



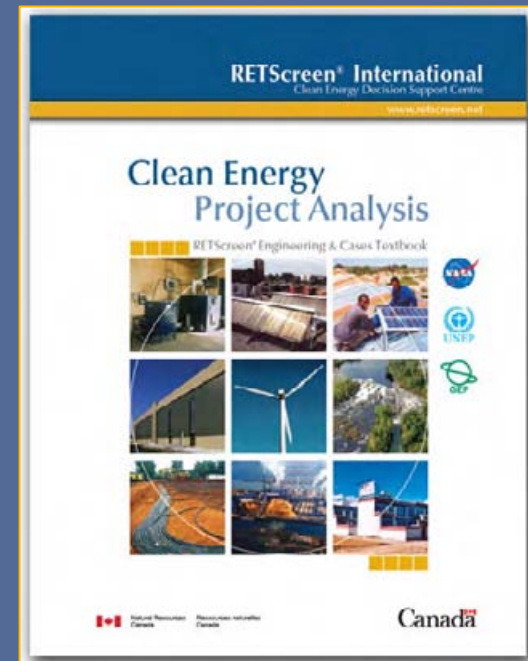
# Introduction to Clean Energy Project Analysis

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Clean Energy Project Analysis Course

“Clean Energy Project Analysis” is a case-study based course for professionals & university students who want to learn how to better analyse the technical & financial viability of possible clean energy projects



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- Develops enabling tools that make it easier for planners, decision-makers and industry to consider energy efficient and renewable energy technologies (RETs) at the critically important initial planning stage
- Enabling tools significantly reduce the cost of assessing possible projects
- Disseminates these tools free-of-charge to users around the world via the Internet & CD-ROM
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- Industry products & services accessible via an Internet Marketplace



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# Upon Completion of the Course



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- You will be more aware of viable clean energy applications
- And you will be able to perform high-quality & low-cost preliminary feasibility studies using the RETScreen® Software



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# Course Outline



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Introduction to Clean Energy Project Analysis



Wind Energy Project Analysis

Small Hydro Project Analysis

Photovoltaic Project Analysis

Combined Heat & Power Project Analysis



Biomass Heating Project Analysis

Solar Air Heating Project Analysis

Solar Water Heating Project Analysis

Passive Solar Heating Project Analysis



Ground-Source Heat Pump Project Analysis

Refrigeration Project Analysis





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# Course Materials



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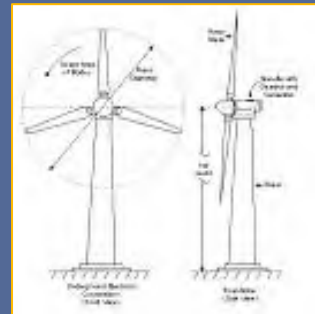
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## RETScreen® International Clean Energy Project Analysis Software



- Clean Energy Technology Models
- International Product Data  
1,000 Equipment Suppliers
- International Weather Data
  - ▶ 1,000 ground monitoring stations
  - ▶ Satellite-derived NASA Surface meteorology and Solar Energy Data Set
- Online User Manual
- Available free-of-charge  
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# Training Material



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  - ▶ Presentation slides
  - ▶ e-Learning tool
    - Voice
    - Speaker's notes
  - ▶ e-Textbook & Case Studies



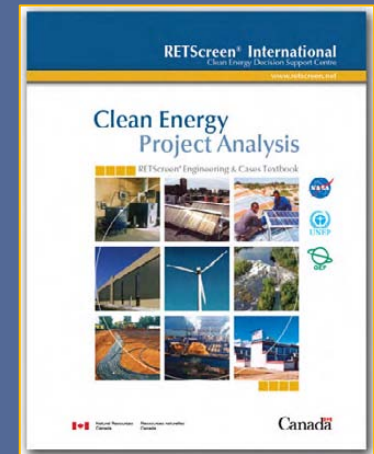


# e-Textbook & Case Studies




- Clean Energy Project Analysis: RETScreen® Engineering & Cases

- ▶ Professional and University-level electronic textbook
- ▶ Background of technologies
- ▶ Detailed description of RETScreen® algorithms
- ▶ 60+ international case studies of real projects
- ▶ Available free-of-charge in English & French



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**Wind Energy Project Case Studies:**  
These files are a collection of project case studies, including assignments, worked-out solutions (RETScreen Software Analysis) and information about how the projects fared in the real world.


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Case Study Example


**Assignment**



**Solution**



**Real Project**



**RETScreen Study**

# Marketplace & Calendar



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- Internet-Based Marketplace

- ▶ Linking industry and customers online
- ▶ Search by subject, technology & region
- ▶ Examples:
  - equipment suppliers, PV, North-America
  - service providers, wind energy, Europe

- Public & Private Internet Forums

- Online training calendar and registration

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# Introductory Module Outline



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- Overview of Course (completed)
- Status of Clean Energy Technologies
- Clean Energy Project Analysis with RETScreen® Software
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Analysis with RETScreen® Software
- Financial and Risk Analysis with RETScreen® Software
- Summary

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# Status of Clean Energy Technologies

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Clean Energy Project Analysis Course

Windfarm



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Passive Solar Home



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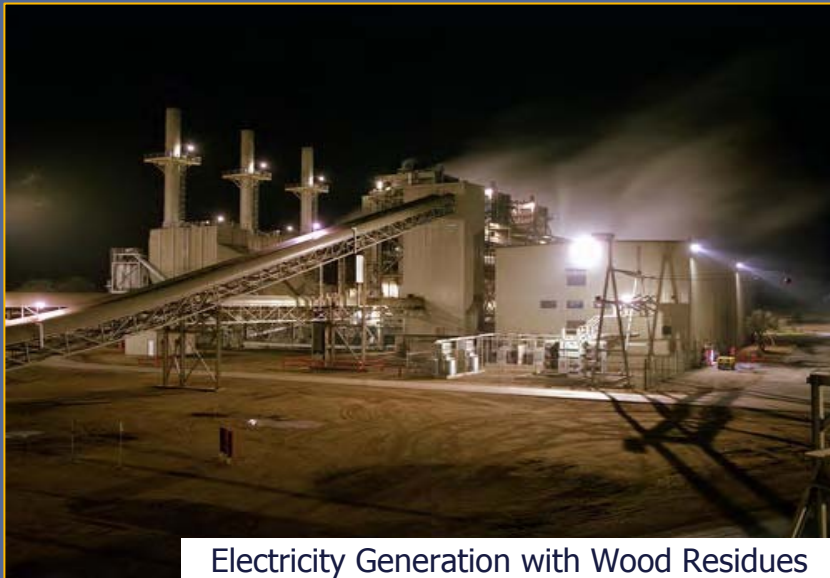
# Objective



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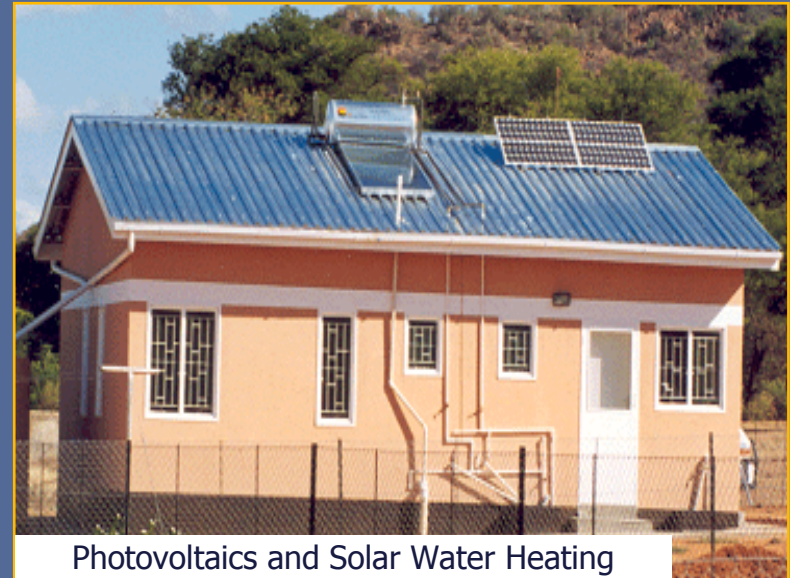
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- Increase awareness about renewable energy technologies (RETs) and energy efficiency measures
  - ▶ Markets
  - ▶ Typical applications



Electricity Generation with Wood Residues

Photos Credit: Warren Gretz, NREL PIX



Photovoltaics and Solar Water Heating

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# Definitions



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Clean Energy Technologies

Energy Efficiency

- ▶ Using less energy resources to meet the same energy needs

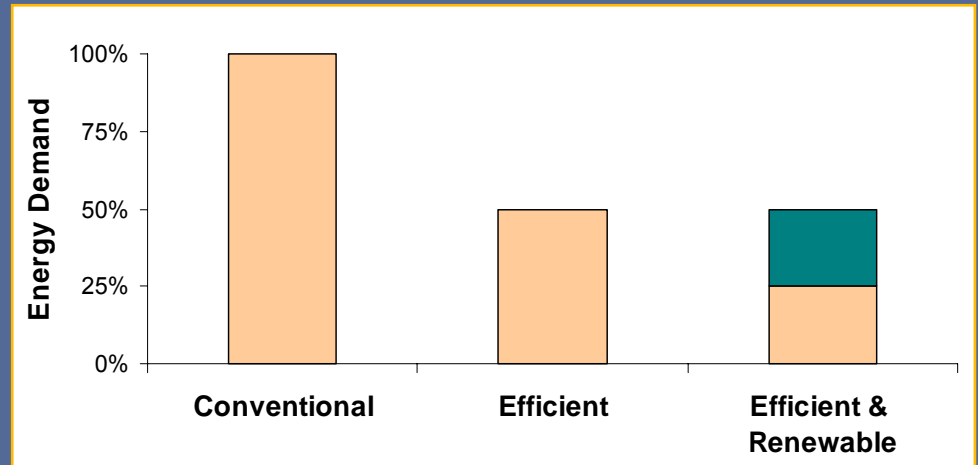
Renewable Energy

- ▶ Using non-depleting natural resources to meet energy needs



Super Insulated Passive Solar Home

Photo Credit: Jerry Shaw



# Reasons for Clean Energy Technologies



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- Environmental

- ▶ Climate change
- ▶ Local pollution

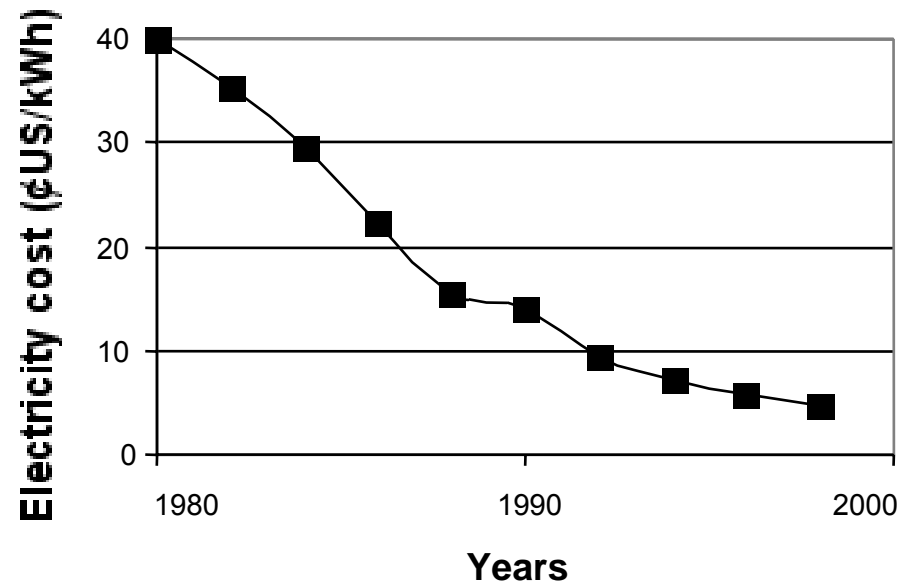
- Economic

- ▶ Life-cycle costs
- ▶ Fossil fuel depletion

- Social

- ▶ Employment generation
- ▶ Reduced drain of local \$\$\$
- ▶ Growth in energy demand (x3 by 2050)

## Wind Energy: Electricity Generation Costs



Source: National Laboratory Directors  
for the U.S. Department of Energy (1997)

# Common Characteristics of Clean Energy Technologies



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- Relative to conventional technologies:
  - ▶ Typically higher initial costs
  - ▶ Generally lower operating costs
  - ▶ Environmentally cleaner
  - ▶ Often cost effective on life-cycle cost basis





# Total Cost of an Energy Generating or Consuming System



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- Total cost  $\neq$  purchase cost
- Total cost  $=$  purchase cost



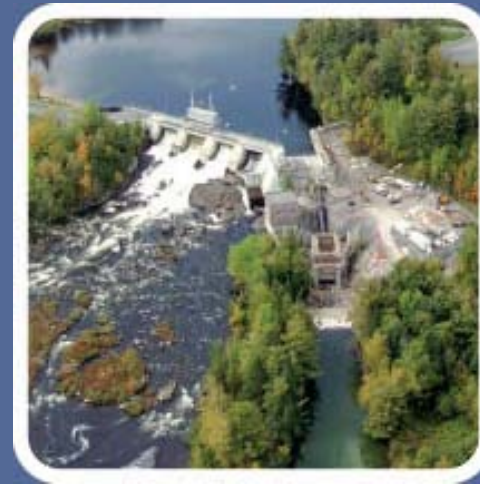
- + *annual fuel and O&M costs*
- + *major overhaul costs*
- + *decommissioning costs*
- + *financing costs*
- + *etc.*

# Renewable Energy Electricity Generating Technologies



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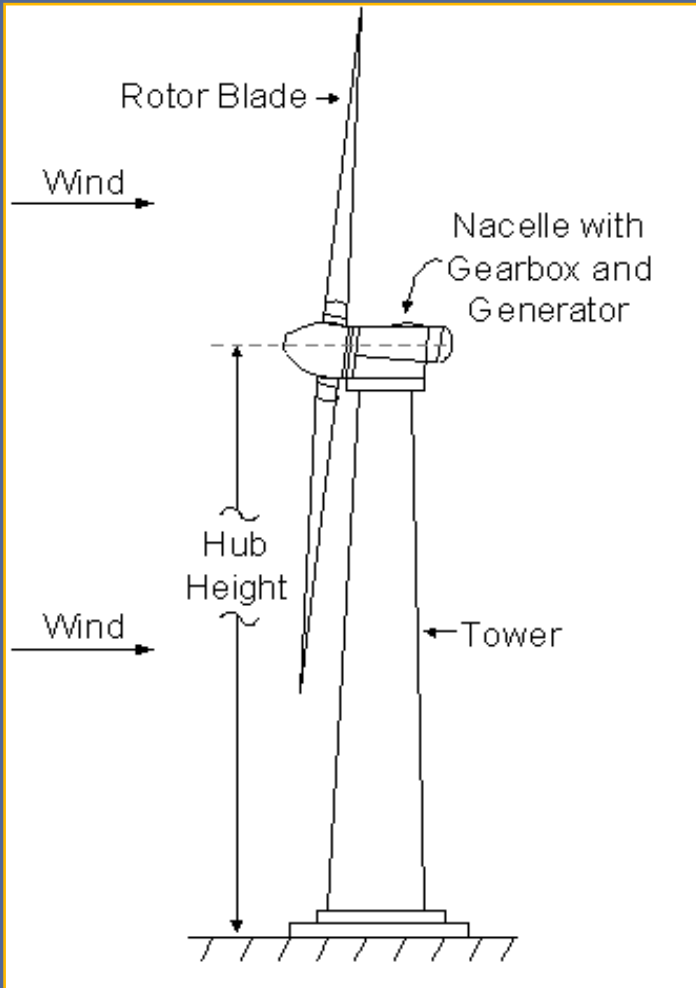


