



Feasibility study of a biogas-fed SOFC system

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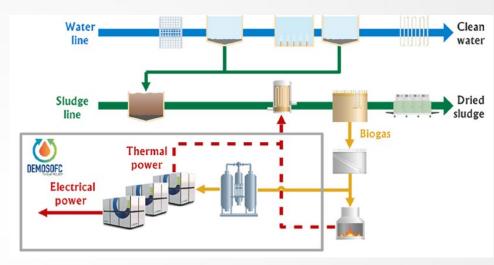


Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)



394,843 residents

Biogas production is $117.333 Nm^3/h$

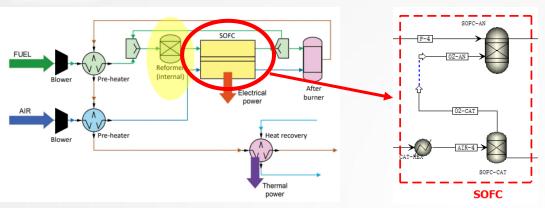


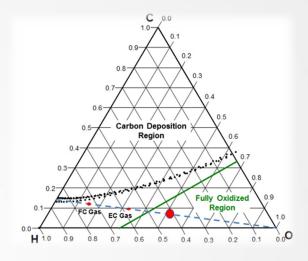
DEMOSOFC plant layout [1]

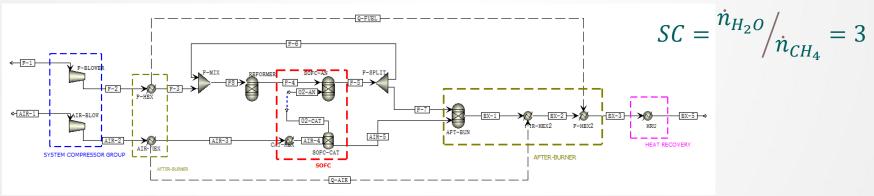
60% of CH_4 and 40% of CO_2 (Mole fraction)



Politecnico di Torino SOFC Model







Politecnico SOFC Model----Result

$$m_{CH4} = 0.0134 \frac{Kg}{s}$$
; $LHV_{CH4} = 50 MJ/kg$

$$Lc_{fuel} = 863 W$$
 ; $Lc_{air} = 4879 W$

$$Q_{fuel} = 57432 \, W$$
 ; $Q_{air} = 161286 \, W$

$$W_{el,DC,SOFC} = 362330 W \sim 362 KW$$
;

$$Q = 491638 W \sim 492 KW ;$$

$$Q_{rev} = 272920 W \sim 273 KW$$
;

$$W_{el,AC,SOFC} = W_{el,DC,SOFC} \times 95\% - Lc_{fuel} - Lc_{air}$$

= 338471.5 W \sim 338KW

$$\eta_{el,DC,SOFC} = \frac{W_{el,DC}}{\dot{m}_{CH_4} \times LHV_{CH4}} = 53.9\%$$

$$\eta_{el,AC,SOFC} = \frac{W_{el,AC}}{\dot{m}_{CH_A} \times LHV_{CH4}} = 50.5\%$$

$$\eta_{th,SOFC} = \frac{Q_{rev}}{\dot{m}_{CH_4} \times LHV_{CH4}} = 40.6\%$$

$$\eta_{tot,SOFC} = \eta_{el,AC,SOFC} + \eta_{th,SOFC} = 91.1\%$$



Politecnico SOFC system----Sizing

$$n = \frac{W_{el,FC}}{60 \ KW} = 5.73$$



6 stack



 $W_{el,tot} \sim 343.9 \; KW$

utilization of fuel cell~95.5%

Convion C60		
Electric power output	60	kW net-AC*
Electrical efficiency	60	% (LHV)*
Thermal output**	24	kW (LHV, exhaust cooled to 55°C)*
Total efficiency	83	% (LHV) (exhaust cooled to 55 °C)*
Range of electric output	60 - 30) kW
Electrical efficiency at 50% output	60	% (LH V)*
Standard installation requirements for rated performance		ion < 1000 m, temperature - 20 + 40°C, outdoor installatio ation optional.
Electrical connection, capability	3 x 380	0-500V AC, 50/60Hz, in accordance with local grid code
Noise level	< 70	dB(A) at 1 m
Water consumption	None	
Nominal fuel intake	11.5 N	m3/h (natural gas)
Exhaust gas	200°C,	575 kg/h, dew point 37°C
EXHAUST EMISSIONS		
Nitrogen oxides, NO _x	≤ 2.6 p	ppm-v/ ≤0.05 g/kWh (below detection limit)
Sulphur dioxide, SO₂		m-v/ ≤0.07 g/kWh (below detection limit), sulphur remov efore use
Carbon monoxide, CO	≤ 1.7 p	pm-v/ ≤0.02 g/kWh (below detection limit)
Particulates (PM)	Neglig	ible
Volatile organic compounds	Neglig	ible
Carbon dioxide, CO ₂	330 kg	/MWh _e
SYSTEM DIMENSIONS		
H*L*W	2330 *	2780 * 2090 mm



