

Solving the minimization problem, we reach the following result:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial K} (K + qC(K)) = 0 \implies 1 + qC'(K) = 0 \implies C'(K) = -\frac{1}{q}$$

If we assume (  $q = 1$  ) (whole year), then the optimal level of (  $K$  ), (  $K^*$  ), is where (  $C'(K) = -1$  ). In the graph below, the tradeoff mentioned in the intro becomes visible.

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