# Wind Energy Technology & Applications



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- Need good winds
  - ▶ (>4 m/s @ 10 m)
  - ▶ Coastal areas, rounded ridges, open plains
- Applications:



Central-Grid

Warren Gretz, NREL PIX



Isolated-Grid

Phil Owens, Nunavut Power



Off-Grid

Southwest Windpower, NREL PIX

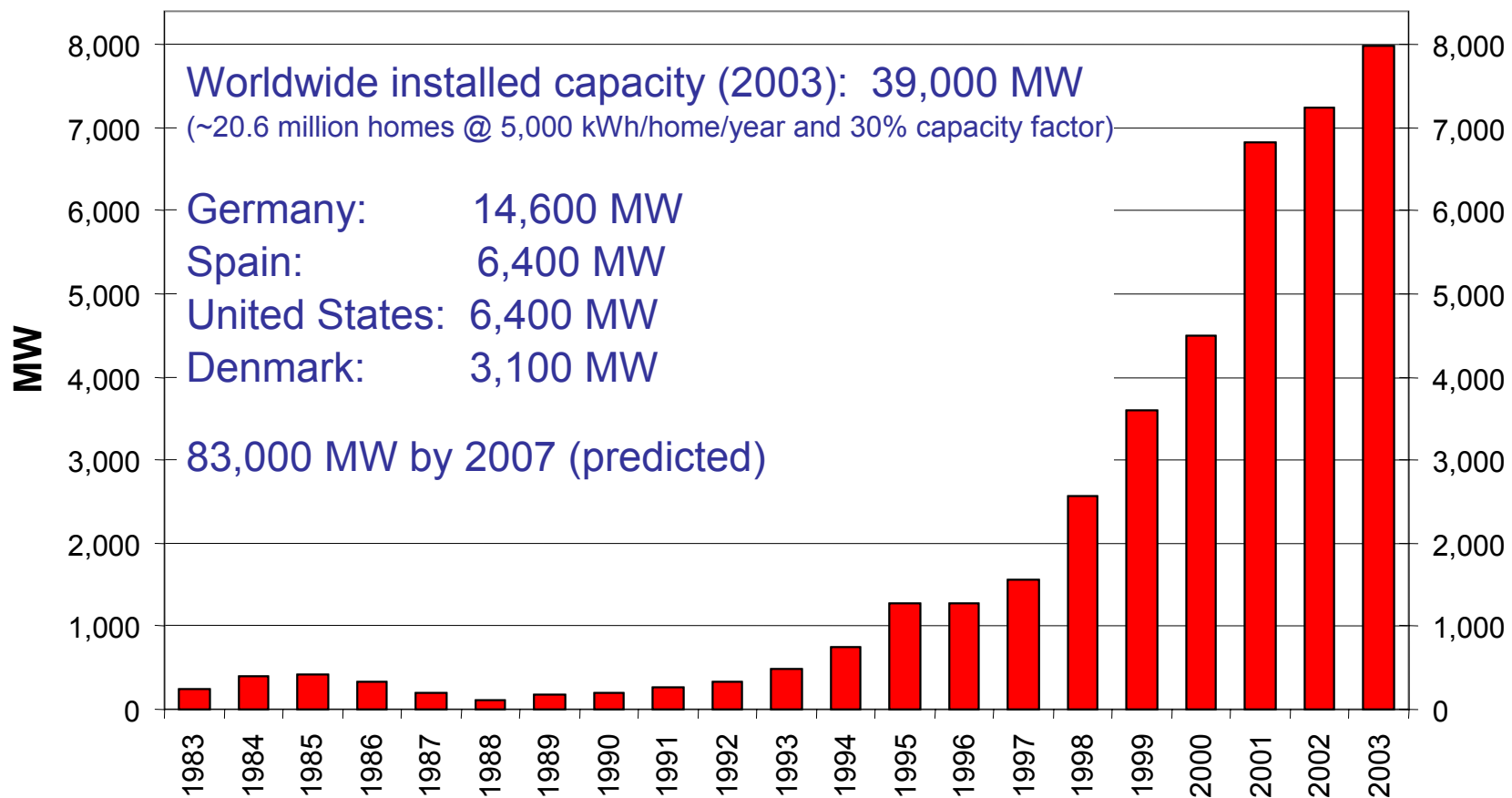
# Wind Energy Market



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## Annual Wind Turbine Installations Worldwide



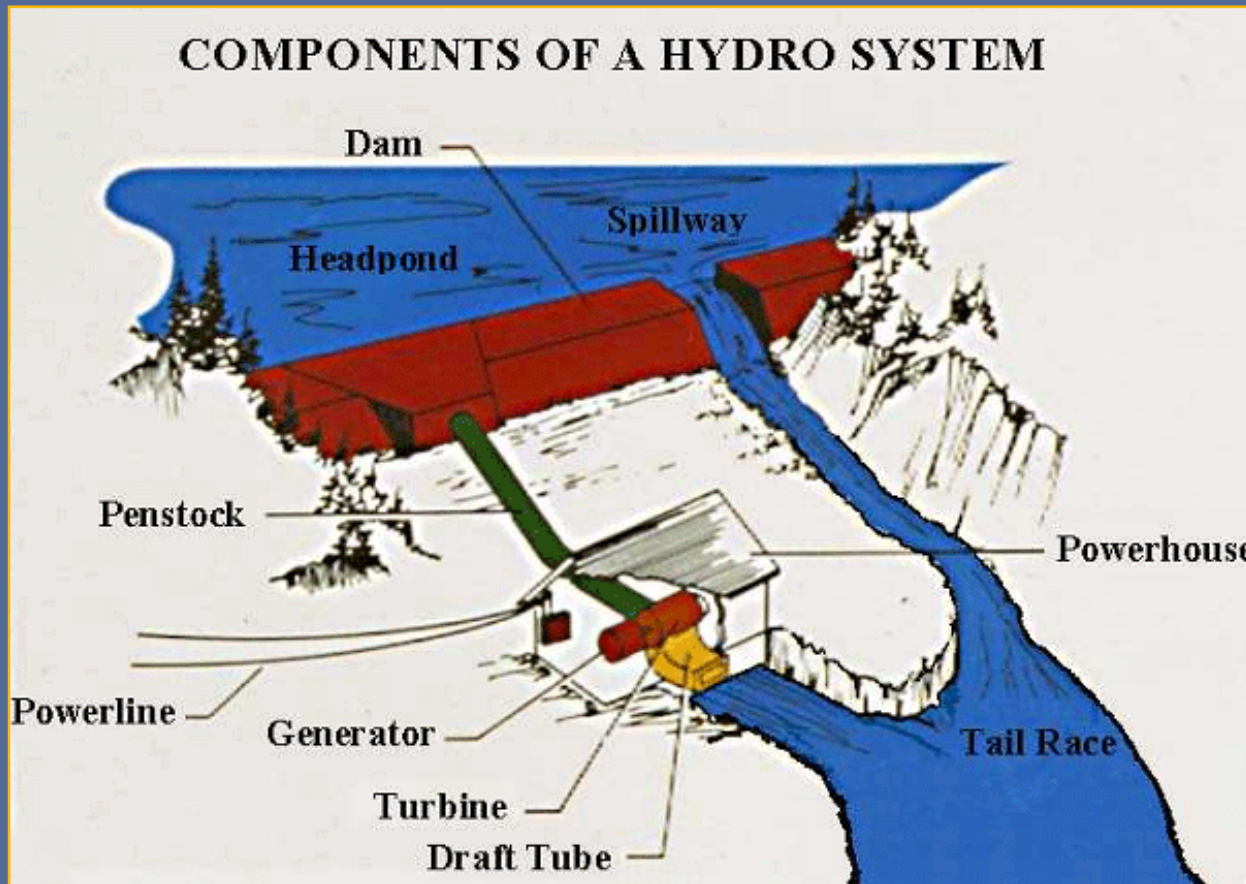
Source: Danish Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association, BTM Consult, World Wind Energy Association, Renewable Energy World

# Small Hydro Technology & Applications



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- Project types:
  - ▶ Reservoir
  - ▶ Run-of-river
- Applications:
  - ▶ Central-grid
  - ▶ Isolated-grid
  - ▶ Off-grid



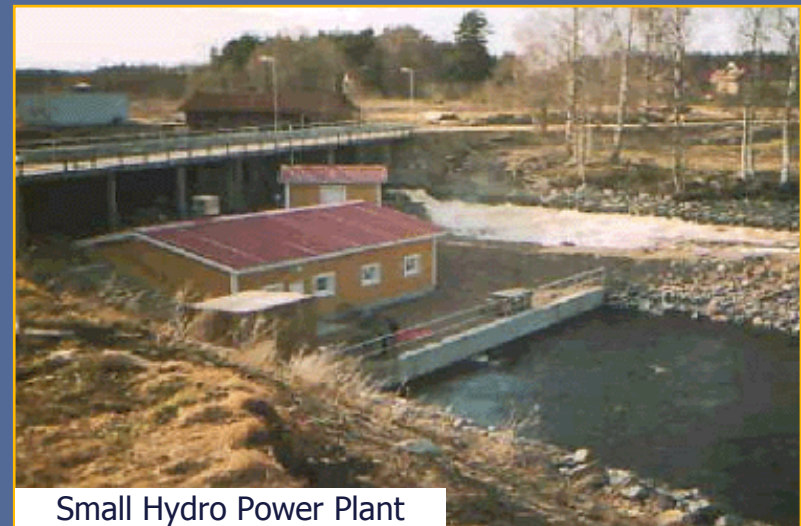
# Small Hydro Market



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- 19% of world electricity produced by large & small hydro
- Worldwide:
  - ▶ 20,000 MW developed (plant size < 10 MW)
  - ▶ Forecast: 50,000 to 75,000 MW by 2020
- China:
  - ▶ 43,000 existing plants (plant size < 25 MW)
  - ▶ 19,000 MW developed
  - ▶ further 100,000 MW econ. feasible
- Europe:
  - ▶ 10,000 MW developed
  - ▶ further 4,500 MW econ. feasible
- Canada:
  - ▶ 2,000 MW developed
  - ▶ further 1,600 MW econ. feasible



Small Hydro Power Plant

Data source: ABB, Renewable Energy World, and International Small Hydro Atlas

# Photovoltaic (PV) Technology & Applications



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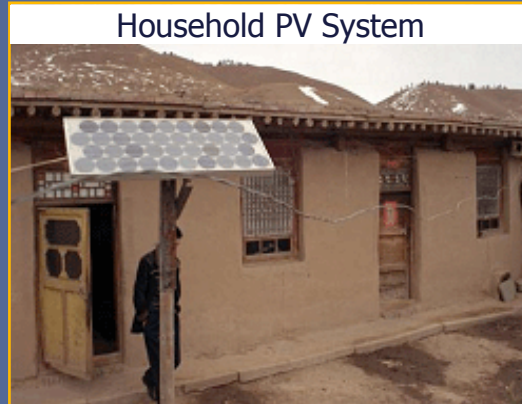
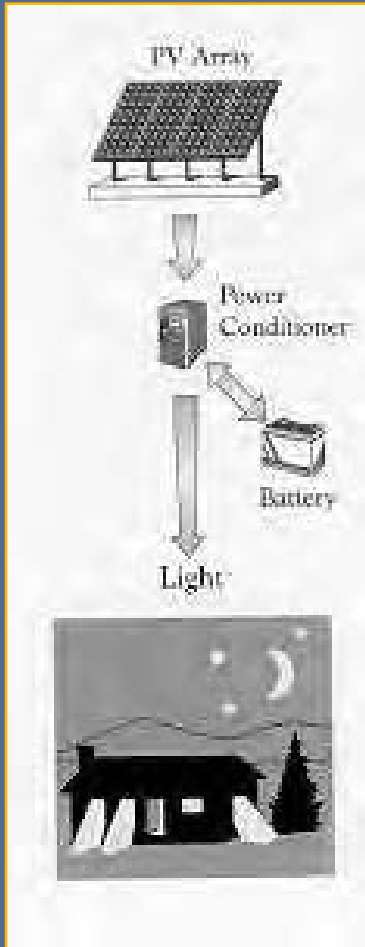


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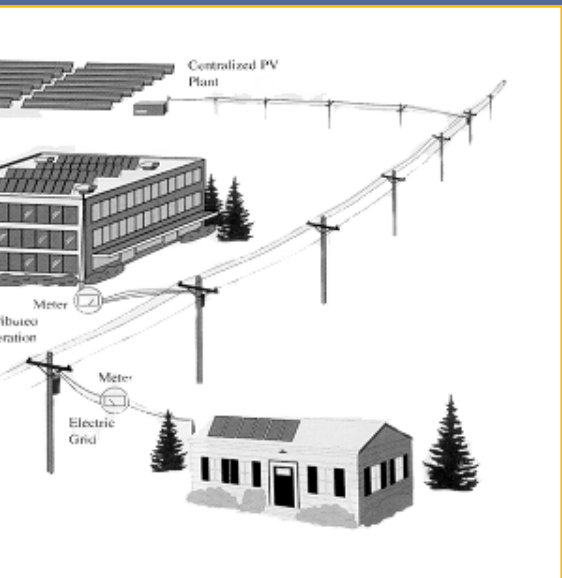
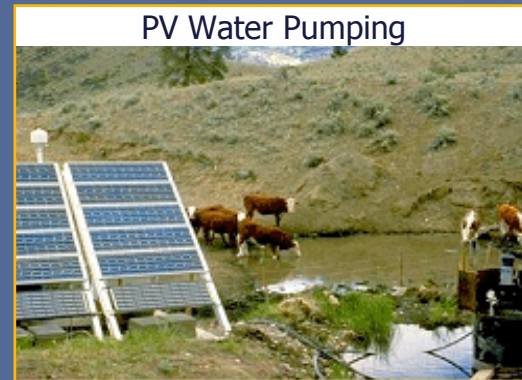