Economic analysis----The capital expenditure





Economic analysis----Operating Expenditure

 $Opex_{reformer}$

977.775€

*Opex*_{adsorbent}

15,855 €

every year

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 $Opex_{replace}$

293,076 €

Opex_{labour} cost

31,200 €

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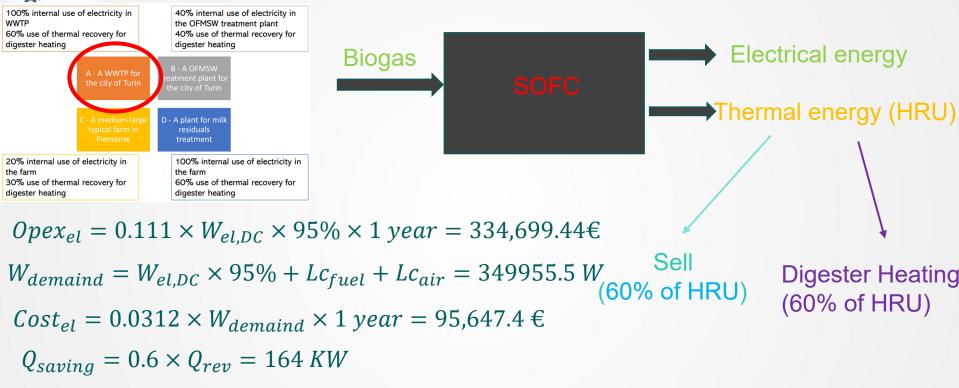
 $Opex_{maintenance}$

63,804.06 €

every year



Economic analysis----Operating Expenditure



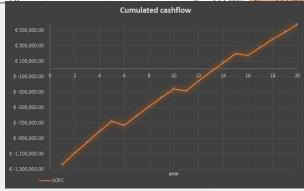
 $Opex_{th} = 0.0655 \times (60\% \times Q_{rev}) \times 24 h \times 5 month \times 30 days = 25,963.86$ District heating