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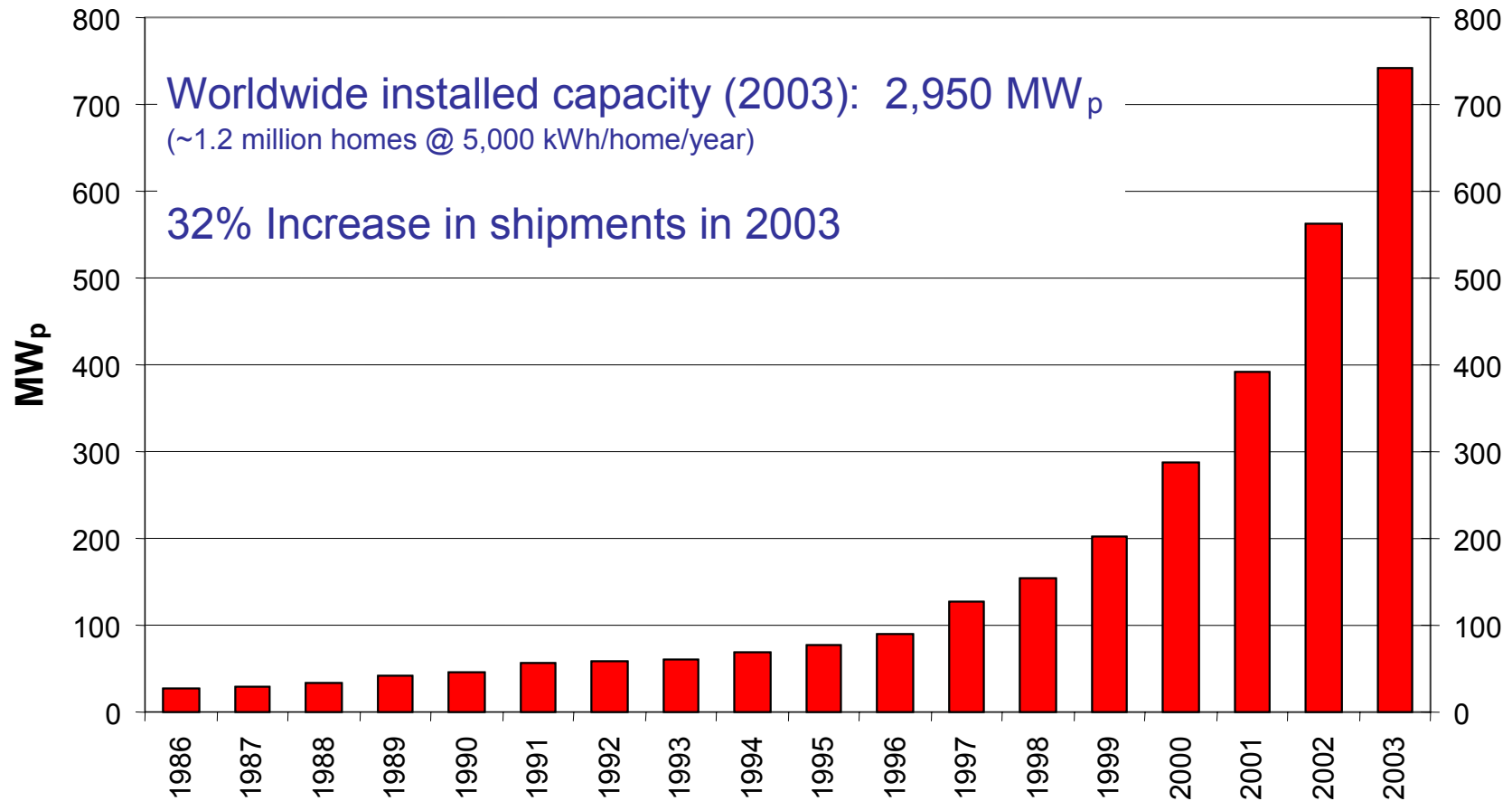
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## Annual Photovoltaic Installations Worldwide



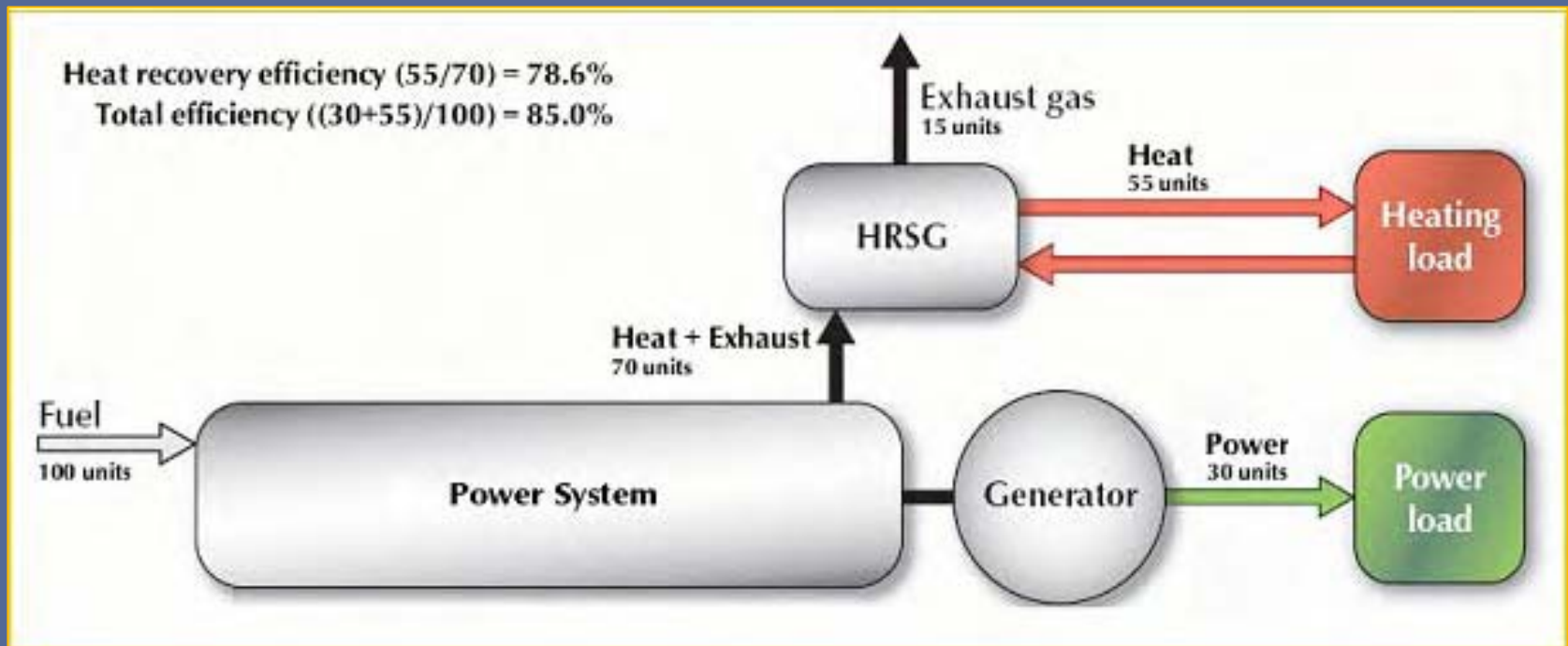
Source: PV News



# Combined Heat and Power (CHP)



- Simultaneous production of two or more types of usable energy from a single energy source (also called “Cogeneration”)



# Combined Heat and Power Applications, Fuels and Equipment



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## Various Applications



Biomass for CHP

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## Various Fuels

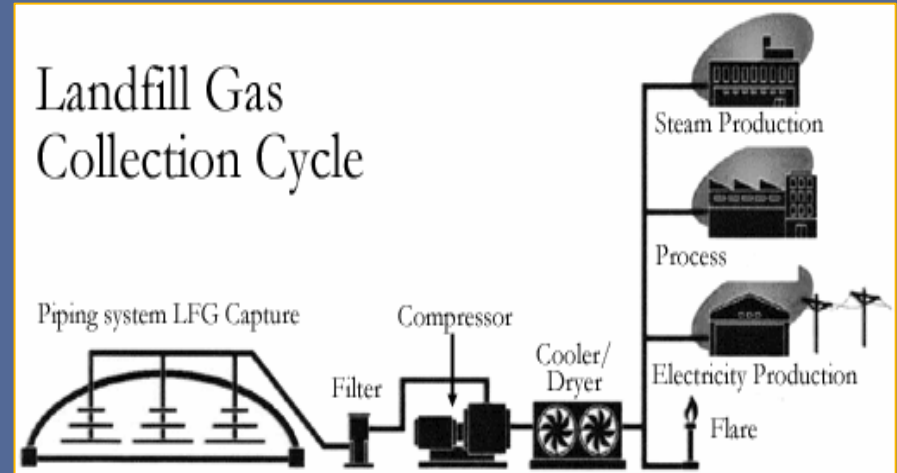
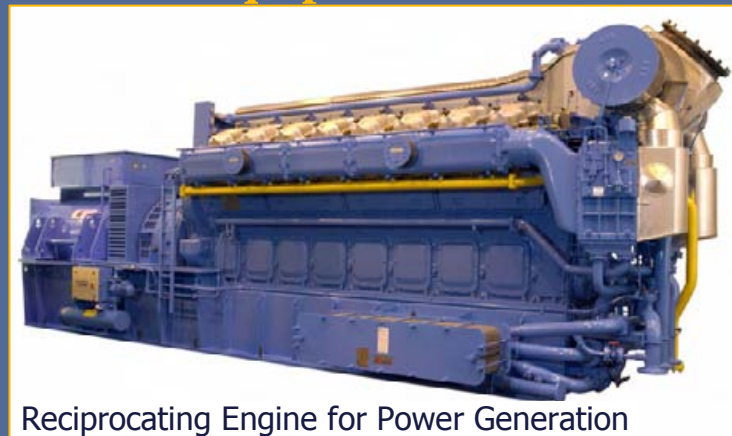


Photo Credit: Gaz Metropolitan

## Various Equipment



Reciprocating Engine for Power Generation

Photo Credit: Rolls-Royce plc

# Combined Heat and Power Applications



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- Single buildings
- Commercial and industrial
- Multiple buildings
- District energy systems (e.g. communities)
- Industrial processes



CHP Kitchener City Hall

Photo Credit: Urban Ziegler, NRCan



LFG CHP for district heating system, Sweden

Photo Credit: Urban Ziegler, NRCan



Micro turbine at greenhouse

Photo Credit: Urban Ziegler, NRCan

# Combined Heat and Power Fuel Types



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- Renewable fuels
  - ▶ Wood residue
  - ▶ Landfill gas (LFG)
  - ▶ Biogas
  - ▶ Agricultural bi-products
  - ▶ Bagasse
  - ▶ Purpose-grown crops
  - ▶ Etc



Biomass for CHP

Photo Credit: Gretz, Warren DOE/NREL

- Fossil fuels
  - ▶ Natural gas
  - ▶ Diesel
  - ▶ Etc.

- Geothermal energy

- Hydrogen



Geothermal Geyser

Photo Credit: Joel Renner, DOE/ NREL PIX

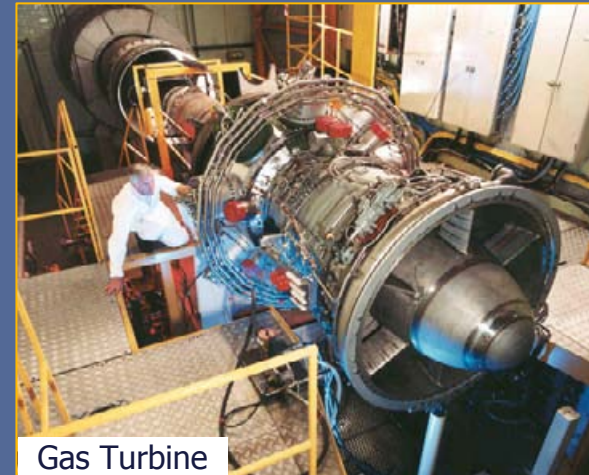
# Combined Heat and Power Equipment & Technologies



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- Cooling equipment
  - ▶ Compressors
  - ▶ Absorption chillers
  - ▶ Free cooling
- Power generation
  - ▶ Gas turbine
  - ▶ Gas turbine combined cycle
  - ▶ Steam turbine
  - ▶ Reciprocating engine
  - ▶ Fuel cell
  - ▶ Etc.
- Heating equipment
  - ▶ Boilers
  - ▶ Waste heat recovery



Gas Turbine

Photo Credit: Rolls-Royce plc



Cooling Equipment

Photo Credit: Urban Ziegler, NRCan

# Combined Heat and Power Market



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Region	Capacity	Comments
Canada	12 GW	Mostly to pulp & paper and oil industry
USA	67 GW	Growing rapidly, policy support for CHP
China	32 GW	Predominantly coal fired CHP
Russia	65 GW	Around 30% of electricity from CHP
Germany	11 GW	Rising market for municipal CHP
UK	4.9 GW	Strong incentives for renewable energy
Brazil	2.8 GW	DE associated with off-grid installations
India	4.1 GW	Mostly bagasse based CHP for sugar mills
South Africa	0.5 GW	Replacing mainly coal fired electricity
<b>World</b>	<b>247 GW</b>	<b>Expected to grow by 10 GW per year</b>

Source: World Survey of Decentralized Energy 2004, WADE

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# Biomass Heating Technology & Applications



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Wood Chipping



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- Controlled combustion of wood, agricultural residues, municipal waste, etc., to provide heat

Single Buildings and/or District Heating

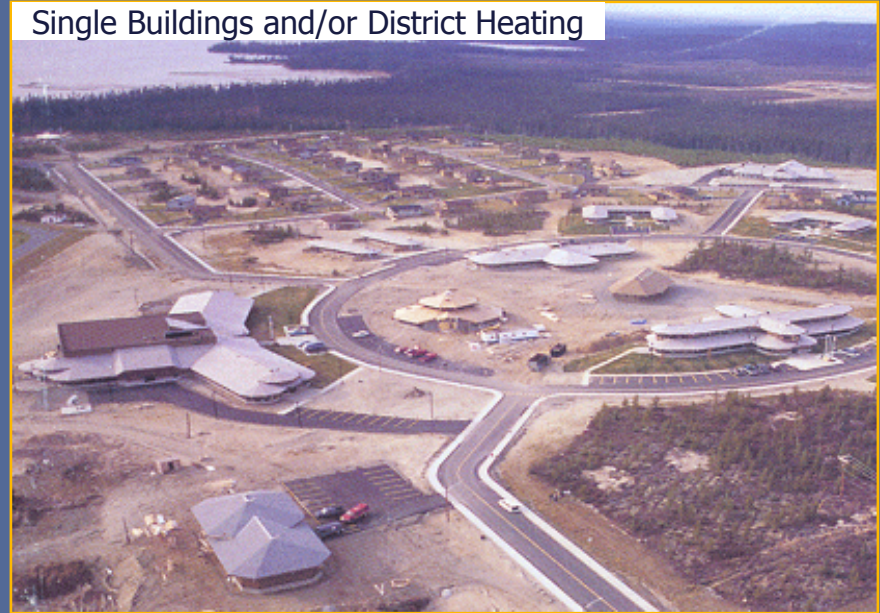


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Heating Plant



# Biomass Heating Market



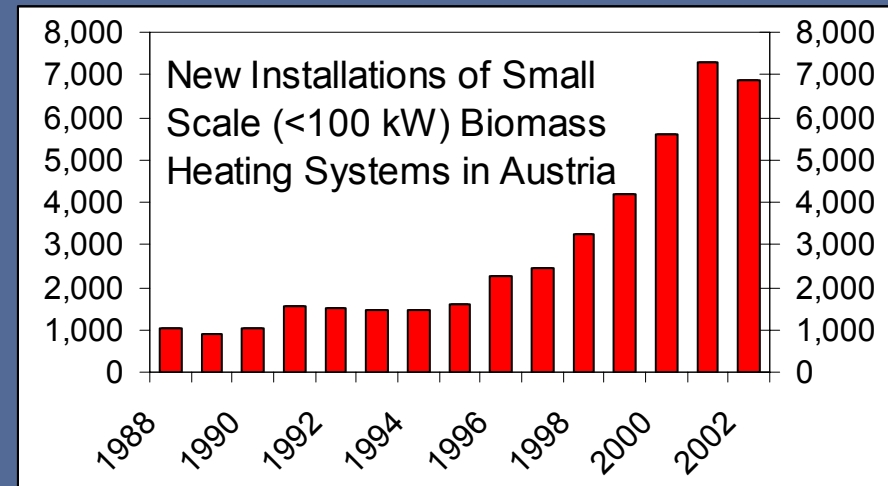
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- Worldwide:
  - ▶ Biomass combustion provides 11% of world's Total Primary Energy Supply (TPES)
  - ▶ Over 20 GW<sub>th</sub> of controlled combustion heating systems
- Developing countries:
  - ▶ Cooking, heating
  - ▶ Not always sustainable
  - ▶ Africa: 50% of TPES
  - ▶ India: 39% of TPES
  - ▶ China: 19% of TPES
- Industrialised countries:
  - ▶ Heat, power, wood stoves
  - ▶ Finland: 19% of TPES
  - ▶ Sweden: 16% of TPES
  - ▶ Austria: 9% of TPES
  - ▶ Denmark: 8% of TPES
  - ▶ Canada: 4% of TPES
  - ▶ USA: 68% of all renewables



Combustion Chamber  
Photo: Ken Sheinkopf/ Solstice CREST



Source: IEA Statistics– Renewables Information 2003, Renewable Energy World 02/2003

Source: Ingwald Oberberger citing the Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry, Lower Austria

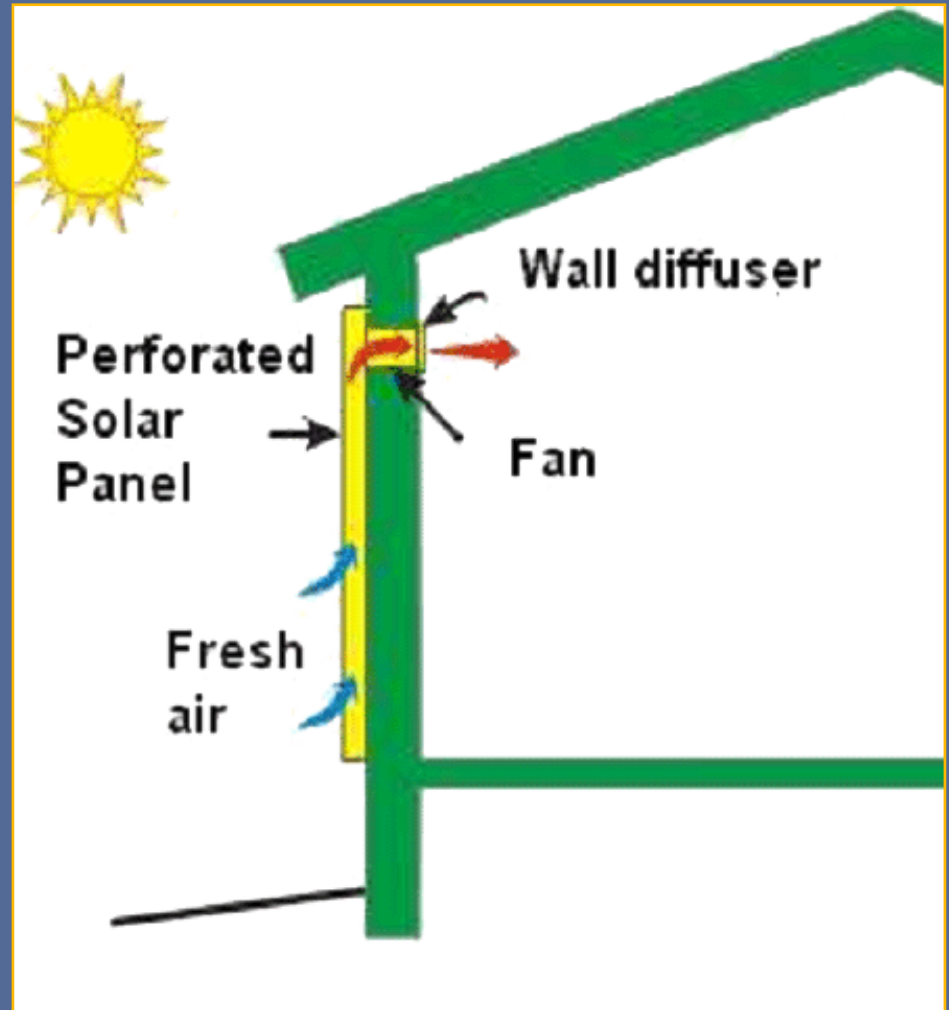
# Solar Air Heating Technology & Applications



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- Unglazed collector for air preheating
- Cold air is heated as it passes through small holes in the metal absorber plate (Solarwall™)
- A fan circulates this heated air through the building



# Solar Air Heating Market



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- Preheating of ventilation air for buildings with large fresh air requirements
- Also for crop drying
- Cost competitive for new buildings or major renovations



Industrial Buildings

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Solar Crop Drying

Photo Credit: Conserval Engineering

# Solar Water Heating Technology & Applications



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- Glazed and unglazed collectors
- Water storage (tank or pool)

Commercial/Institutional Buildings and Pools



Aquaculture - Salmon Hatchery



# Solar Water Heating Market



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- More than 30 million m<sup>2</sup> of collectors worldwide
- Europe:
  - ▶ 10 million m<sup>2</sup> of collectors in operation
  - ▶ Annual growth rate of 12%
  - ▶ Germany, Greece, and Austria
  - ▶ Goal for 2010: 100 million m<sup>2</sup>
- Strong world market for solar swimming pool heaters
- Barbados has 35,000 systems

Residential Buildings and Pools



Residential Buildings



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Source: Renewable Energy World, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

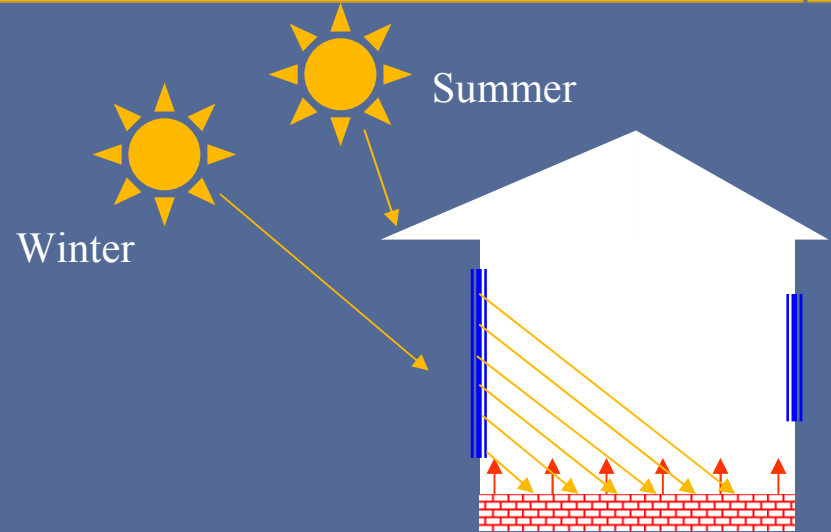
# Passive Solar Heating Technology & Applications



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- Supply 20 to 50% of space heating required in the heating season
- Solar gains available through equator-facing high performance windows
- Store heat within building structure
- Use shading to reduce summer heat gains



Passive Solar Heating of Apartments  
Photo: Fraunhofer ISE (from Siemens Research and Innovation Website)

# Passive Solar Heating Market



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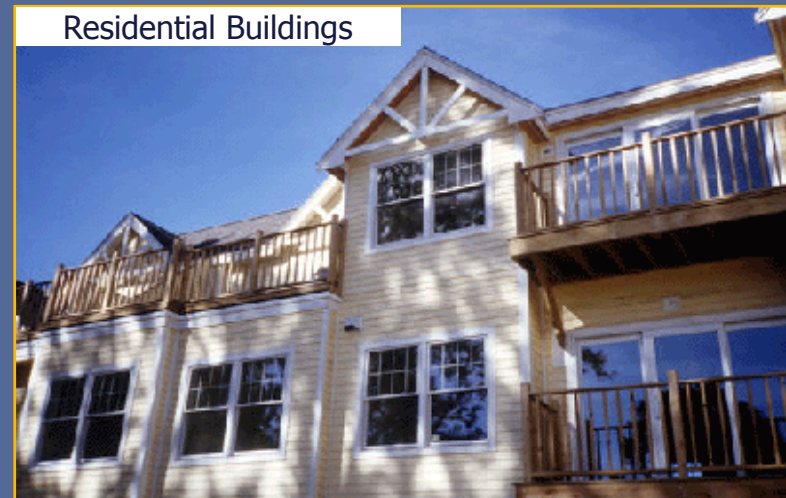
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- Use of efficient windows is actually passive solar - standard practice today
- For new construction - no to low cost increase
  - ▶ Higher efficiency windows
  - ▶ Building orientation
  - ▶ Proper shading
- Cost competitive for new buildings and retrofits



Commercial Buildings

DOE/NREL Photo Credit: Gretz, Warren



Residential Buildings

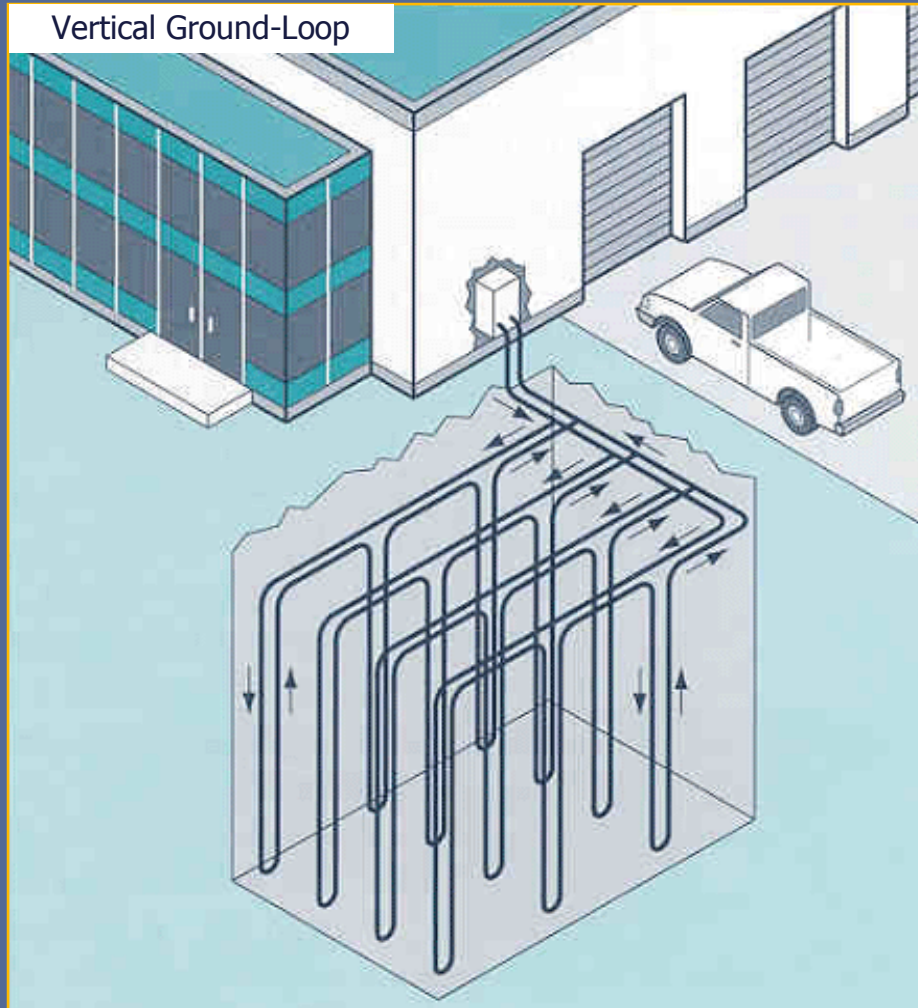
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# Ground-Source Heat Pump Technology & Applications



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- Space/water heating and cooling
- Electricity operates on vapor compression cycle
- Heat drawn from ground in winter and rejected to ground in summer





# Ground-Source Heat Pump Market



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Residential GSHP



- Canada:
  - ▶ 30,000+ residential units
  - ▶ 3,000+ industrial and commercial units
  - ▶ 435 MW<sub>th</sub> installed

- World:
  - ▶ 800,000 units installed
  - ▶ Total capacity of 9,500 MW<sub>th</sub>
  - ▶ Annual growth rate of 10%
- USA: 50,000 installations annually
- Sweden, Germany, Switzerland major European markets

Commercial, Institutional & Industrial Buildings



Photo Credit: Geothermal Heat Pump Consortium (GHPC) DOE/NREL

# Other Commercial Clean Energy Technologies



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- Fuels: ethanol and bio-diesel
- Efficient refrigeration systems
- Variable speed motors
- Daylighting & efficient lighting systems
- Ventilation heat recovery
- Others

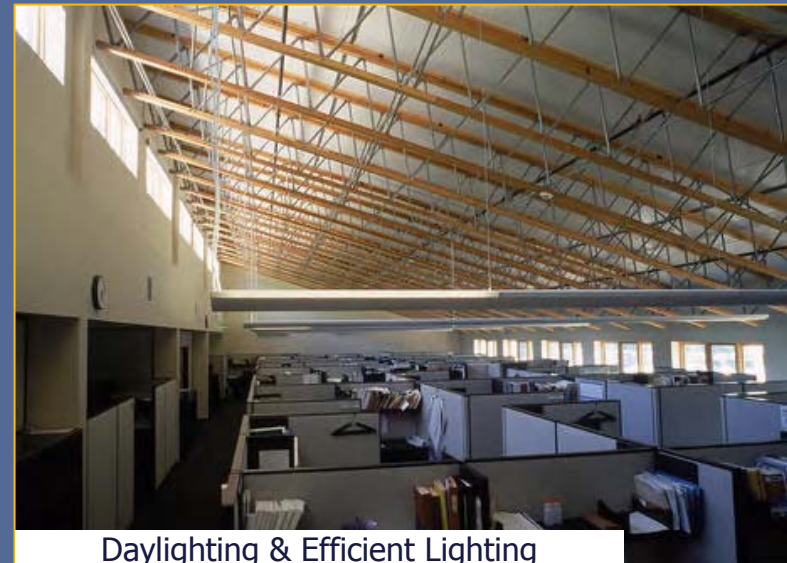


Agriculture Waste Fuel Supply

Photo Credit: David and Associates DOE/NREL



Efficient Refrigeration at Ice Rink



Daylighting & Efficient Lighting

Photo Credit: Robb Williamson/ NREL Pix

# Emerging Clean Energy Technologies



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- Solar-thermal power
- Ocean-thermal power
- Tidal power
- Ocean current power
- Wave power
- etc.