 $Saving_{th} = Q_{saving} \times 0.0655 \times 1 \ year = 93,469.9 \in$



Politecnico di Torino Economic analysis-----Cash flow

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Cash Flow An	alysis																	
						(befo	re taxes)							(after taxes)				
Years	CAPEX	Stack Replacement	Annual cost	Total cost	Income	resent	Cash Flov	Depre	ciation rate	In	come-Cost		Taxes	Present Cash Flov	iscount facto	Discount cashflow	Cumu	ulated cashflov
1	€ -1,276,081		€ -	€ -1,276,081		€ -1	,276,081	€ -12	27,608.12	€	-1,276,081			€ -1,276,081	0.97	€ -1,234,121	€	-1,234,121
2			€ -111,837	_€ -111,837	€ 358,486	_€	246,649	€	-127,608	€	246,649	€	89,822	€ 156,828	0.94	€ 146,684	€	-1,087,438
3			€ -111,837	€ -111,837	€ 358,486	€	246,649	€	-127,608	€	246,649	€	89,822	€ 156,828	0.90	€ 141,860	€	-945,577
4			€ -111,837	€ -111,837	€ 358,486	€	246,649	€	-127,608	€	246,649	€	89,822	€ 156,828	0.87	€ 137,196	€	-808,382
5			€ -111,837	€ -111,837	€ 358,486	€	246,649	€	-127,608	€	246,649	€	89,822	€ 156,828	0.85	€ 132,684	€	-675,697
6		€ -293,076	€ -111,837	€ -404,913	€ 358,486	€	-46,427	€	-127,608	€	-46,427	€	19,484	€ -65,910	0.82	€ -53,930	€	-729,627
7			€ -111,837	€ -111,837	€ 358,486	€	246,649	€	-127,608	€	246,649	€	89,822	€ 156,828	0.79	€ 124,102	€	-605,525
8			€ -111,837	€ -111,837	€ 358,486	€	246,649	€	-127,608	€	246,649	€	89,822	€ 156,828	0.77	€ 120,021	€	-485,504
9			€ -111,837	€ -111,837	€ 358,486	€	246,649	€	-127,608	€	246,649	€	89,822	€ 156,828	0.74	€ 116,075	€	-369,429
10			€ -111,837	€ -111,837	€ 358,486	€	246,649	€	-127,608	€	246,649	€	89,822	€ 156,828	0.72	€ 112,258	€	-257,171
11		€ -293,076	€ -111,837	€ -404,913	€ 358,486	€	-46,427			€	-46,427	€	-11,142	€ -35,284	0.69	€ -24,426	€	-281,598
12			€ -111,837	€ -111,837	€ 358,486	€	246,649			€	246,649	€	59,196	€ 187,453	0.67	€ 125,501	€	-156,097
13			€ -111,837	€ -111,837	€ 358,486	€	246,649			€	246,649	€	59,196	€ 187,453	0.65	€ 121,374	€	-34,722
14			€ -111,837	€ -111,837	€ 358,486	€	246,649			€	246,649	€	59,196	€ 187,453	0.63	€ 117,383	€	82,661
15			€ -111,837	€ -111,837	€ 358,486	€	246,649			€	246,649	€	59,196	€ 187,453	0.61	€ 113,523	€	196,184
16		€ -293,076	€ -111,837	€ -404,913	€ 358,486	€	-46,427			€	-46,427	€	-11,142	€ -35,284	0.59	€ -20,666	€	175,518
17			€ -111,837	€ -111,837	€ 358,486	€	246,649			€	246,649	€	59,196	€ 187,453	0.57	€ 106,180	€	281,699
18			€ -111,837	€ -111,837	€ 358,486	€	246,649			€	246,649	€	59,196	€ 187,453	0.55	€ 102,689	€	384,388
19			€ -111,837	€ -111,837	€ 358,486	€	246,649			€	246,649	€	59,196	€ 187,453	0.53	€ 99,312	€	483,700
_20			€ -111.837	€ -111.837	€ 358,486	€	246,649			€	246,649	€	59,196	€ 187,453	0.51	€ 96,047	€	579,747



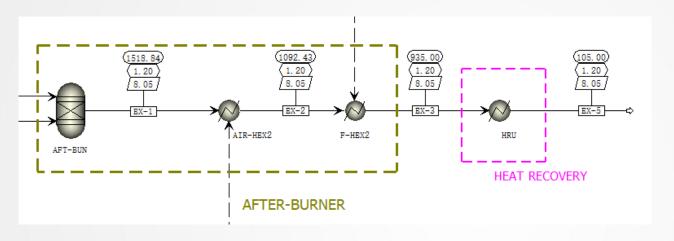
PBT = 13.82

NPV = 579,747€

IRR = 8.08 %



SOFC system----Discussion



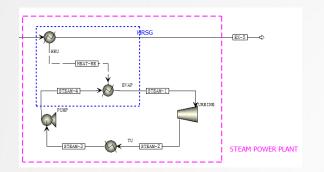
 $T_{exhaust} = 935$ °C high grade heat

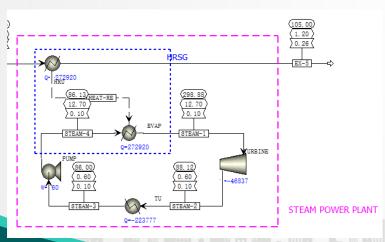
 $Q_{rev} = 272920 W \sim 273 KW$



Electrical energy

SOFC system----Combined with Steam Plant



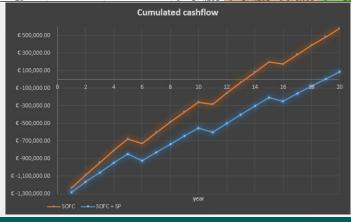


- $W_{el,turbine} \sim 47 \ KW$
- $2 W_{el,SOFC+SP,AC} \sim 383 \ KW$
- $Q_{tu}\sim$ 227 KW
- $\eta_{el,AC} = 57\%$; $\eta_{th} = 33.8\%$
- $\eta_{tot} = \eta_{el,AC} + \eta_{th} = 90.8\%$