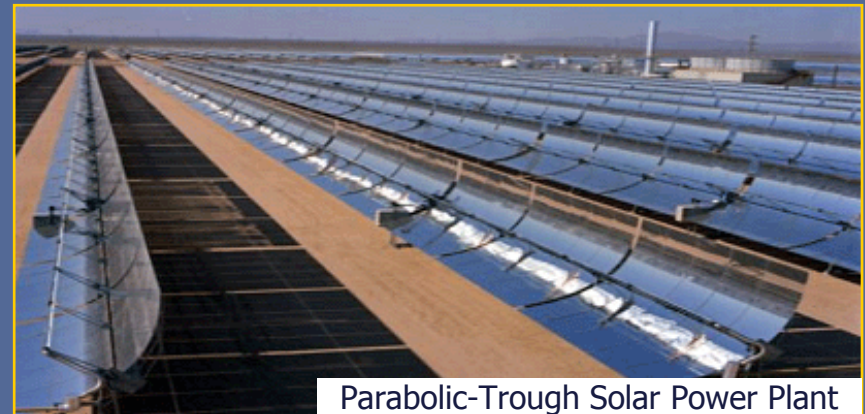


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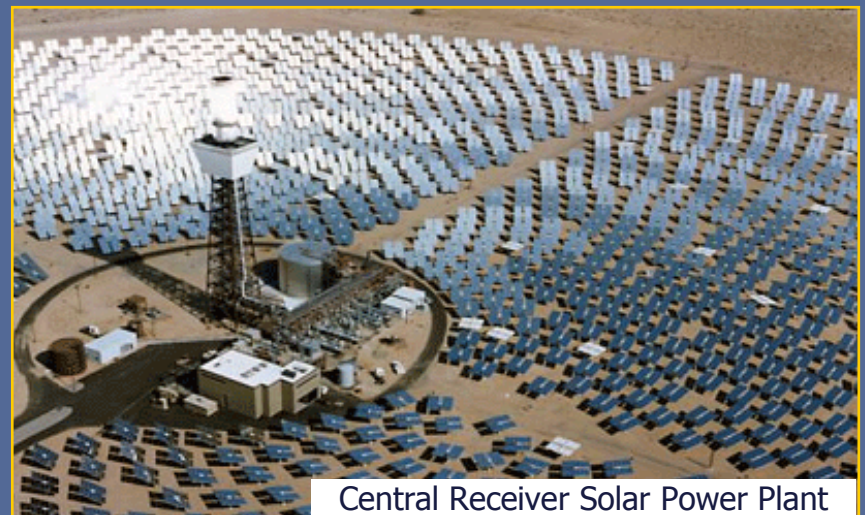


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# Conclusions



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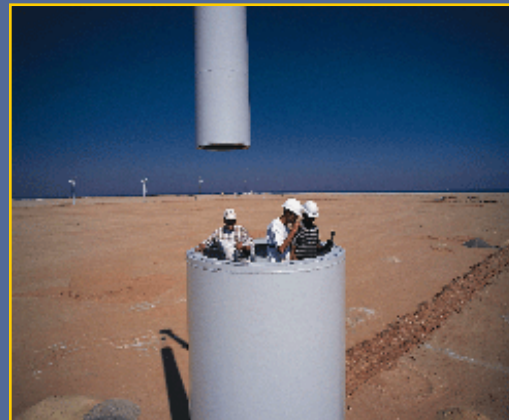
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- Cost-effective opportunities exist
- Many success stories
- Growing markets
- Renewable energy resources and energy efficiency opportunities are available

Parks Canada PV-Wind Hybrid System (Arctic at 81°N)



Photo Credit: Michael Ross Renewable Energy Research



600 kW Wind Turbine installation

Photo Credit: Nordex GmbH



PV Phone

Photo Credit: Price, Chuck

# Questions?



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Introduction - Status of Clean Energy Technologies Module  
RETScreen® International Clean Energy Project Analysis Course



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**[www.retscreen.net](http://www.retscreen.net)**



# Clean Energy Project Analysis with RETScreen® Software

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Clean Energy Project Analysis Course



## Five Step Standard Analysis ➔

**1** Energy Model

Sub-Worksheet(s)

**2** Cost Analysis

**3** GHG Analysis

Optional

click on blue hyperlinks  
or floating icon to access data

**4** Financial Summary

Project Cash Flows

**5** Sensitivity & Risk Analysis

Optional

➔ Ready to make a decision



# Objectives



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- Illustrate role of preliminary feasibility studies
- Demonstrate how the RETScreen® Software works
- Show how RETScreen® makes it easier to help identify & assess potential projects

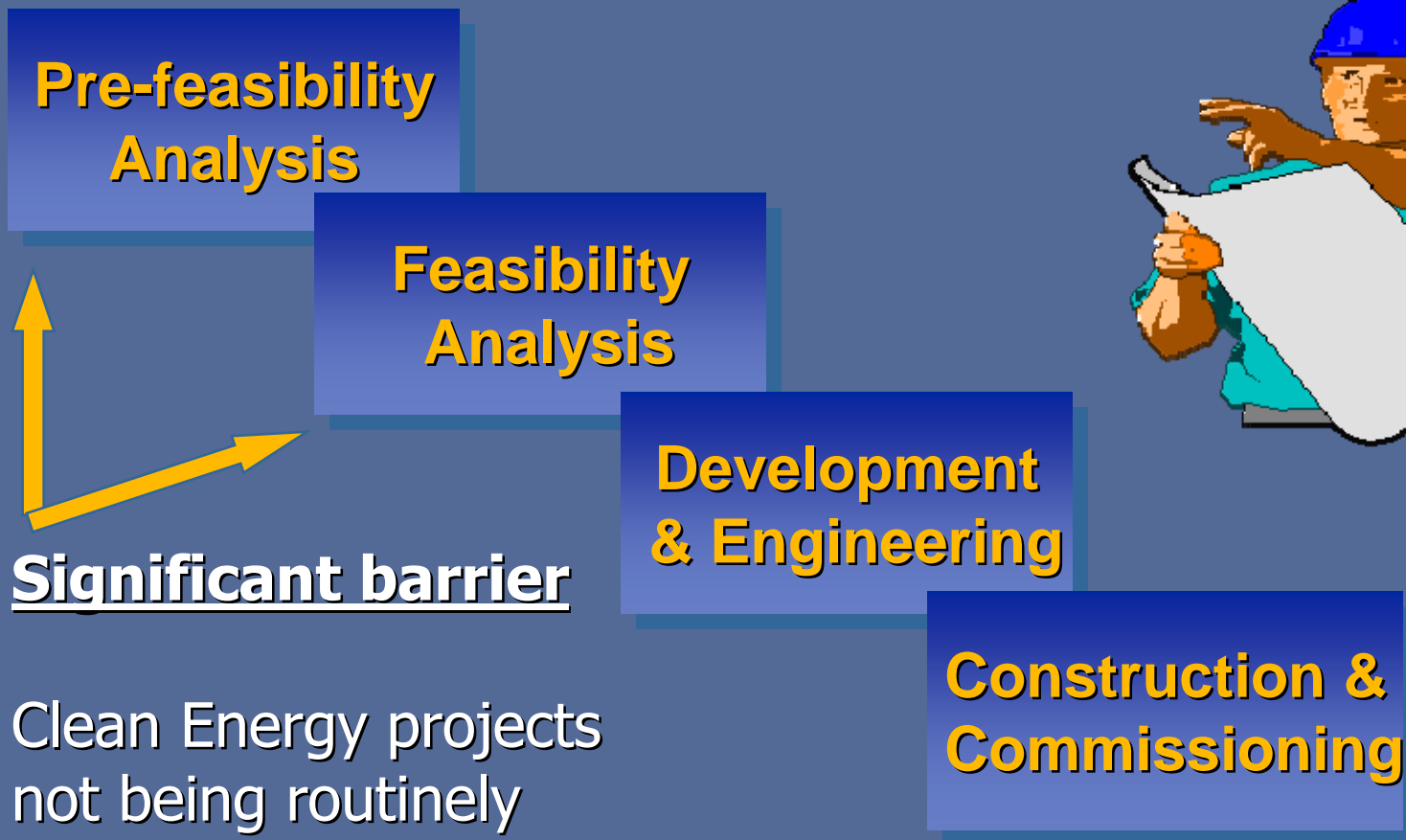


# Energy Project Implementation Process



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Clean Energy projects  
not being routinely  
considered up-front!

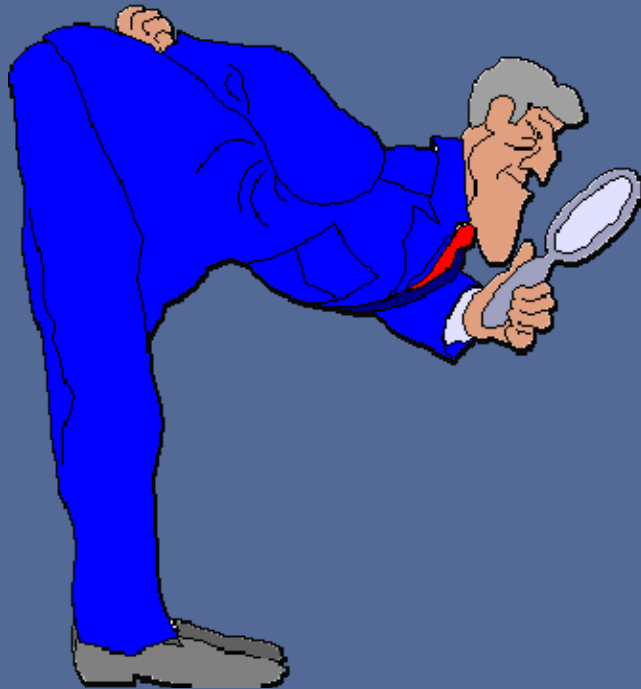


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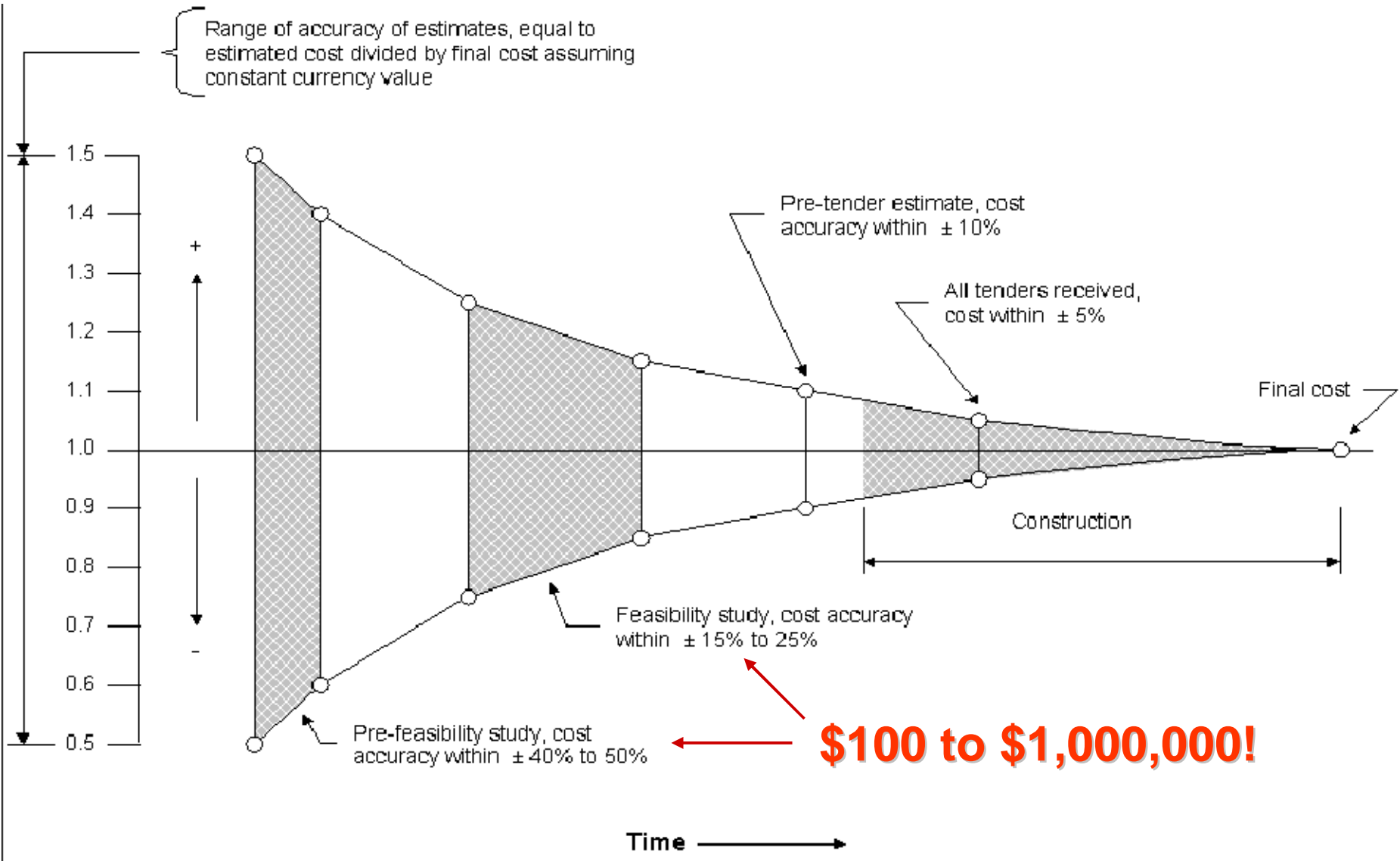
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- What is an acceptable level of accuracy for project cost estimates?
- How much do these studies typically cost?

# Accuracy vs. Investment Cost Dilemma

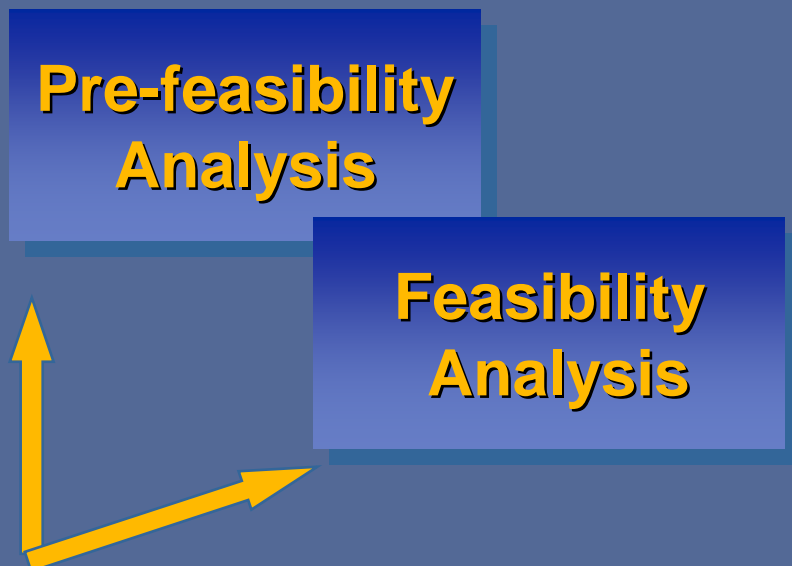


# When should clean energy technologies be assessed?



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**Preliminary  
feasibility studies**

- Need for energy system
- New construction or planned renovation
- High conventional energy costs
- Interest by key stakeholders
- Approvals possible
- Funding & financing accessible
- Good local clean energy resource, etc.