Politecnico di Torino Economic analysis-----Cash flow

Cash Flow Ana	alysis														
						(before taxes)						(after taxes)			
Years	CAPEX	Stack Replacement	Annual cost	Total cost	Income	resent Cash Flo	Depreciation rat	e In	come-Cost		Taxes	Present Cash Flow	iscount facto	Discount cashflow	Cumulated cashflov
1	€ -1,326,331		€ -	########		€ -1,326,331	€ -132,633.12	€	-1,326,331			€ -1,326,331	0.97	€ -1,282,719	€ -1,282,719
2			€ -174,281	_€ -174,281	€ 378,093	_€ 203,812	€ -132,633	€	203,812	€	80,747	€ 123,065	0.94	€ 115,105	€ -1,167,614
3			€ -174,281	€ -174,281	€ 378,093	[€ 203,812	€ -132,633	€	203,812	€	80,747	€ 123,065	0.90	€ 111,320	€ -1,056,294
4			€ -174,281	€ -174,281	€ 378,093	€ 203,812	€ -132,633	€	203,812	€	80,747	€ 123,065	0.87	€ 107,660	€ -948,634
5			€ -174,281	€ -174,281	€ 378,093	€ 203,812	€ -132,633	€	203,812	€	80,747	€ 123,065	0.85	€ 104,119	€ -844,515
6		€ -293,076	€ -174,281	€ -467,357	€ 378,093	€ -89,264	€ -132,633	€	-89,264	€	10,409	€ -99,673	0.82	€ -81,555	€ -926,070
7			€ -174,281	€ -174,281	€ 378,093	€ 203,812	€ -132,633	€	203,812	€	80,747	€ 123,065	0.79	€ 97,385	€ -828,686
8			€ -174,281	€ -174,281	€ 378,093	€ 203,812	€ -132,633	€	203,812	€	80,747	€ 123,065	0.77	€ 94,183	€ -734,503
9			€ -174,281	€ -174,281	€ 378,093	€ 203,812	€ -132,633	€	203,812	€	80,747	€ 123,065	0.74	€ 91,086	€ -643,417
10			€ -174,281	€ -174,281	€ 378,093	€ 203,812	€ -132,633	€	203,812	€	80,747	€ 123,065	0.72	€ 88,091	€ -555,327
11		€ -293,076	€ -174,281	€ -467,357	€ 378,093	€ -89,264		€	-89,264	€	-21,423	€ -67,841	0.69	€ -46,964	€ -602,291
12			€ -174,281	€ -174,281	€ 378,093	€ 203,812		€	203,812	€	48,915	€ 154,897	0.67	€ 103,704	€ -498,587
13			€ -174,281	€ -174,281	€ 378,093	€ 203,812		€	203,812	€	48,915	€ 154,897	0.65	€ 100,294	€ -398,292
14			€ -174,281	€ -174,281	€ 378,093	€ 203,812		€	203,812	€	48,915	€ 154,897	0.63	€ 96,996	€ -301,296
15			€ -174,281	€ -174,281	€ 378,093	€ 203,812		€	203,812	€	48,915	€ 154,897	0.61	€ 93,807	€ -207,489
16		€ -293,076	€ -174,281	€ -467,357	€ 378,093	€ -89,264		€	-89,264	€	-21,423	€ -67,841	0.59	€ -39,734	€ -247,223
17			€ -174,281	€ -174,281	€ 378,093	€ 203,812		€	203,812	€	48,915	€ 154,897	0.57	€ 87,739	€ -159,484
18			€ -174,281	€ -174,281	€ 378,093	€ 203,812		€	203,812	€	48,915	€ 154,897	0.55	€ 84,854	€ -74,630
19			€ -174,281	€ -174,281	€ 378,093	€ 203,812		€	203,812	€	48,915	€ 154,897	0.53	€ 82,064	€ 7,435
20			€ -174,281	€ -174,281	€ 378,093	€ 203,812		€	203,812	€	48,915	€ 154,897	0.51	€ 79,366	



PBT = 18.52

power generation increased by 13.2%

(44522.7 W)