# Project Viability (Wind Example) Depends on Several Factors



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- **Energy resource available at project site**  
(e.g. wind speed)
- **Equipment performance**  
(e.g. wind turbine power curve)
- **Initial project costs**  
(e.g. wind turbines, towers, engineering)
- **“Base case” credits**  
(e.g. diesel generators for remote sites)
- **On-going and periodic project costs**  
(e.g. cleaning of wind turbine blades)



# Project Viability (Wind Example) Depends on Several Factors - cont.



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- **Avoided cost of energy**  
(e.g. wholesale electricity price)

- **Financing**  
(e.g. debt ratio & length, interest rate)



Photo Credit: Middelgrunden Wind Turbine Co-operative

- **Taxes on equipment & income (or savings)**
- **Environmental characteristics of energy displaced**  
(e.g. coal, natural gas, oil, large hydro, nuclear)
- **Environmental credits and/or subsidies**  
(e.g. greenpower rates, GHG credits, grants)
- **Decision-maker's definition of cost-effective**  
(e.g. payback period, IRR, NPV, Energy production costs)

# Why Use RETScreen®?



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- Simplifies preliminary evaluations
  - ▶ Requires relatively little user input
  - ▶ Calculates key technical and financial viability indicators automatically
- Costs 1/10th the amount of other assessment methods
- Standardized procedures allow objective comparisons
- Increases potential for successful clean energy project implementation



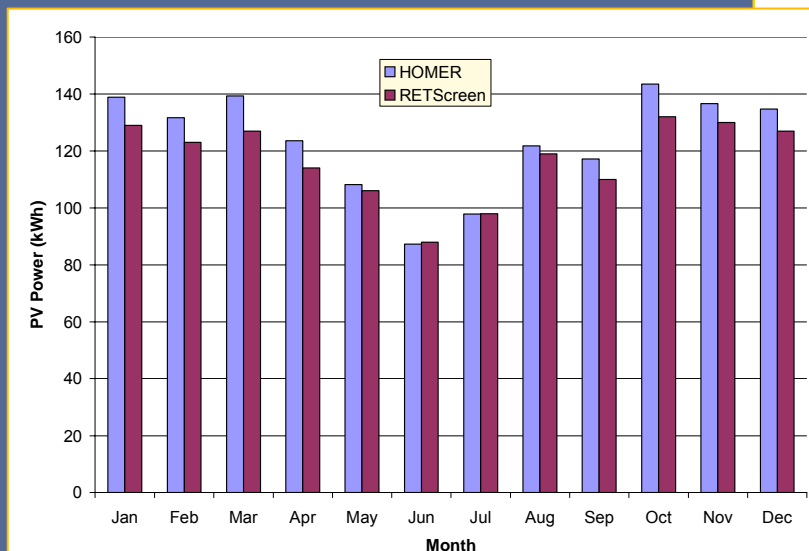
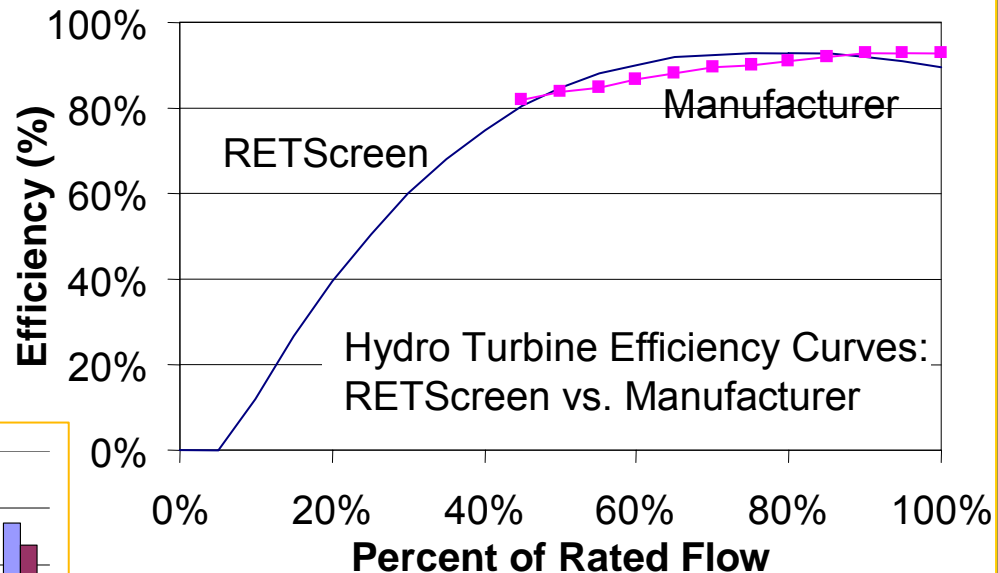
# RETScreen® Validation- Examples



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- All models validated by comparison with monitored and manufacturer's data...



Comparing PV Energy Production Calculated by RETScreen and HOMER

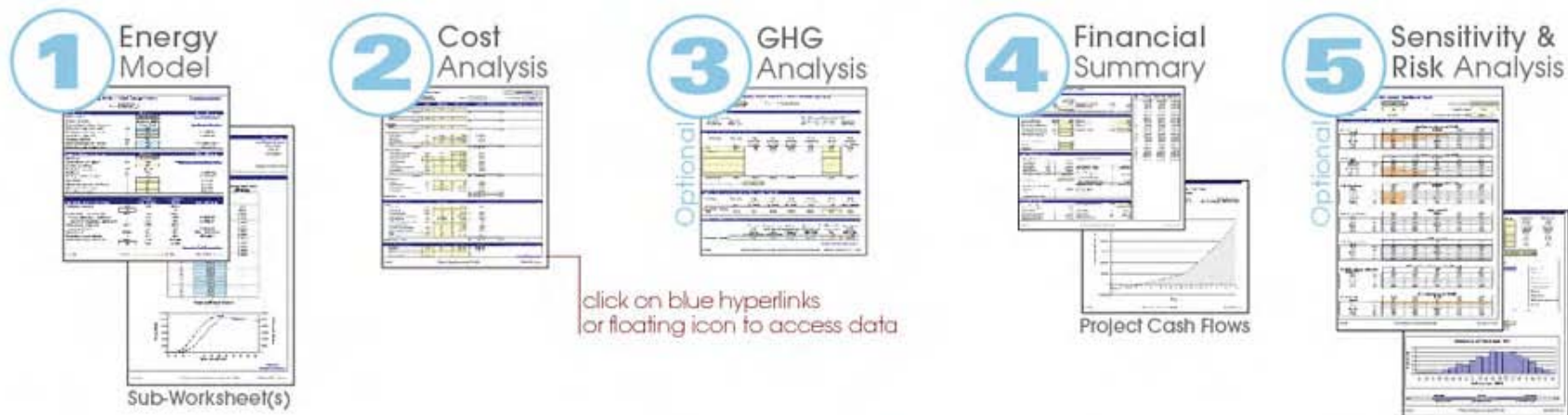
- ... and/or by comparison with hourly simulation tools.

# RETScreen® Software Demonstration (Wind Energy Project Model Example)

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## Five Step Standard Analysis ➔



➔ Ready to make a decision

## Integrated Features

Weather  
Data



Product  
Data



Online  
Manual



- Training Course
- Engineering Textbook
- Case Studies
- Online Marketplace
- Internet Forums



## RETScreen® Energy Model - Wind Energy Project

Units: 

- [? Online User Manual](#)  
[i Online Product Database](#)  
[g Online Weather Database](#)  
[RETScreen on the Web](#)

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Site Conditions		Estimate	
Project name		<b>Wind Farm</b>	
Project location		<b>Andhra, India</b>	
Wind data source		Wind speed	
Nearest location for weather data		Hyderabad	
Annual average wind speed	m/s	6.2	
Height of wind measurement	m	30.0	
Wind shear exponent	-	0.16	3.0 to 100.0 m 0.10 to 0.40
Wind speed at 10 m	m/s	5.2	
Average atmospheric pressure	kPa	94.4	60.0 to 103.0 kPa
Annual average temperature	°C	27	-20 to 30 °C

System Characteristics		Estimate	Notes/Range
Grid type	-	Central-grid	
Wind turbine rated power	kW	1,000	→ <a href="#">Complete Equipment Data sheet</a>
Number of turbines	-	20	
Wind plant capacity	kW	20,000	
Hub height	m	70.0	6.0 to 100.0 m
Wind speed at hub height	m/s	7.1	
Wind power density at hub height	W/m <sup>2</sup>	420	
Array losses	%	3%	0% to 20%
Airfoil soiling and/or icing losses	%	2%	1% to 10%
Other downtime losses	%	2%	2% to 7%
Miscellaneous losses	%	3%	2% to 6%

Annual Energy Production		Estimate Per Turbine	Estimate Total	Notes/Range
Wind plant capacity	kW	1,000	20,000	
	MW	1.000	20.000	
Unadjusted energy production	MWh	2,521	50,426	
Pressure adjustment coefficient	-	0.93	0.93	0.59 to 1.02
Temperature adjustment coefficient	-	0.96	0.96	0.98 to 1.15
Gross energy production	MWh	2,251	45,020	
Losses coefficient	-	0.90	0.90	0.75 to 1.00
Specific yield	kWh/m <sup>2</sup>	888	888	150 to 1,500 kWh/m <sup>2</sup>
Wind plant capacity factor	%	23%	23%	20% to 40%
Renewable energy delivered	MWh	2,034	<b>40,682</b>	
	GJ	7,323	146,456	

[Complete Cost Analysis sheet](#)

# Cell Colour Coding



## Input and Output Cells

**white**

Model output - calculated by the model.

**yellow**

User input - required to run the model.

**blue**

User input - required to run the model and online databases available.

**grey**

User input - for reference purposes only. Not required to run the model.

Site Conditions		Estimate	Notes/Range
Project name		<b>Wind Farm</b>	<i>See Online Manual</i>
Project location		<b>Andhra, India</b>	
Wind data source		Wind speed	
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**RETScreen® Energy Model - Wind Energy Project**

Units:

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Other downtime losses	%	2%	2%
Miscellaneous losses	%	3%	2%

Annual Energy Production		Estimate Per Turbine	Estimate Total	Note
Wind plant capacity	kW	1,000	20,000	
	MW	1.000	20.000	
Unadjusted energy production	MWh	2,521	50,426	
Pressure adjustment coefficient	-	0.93	0.93	0.5
Temperature adjustment coefficient	-	0.96	0.96	0.9
Gross energy production	MWh	2,251	45,020	
Losses coefficient	-	0.90	0.90	0.7
Specific yield	kWh/m²	888	888	150 to 1
Wind plant capacity factor	%	23%	23%	20%
Renewable energy delivered	MWh	2,034	<b>40,682</b>	
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## Wind shear exponent

The user enters the wind shear exponent, which is a dimensionless number expressing the rate at which the wind speed varies with the height above the ground. A low exponent corresponds to a smooth terrain whereas a high exponent is typical of a terrain with sizeable obstacles. This value is used to calculate the average wind speed at the wind turbine hub height and at 10 m.

The wind shear exponent typically ranges from 0.10 to 0.40. The low end of the range corresponds to a smooth terrain (e.g. sea, sand and snow from 0.10 to 0.13). A wind shear of 0.25 corresponds to a rough terrain (i.e. with sizeable obstacles). The high end of the range (0.40) corresponds to a project in an urban area. A value of 0.14 is a good first approximation when the site characteristics are yet to be determined [Le Gourières, 1982], [WECTEC, 1996] and [Gipe, 1995].

### RETScreen® Equipment Data - Wind Energy Project

Wind Turbine Characteristics		Estimate	Notes/Range
Wind turbine rated power	kW	1,000	See Product Database
Hub height	m	70.0	6.0 to 100.0 m
Rotor diameter	m	54	7 to 80 m
Swept area	m <sup>2</sup>	2,300	35 to 5,027 m <sup>2</sup>
Wind turbine manufacturer		Bonus Energy	
Wind turbine model		AN BONUS 1 MW	
Energy curve data source	-	Standard	Rayleigh wind distribution
Shape factor	-	2.0	

### Wind Turbine Production Data

Wind spe (m/s)
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
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10
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24

#### Product Database

Wind Turbine Rated Power Range (kW):

Region:

Supplier:

Model:

Details:

Supplier:

Contact manufacturer directly:

Bonus Energy A/S  
 Borupvej 16  
 DK-73300 Brande,  
 Denmark  
 phone: +45 9942 2222  
 fax: +45 9999 2222  
 bonus@bonus.dk  
 http://www.bonus.dk/

Wind Turbine Rated Power:

Hub Height:

Rotor Diameter:

Swept Area:

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Wind Speed (m/s)	Power (kW)
0	0.0
1	0.0
2	0.0
3	0.0
4	24.1
5	69.3
6	130.0
7	219.1
8	333.5
9	463.1
10	598.1
11	730.0
12	846.5
13	928.8
14	972.6
15	990.8

Wind Speed (m/s)	Power (kW)	Energy (MWh/yr)
0	997.2	0
1	999.2	1
2	999.8	2
3	999.9	3
4	1,000.0	4
5	1,000.0	5
6	1,000.0	6
7	1,000.0	7
8	1,000.0	8
9	1,000.0	9
10	1,000.0	10
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13	1,000.0	13
14	1,000.0	14
15	1,000.0	15

Date modified: 2004/01/01

**RETScreen® Cost Analysis - Wind Energy Project**

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Type of project:

Currency:   
 Second currency:

Cost references:   
 Rate: US\$/DKK

Initial Costs (Credits)	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Denmark	Relative Costs	% Foreign	Foreign Amount
<b>Feasibility Study</b>							
Site investigation	p-d	6.0	US\$ 800				
Wind resource assessment	met tower	6	US\$ 22,000				
Environmental assessment	p-d	8.0	US\$ 800			0%	DKK -
Preliminary design	p-d	18.0	US\$ 800			0%	DKK -
Detailed cost estimate	p-d	18.0	US\$ 800			0%	DKK -
GHG baseline study and MP	project	1	US\$ 50,000	US\$ 50,000		0%	DKK -
Report preparation	p-d	8.0	US\$ 800	US\$ 6,400		0%	DKK -
Project management	p-d	6.0	US\$ 800	US\$ 4,800		0%	DKK -
Travel and accommodation	p-trip	4	US\$ 3,000	US\$ 12,000		0%	DKK -
Other - Feasibility study	Cost	0	US\$ -	US\$ -		0%	DKK -
Sub-total:				<b>US\$ 245,200</b>	0.8%	0%	DKK -
<b>Development</b>							
PPA negotiation	p-d	20.0	US\$ 1,200	US\$ 24,000		0%	DKK -
Permits and approvals	p-d	250.0	US\$ 800	US\$ 200,000		0%	DKK -
Land rights	project	1	US\$ 30,000	US\$ 30,000		0%	DKK -
Land survey	p-d	50.0	US\$ 600	US\$ 30,000		0%	DKK -
GHG validation and registration	project	1	US\$ 65,000	US\$ 65,000		0%	DKK -
Project financing	p-d	100.0	US\$ 1,500	US\$ 150,000		0%	DKK -
Legal and accounting	p-d	100.0	US\$ 1,200	US\$ 120,000		0%	DKK -
Project management	p-yr	1.25	US\$ 130,000	US\$ 162,500		0%	DKK -
Travel and accommodation	p-trip	18	US\$ 3,000	US\$ 54,000		0%	DKK -
Other - Development	Cost	0	US\$ -	US\$ -		0%	DKK -
Sub-total:				<b>US\$ 835,500</b>	2.7%	0%	DKK -
<b>Engineering</b>							
Wind turbine(s) micro-siting	p-d	175.0	US\$ 800	US\$ 140,000		0%	DKK -
Mechanical design	p-d	100.0	US\$ 800	US\$ 80,000		0%	DKK -
Electrical design	p-d	150.0	US\$ 800	US\$ 120,000		0%	DKK -
Civil design	p-d	90.0	US\$ 800	US\$ 72,000		0%	DKK -
Tenders and contracting	p-d	110.0	US\$ 800	US\$ 88,000		0%	DKK -
Construction supervision	p-yr	0.85	US\$ 130,000	US\$ 110,500		0%	DKK -
Other - Engineering	Cost	0	US\$ -	US\$ -		0%	DKK -
Sub-total:				<b>US\$ 610,500</b>	2.0%	0%	DKK -

RETScreen® Energy Model - Wind Energy Project

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Units:

Site Conditions		Estimate	Notes/Range
Project name		<b>Wind Farm</b>	<a href="#">See Online Manual</a>
Project location		<b>Lethbridge A, AB</b>	
Wind data source		Wind speed	
Nearest location for weather data		<b>Lethbridge A, AB</b>	<a href="#">See Weather Database</a>
Annual average wind speed	m/s	5.4	
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Wind shear exponent	-	0.16	
Wind speed at 10 m	m/s	5.2	
Average atmospheric pressure	kPa	90.7	
Annual average temperature	°C	6	

**Weather Database** X

Region:

Country:

Province / State:

Weather Station:

Latitude [°]:

Longitude [°]:

Annual Average Wind Speed [m/s]:

Height of Wind Measurement [m]:

Average Atmospheric Pressure [kPa]:

Annual Average Temperature [°C]:

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[Visit Other Data Sites](#)

**Help**

**Paste Data**

**Close**

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	GJ	7,323	146,456	

[Complete Cost Analysis sheet](#)



# Surface meteorology and Solar Energy Data Set

A renewable energy resource web site  
 sponsored by  
 NASA's [Earth Science Enterprise Program](#)

A collaboration with the CANMET Energy Technology Centre - Varennes (CETC-Varennes) has produced data output useful to users of the [RETScreen<sup>®</sup> International](#) Renewable Energy Project Analysis Software.