NPV = 86,747€

the initial investment cost increased by 3.94% $(50,250 \in)$

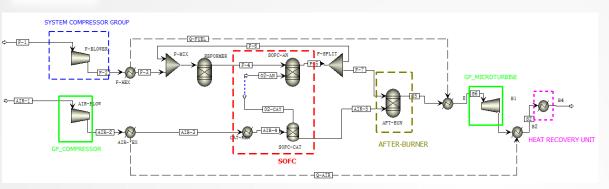
IRR = 4.12 %

the annual expenditure soared by 55.8%

(62,444 €)



SOFC system----Combined with Gas Turbine



- $W_{el,turbine} \sim 71 \, KW$
 - $W_{el,SOFC+GT,AC}\sim 403~KW$
 - $Q_{tu}\sim$ 197 KW

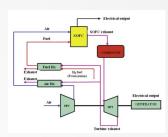


Table 1 $-$ Comparative result for the two configurations.														
	Configuration 1	Configuration	2											
Fuel flow (g/s)	9.62	9.62												
Air flow (g/s)	400	400												
SOFC Temperature (°C)	944	832												
Turbine Inlet Temp (°C)	1136	1166												
SOFC power (kW)	359	319												
HPT (kW)	104	108												
Total power (kW)	463	427												
Cycle efficiency (%)	58	53.5												
Exhaust Temp (°C) (Air HE)	617	605												

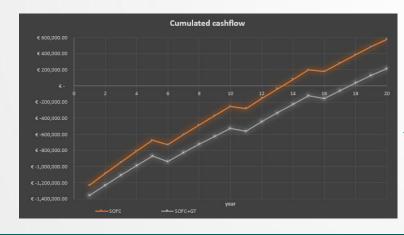
$$\eta_{tot} = \eta_{el,AC} + \eta_{th} = 89.2\%$$

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$$\eta_{el,AC} = 59.9\%$$
; $\eta_{th} = 29.3\%$



Politecnico di Torino Economic analysis----Cash flow

Cash Flow Ana	lysis												
						(before taxes)				(after taxes)			
Years	CAPEX	Stack Replacement	Annual cost	Total cost	Income	resent Cash Flor	Depreciation rate	Income-Cost	Taxes	Present Cash Flow	iscount facto	Discount cashflow	Cumulated cashflow
1	€ -1,404,381		€ -	€ -1,404,381		€ -1,404,381	€ -140,438	€ -1,404,381		€ -1,404,381	0.97	€ -1,358,202	€ -1,358,202
2			€ -174,325	€ -174,325	€ 399,570	€ 225,245	€ -140,438	€ 225,245	€ 87,764	€ 137,481	0.94	€ 128,588	€ -1,229,614
3			€ -174,325	€ -174,325	€ 399,570	€ 225,245	€ -140,438	€ 225,245	€ 87,764	€ 137,481	0.90	€ 124,360	€ -1,105,254
4			€ -174,325	_€ -174,325	€ 399,570	€ 225,245	€ -140,438	€ 225,245	€ 87,764	€ 137,481	0.87	€ 120,271	€ -984,983
5			€ -174,325	€ -174,325	€ 399,570	€ 225,245	€ -140,438	€ 225,245	€ 87,764	€ 137,481	0.85	€ 116,316	€ -868,666
6		€ -293,076	€ -174,325	€ -467,401	€ 399,570	€ -67,831	€ -140,438	€ -67,831	€ 17,426	€ -85,257	0.82	€ -69,760	€ -938,426
7			€ -174,325	_€ -174,325	€ 399,570	€ 225,245	€ -140,438	€ 225,245	€ 87,764	€ 137,481	0.79	€ 108,793	€ -829,634
8			€ -174,325	€ -174,325	€ 399,570	_€ 225,245	€ -140,438	€ 225,245	€ 87,764	€ 137,481	0.77	€ 105,215	€ -724,418
9			€ -174,325	€ -174,325	€ 399,570	€ 225,245	€ -140,438	€ 225,245	€ 87,764	€ 137,481	0.74	€ 101,756	€ -622,663
10			€ -174,325	_€ -174,325	€ 399,570	€ 225,245	€ -140,438	€ 225,245	€ 87,764	€ 137,481	0.72	€ 98,410	€ -524,253
11		€ -293,076	€ -174,325	€ -467,401	€ 399,570	€ -67,831		€ -67,831	€ -16,279	€ -51,552	0.69	€ -35,687	€ -559,941
12			€ -174,325	€ -174,325	€ 399,570	€ 225,245		€ 225,245	€ 54,059	€ 171,186	0.67	€ 114,610	€ -445,331
13			€ -174,325	€ -174,325	€ 399,570	€ 225,245		€ 225,245	€ 54,059	€ 171,186	0.65	€ 110,841	€ -334,489
14			€ -174,325	€ -174,325	€ 399,570	€ 225,245		€ 225,245	€ 54,059	€ 171,186	0.63	€ 107,197	€ -227,293
15			€ -174,325	€ -174,325	€ 399,570	€ 225,245		€ 225,245	€ 54,059	€ 171,186	0.61	€ 103,672	€ -123,621
16		€ -293,076	€ -174,325	_€ -467,401	€ 399,570	€ -67,831		€ -67,831	€ -16,279	€ -51,552	0.59	€ -30,193	€ -153,814
17			€ -174,325	€ -174,325	€ 399,570	€ 225,245		€ 225,245	€ 54,059	€ 171,186	0.57	€ 96,966	€ -56,848
18			€ -174,325	€ -174,325	€ 399,570	€ 225,245		€ 225,245	€ 54,059	€ 171,186	0.55	€ 93,778	€ 36,929
19			€ -174,325	€ -174,325	€ 399,570	€ 225,245		€ 225,245	€ 54,059	€ 171,186	0.53	€ 90,694	€ 127,623
20			€ -174,325	€ -174,325	€ 399,570	€ 225,245		€ 225,245	€ 54,059	€ 171,186	0.51	€ 87,712	€ 215,335



PBT = 17.67

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power generation increased by 19%

(64308 W)

NPV = 215,335€

the initial investment cost increased by 10.1%

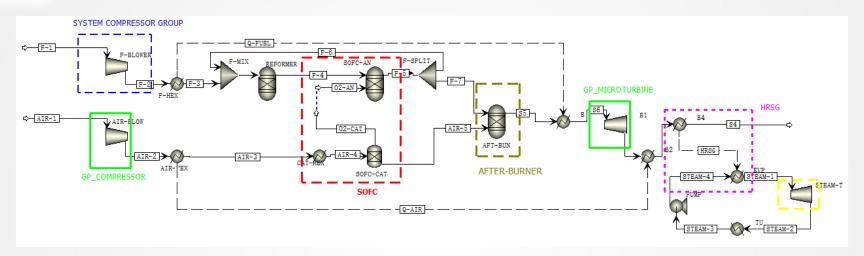
(128,300 €)

IRR = 5.05 %

the annual expenditure soared by 55.9% $(62,489 \in)$



SOFC system-----Combined with GT+ST



$$W_{el,ST+GT} \sim 94 \; KW$$

$$W_{el,AC,SOFC+GT+ST} \sim 432KW$$

$$\eta_{el,AC} = 64.3\%$$
; $\eta_{th} = 24.6\%$

$$\eta_{tot} = 88.9\%$$

 $Q_{tu} \sim 166 \, KW$

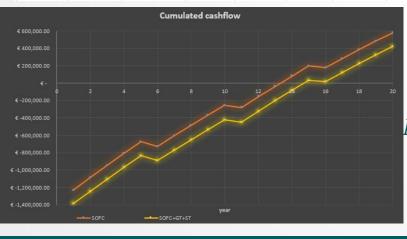
low grade heat

 $T_{exhaust} = 86$ °C



Politecnico di Torino Economic analysis----Cash flow

Cash Flow Anal	lysis																					
										efore taxes)							(afte	er taxes)				
Years	CAPEX	Stack Replacemen	t A	nnual cost		Total cost		Income	res!	ent Cash Flow	Depreciati	on rate	Inc	ome-Cost		Taxes	Present	Cash Flow	iscount facto	Discount cashflow	Cun	nulated cashflow
1	€ -1,434,	531	€	-	€	-1,434,531			€	-1,434,531	€ -1	43,453	€	-1,434,531			€	-1,434,531	0.97	€ -1,387,361	€	-1,387,361
2			€	-174,325	€	-174,325	€	423,429	€	249,104	€ -1	43,453	€	249,104	€	94,214	€	154,890	0.94	€ 144,871	€	-1,242,489
3			€	-174,325	€	-174,325	€	423,429	€	249,104	€ -1	43,453	€	249,104	€	94,214	€	154,890	0.90	€ 140,108	€	-1,102,382
4			€	-174,325	€	-174,325	€	423,429	€	249,104	€ -1	43,453	€	249,104	€	94,214	€	154,890	0.87	€ 135,501	€	-966,881
5			€	-174,325	€	-174,325	€	423,429	€	249,104	€ -1	43,453	€	249,104	€	94,214	€	154,890	0.85	€ 131,045	€	-835,836
6		€ -293,076	€ 8	-174,325	€	-467,401	€	423,429	€	-43,972	€ -1	43,453	€	-43,972	€	23,875	€	-67,848	0.82	€ -55,515	€	-891,351
7			€	-174,325	€	-174,325	€	423,429	€	249,104	€ -1	43,453	€	249,104	€	94,214	€	154,890	0.79	€ 122,569	€	-768,782