## To access data for RETScreen:

- [Pick a location graphically.](#)
- Or enter a latitude and longitude in the form below.

Enter BOTH latitude and longitude either in decimal degrees or degrees and minutes separated by a space.

**Example:**

Latitude 33.5  
 Longitude -80.75

OR

Latitude 33 30  
 Longitude -80 45

Latitude?

North: 0 to 90

South: 0 to -90

Longitude?

East: 0 to 180

West: 0 to -180

Submit

Reset

*This form is "Reset" if the input is out of range.*

# NASA Surface meteorology and Solar Energy: Locate RETScreen Data

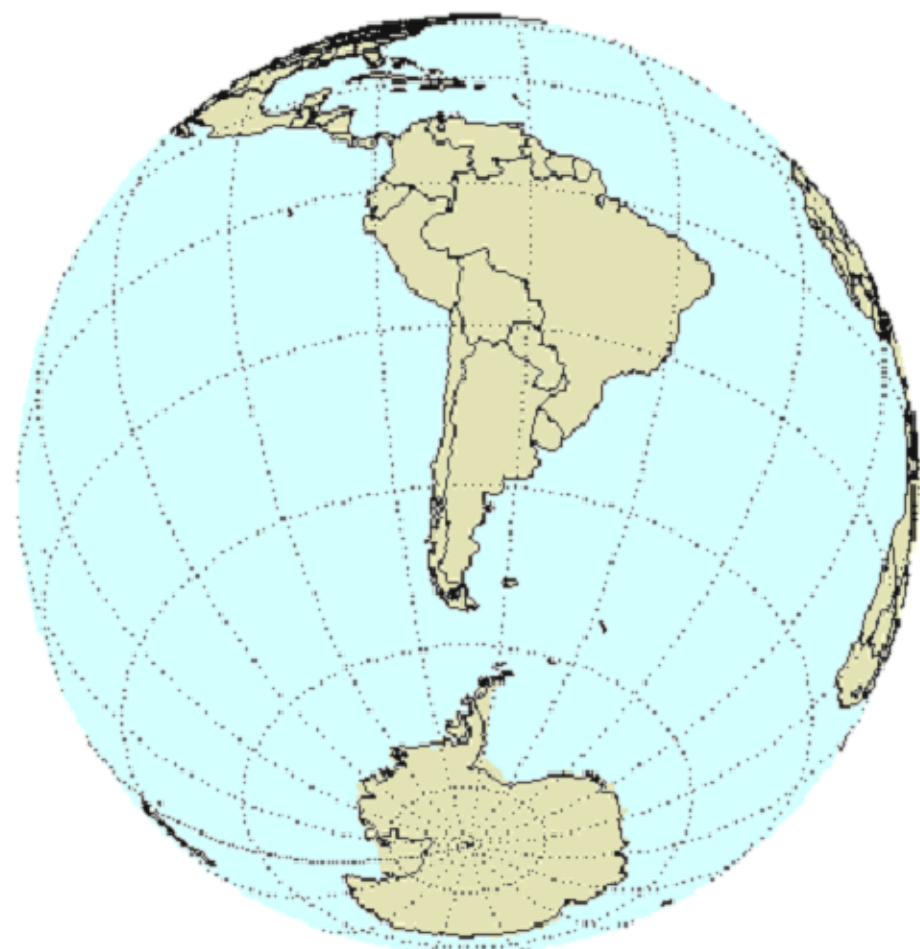
Options:

- [Click on image to recenter.](#)
- [Select zoom level and submit.](#)

Note: Zoom level must be higher than 2x to retrieve data.







Location: Lat -40 / Lon -68

Zoom:  1x  2x  4x  8x  16x

[Or enter a latitude and longitude using a form.](#)



Location: Lat -40 / Lon -68

Zoom:  1x  2x  4x  8x  16x

[Or enter a latitude and longitude using a form.](#)

## RETScreen Data

**Latitude -40 / Longitude -68 was chosen.**

Submit

Reset

Check the boxes and press Submit  
(Default is All Values)

Values

Definitions

### Geometry

Geometry Information - latitude/longitude center and boundaries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### RETScreen Technology Models

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**RETScreen Model(s) chosen:**  
Wind Energy

**Average Temperature (° C)**

Lat -40 Lon -68	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
10 Year Average	19.3	19.3	15.7	10.1	5.98	4.16	3.06	5.17	7.90	11.4	15.3	17.5	11.2
El Nino Year (1987)	20.8	20.1	15.7	11.1	4.99	5.15	5.52	4.80	6.78	11.9	16.5	16.5	11.6
La Nina Year (1988)	18.6	21.8	16.4	10.1	5.67	3.86	1.43	4.63	7.85	9.10	14.5	17.8	10.9

**Average Wind Speed (m/s)**

Lat -40 Lon -68	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
10 Year Average	4.51	4.11	4.04	4.01	4.19	4.04	3.92	3.95	4.05	4.28	4.36	4.73	4.18
El Nino Year (1987)	4.36	3.79	4.00	3.90	3.99	4.38	4.24	3.91	3.97	3.92	4.07	4.82	4.11
La Nina Year (1988)	5.24	3.61	3.84	3.99	3.69	4.26	3.66	4.22	4.09	5.28	4.99	5.21	4.34

It is recommended that users of these wind data view the Methodology Section of this web site. The user may wish to correct for bias as well as local effects within the grid region.

**Average Atmospheric Pressure (kPa)**

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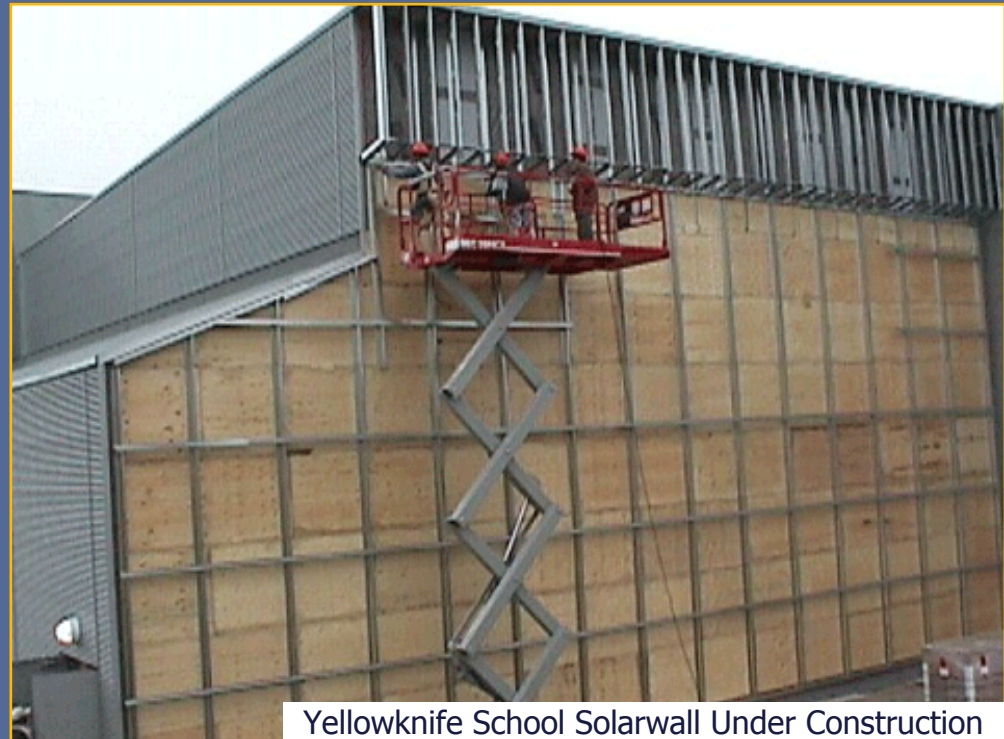
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## Comparison:

- Base Case vs. Proposed Case
- Conventional system vs. clean energy system

## Example:

- Standard building cladding (siding) and a natural gas fired air heater
- vs.
- *Solarwall™* cladding with solar air heating plus the conventional natural gas fired air heater



Yellowknife School Solarwall Under Construction

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# Software Demo

## 20 MW Wind Energy Project



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### Input/Output (RETScreen®)

- Project location:
- Wind speed:
- GHG emissions reduction:
- Wind turbine cost:
- RE production credit:
- GHG credit (coal plant):
- Debt term:
- **Positive cash flow:**
- **Return on investment:**

### Scenario #1 (Merchant Plant)

- Calgary, AB
- 4.4 m/s
- 25,123 tCO<sub>2</sub>/yr
- \$1,200/kW
- \$0/kWh
- \$0/ton
- 10 years
- **42.7 years**
- **- 7.1%**

### Scenario # 2 (Green Power Plant)

- Pincher Creek, AB
- Lethbridge → 7.0 m/s
- → 63,486 tCO<sub>2</sub>/yr
- → \$1,000/kW
- → \$0.025/kWh
- → \$5/ton
- → 15 years
- **5.2 years**
- **22.8%**

# Software Demo

## Scenario 1



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Scenario #1  
(Merchant Plant)

Calgary, AB

4.4 m/s

\$1,200/kW

25,123 t<sub>CO2</sub>/yr

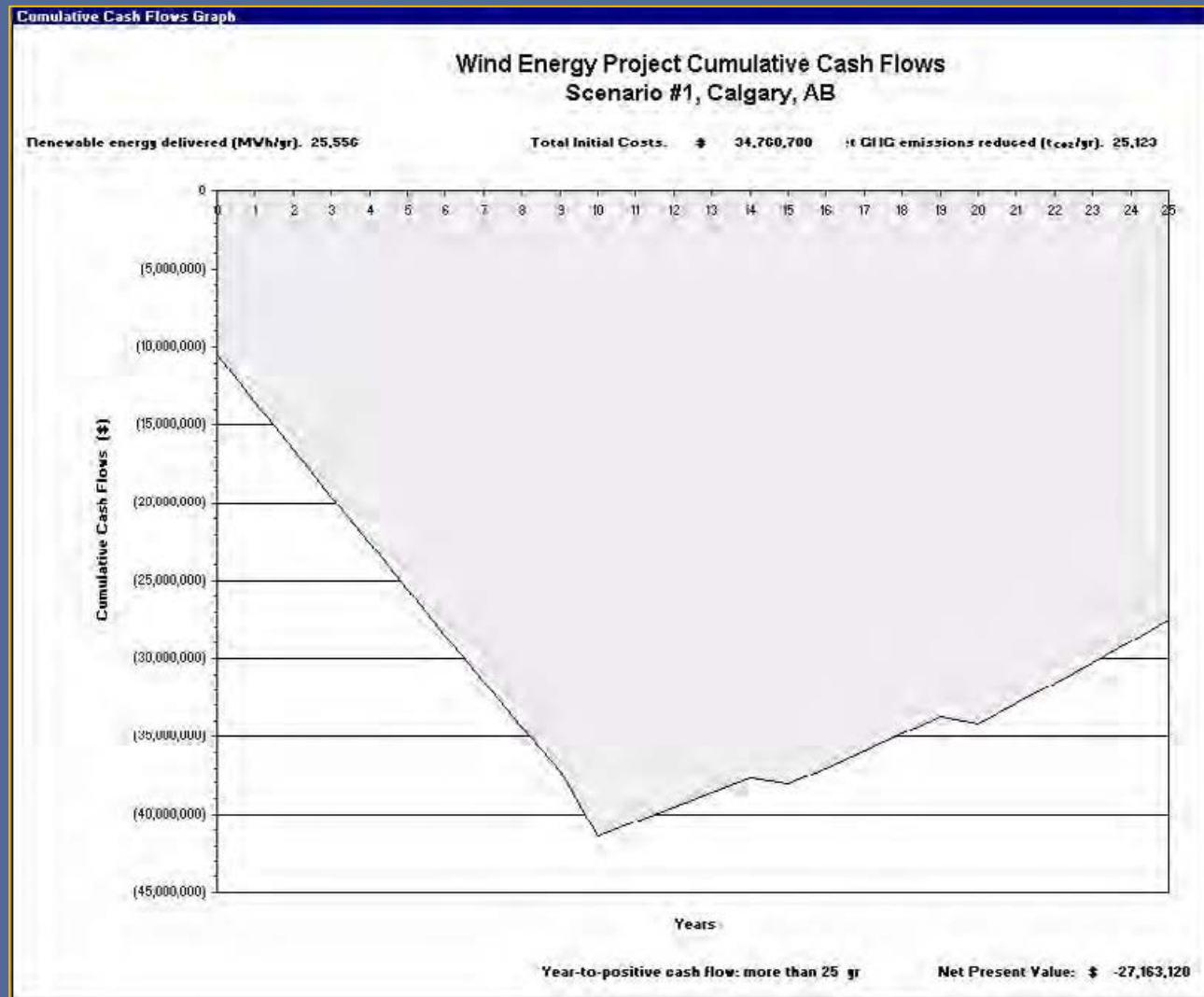
\$0/kWh

\$0/ton

10 years

**42.7 years**

**- 7.1%**



# Software Demo

## Wind Speed & GHG Emission Reduction



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### Scenario # 1a

(Green Power Plant)