8			€	-174,325	€	-174,325	€	423,429	€	249,104	€ -1	43,453	€	249,104	€	94,214	€	154,890	0.77	€ 118,539	€	-650,243
9			€	-174,325	€	-174,325	€	423,429	€	249,104	€ -1	43,453	€	249,104	€	94,214	€	154,890	0.74	€ 114,641	€	-535,602
10			€	-174,325	€	-174,325	€	423,429	€	249,104	€ -1	43,453	€	249,104	€	94,214	€	154,890	0.72	€ 110,871	€	-424,731
11		€ -293,076	€ 6	-174,325	€	-467,401	€	423,429	€	-43,972			€	-43,972	€	-10,553	€	-33,419	0.69	€ -23,135	€	-447,866
12			€	-174,325	€	-174,325	€	423,429	€	249,104			€	249,104	€	59,785	€	189,319	0.67	€ 126,750	€	-321,116
13			€	-174,325	€	-174,325	€	423,429	€	249,104			€	249,104	€	59,785	€	189,319	0.65	€ 122,582	€	-198,534
14			€	-174,325	€	-174,325	€	423,429	€	249,104			€	249,104	€	59,785	€	189,319	0.63	€ 118,551	€	-79,983
15			€	-174,325	€	-174,325	€	423,429	€	249,104			€	249,104	€	59,785	€	189,319	0.61	€ 114,653	€	34,670
16		€ -293,076	€ 6	-174,325	€	-467,401	€	423,429	€	-43,972			€	-43,972	€	-10,553	€	-33,419	0.59	€ -19,573	€	15,097
17			€	-174,325	€	-174,325	€	423,429	€	249,104			€	249,104	€	59,785	€	189,319	0.57	€ 107,237	€	122,334
18			€	-174,325	€	-174,325	€	423,429	€	249,104			€	249,104	€	59,785	€	189,319	0.55	€ 103,711	€	226,045
19			€	-174,325	€	-174,325	€	423,429	€	249,104			€	249,104	€	59,785	€	189,319	0.53	€ 100,301	€	326,346
20			€	-174.325	€	-174,325	€	423,429	€	249,104			€	249.104	€	59,785	€	189,319	0.51	€ 97,003	€	423,348



PBT = 14.58

power generation increased by 27.7% (93663 W)

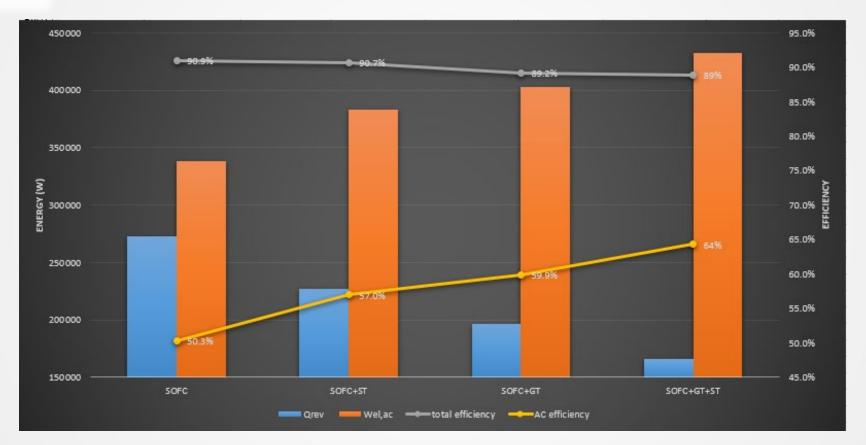
 $NPV = 423.384 \in$

the initial investment cost increased by 12.4% (158,450 €)

IRR = 6.51 %

the annual expenditure soared by 55.9% (62,488 €)

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