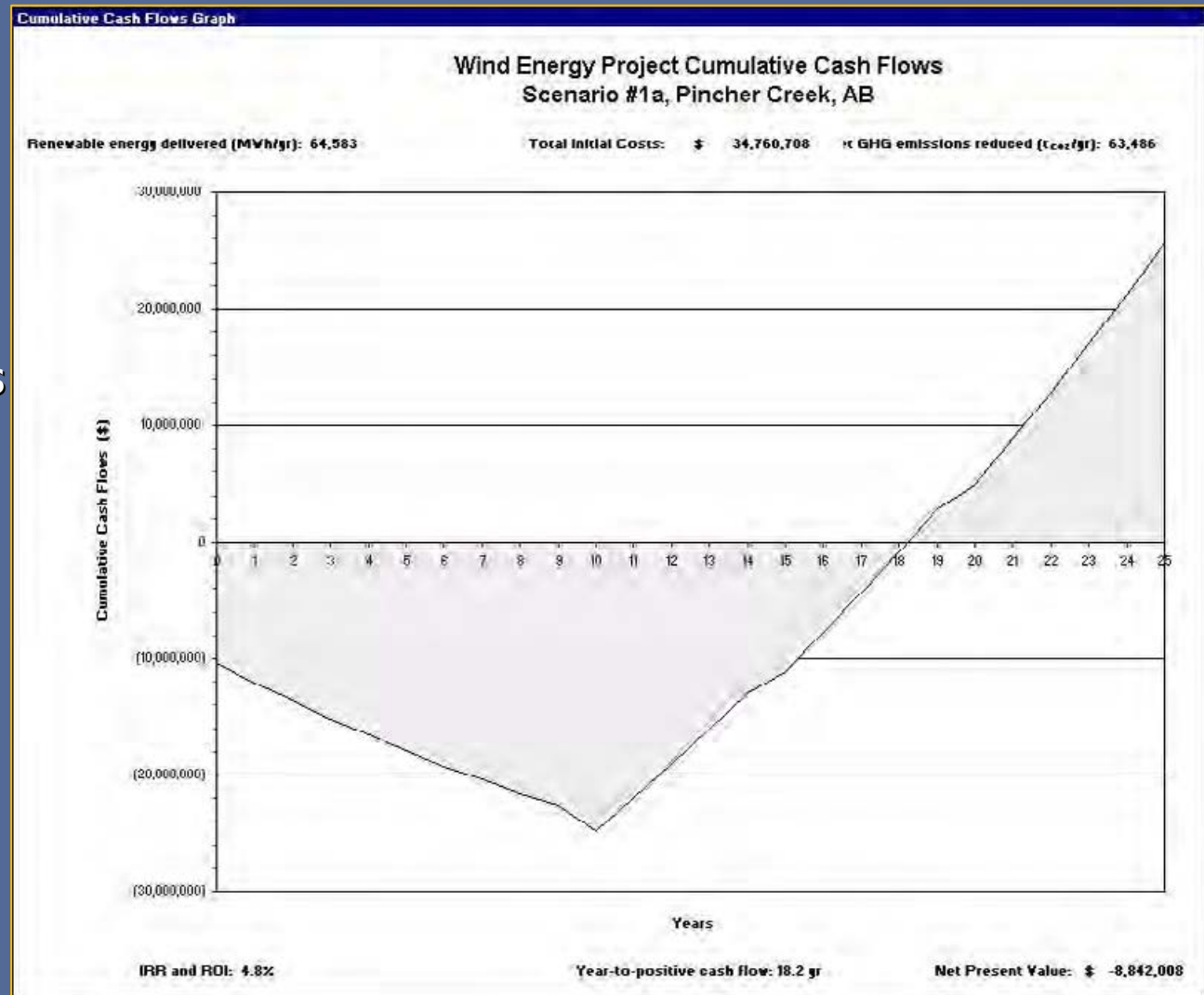
Pincher Creek, AB

Lethbridge → 7.0 m/s

63,486 t<sub>CO2</sub>/yr

18.2 years

4.8%





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## Wind Turbine Cost



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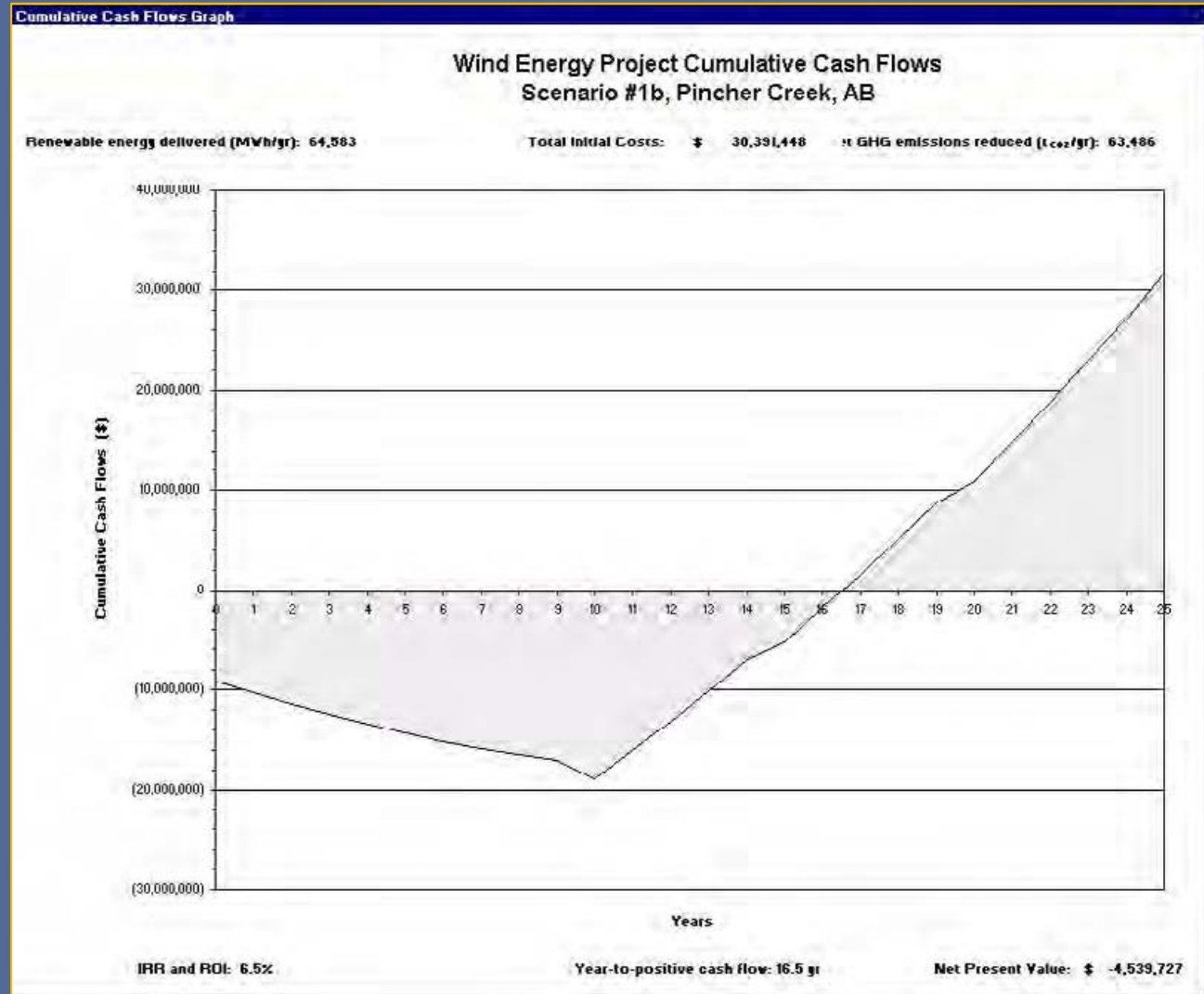
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Scenario # 1b

\$1,000/kW

16.5 years

6.5%



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## RE Production Credit



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Scenario # 1c

\$0.025/kWh

10.1 years

17.7%



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## GHG Emissions Credit



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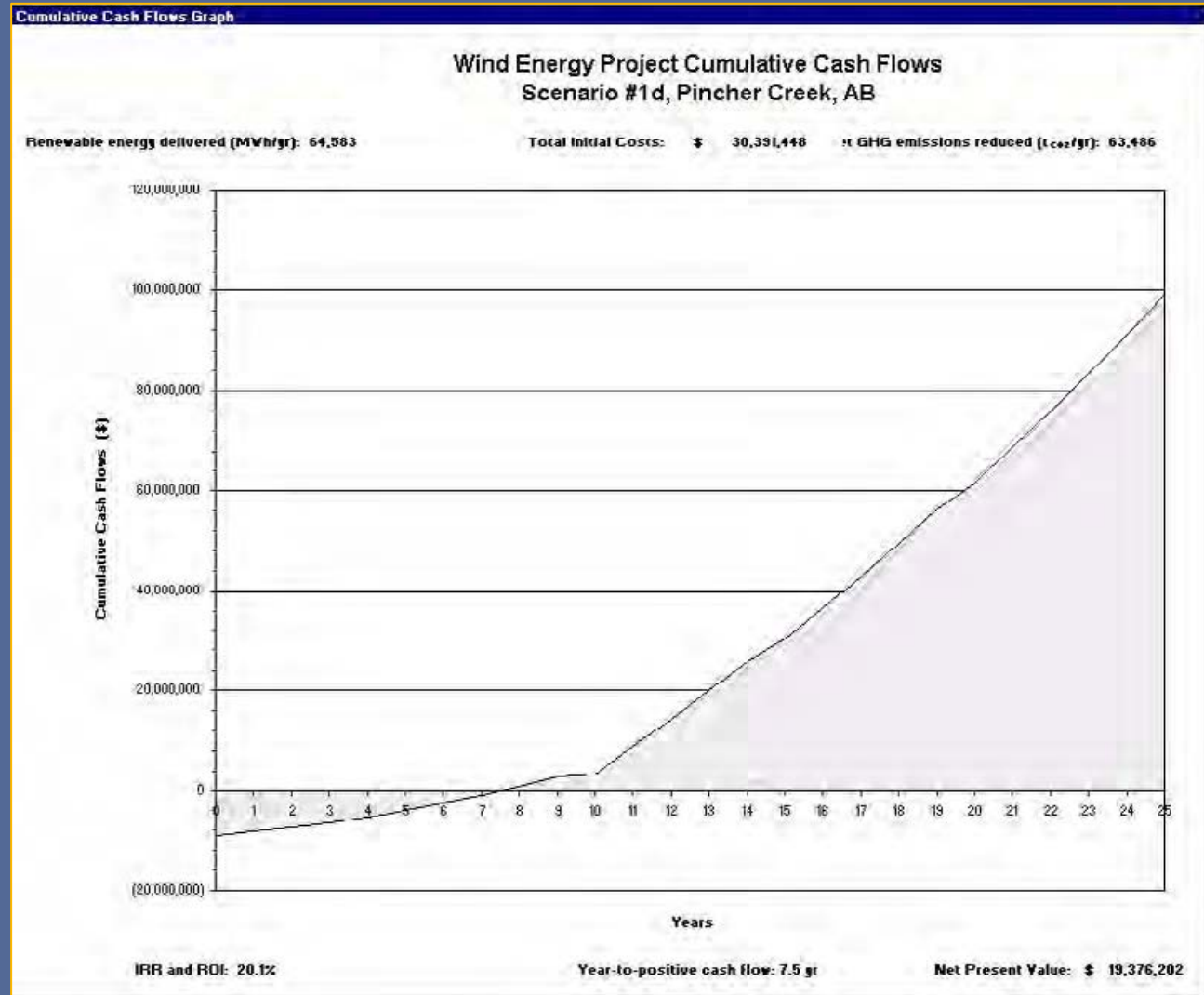
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Scenario # 1d

\$5/ton

7.5 years

20.1%



# Software Demo

## Debt Term



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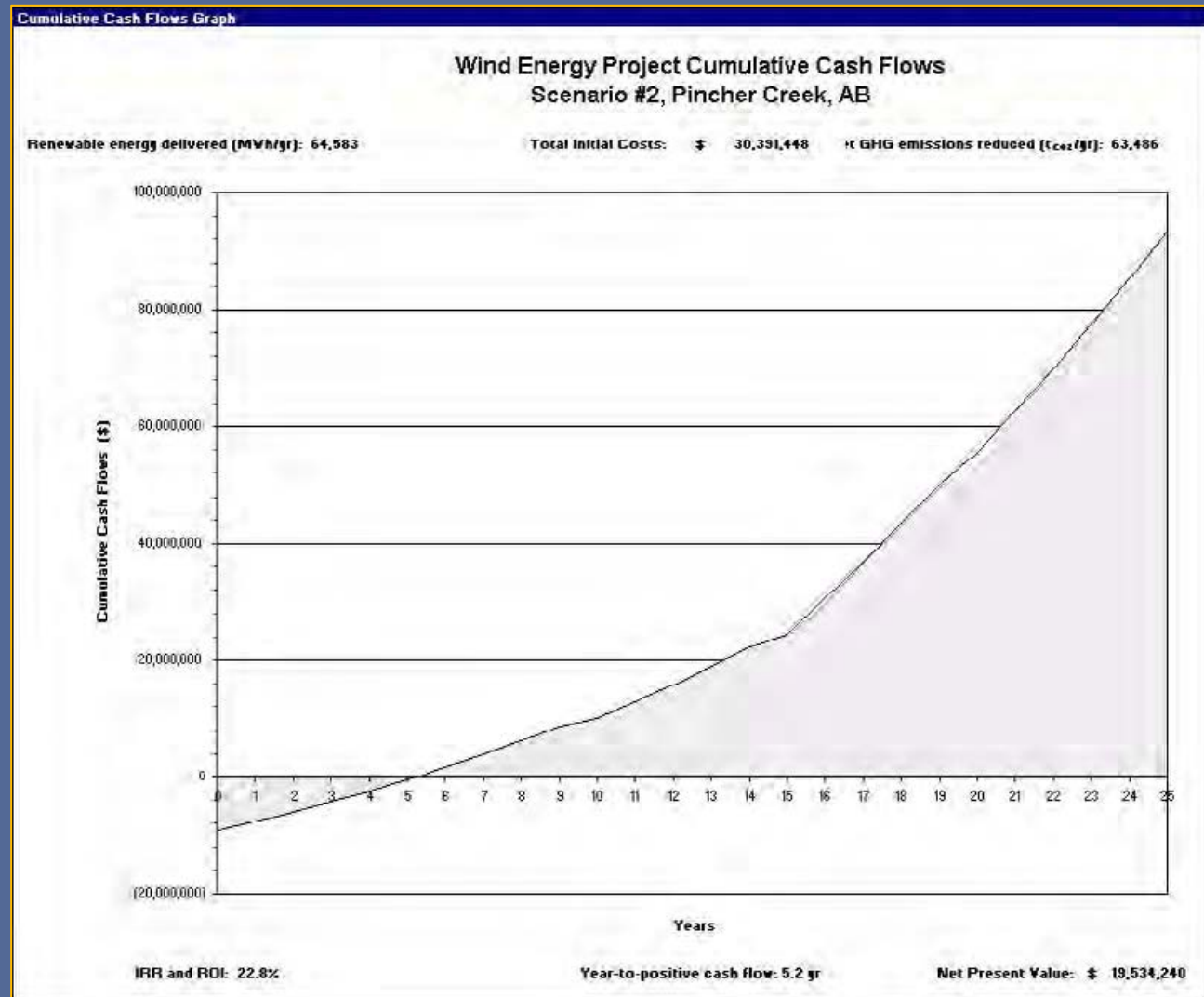
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### Scenario # 2

15 years

5.2 years

22.8%



# Questions?



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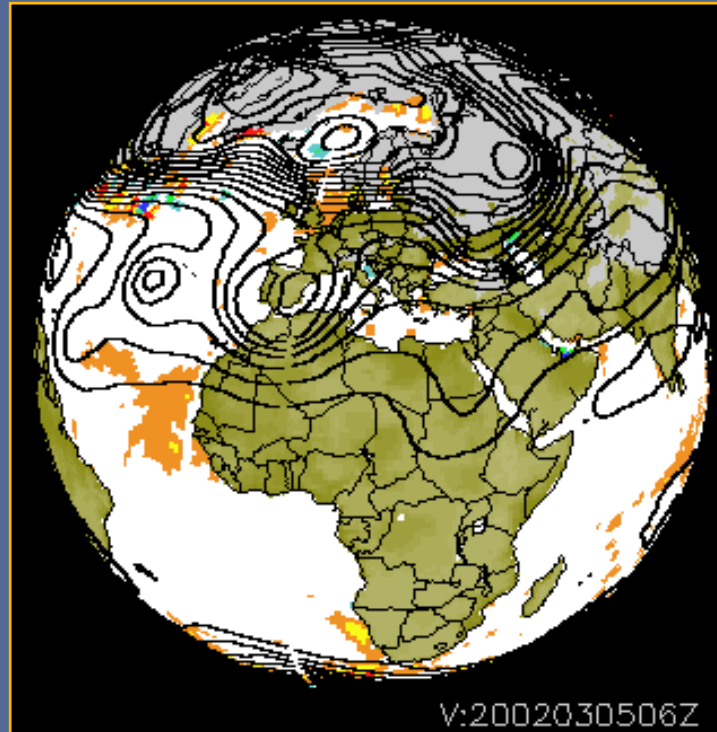


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# Objectives



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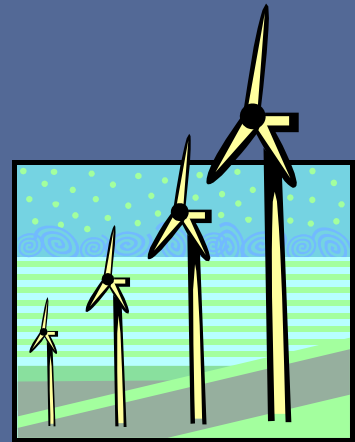
- Introduce a methodology for calculating reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
- Demonstrate the RETScreen® GHG Emission Reduction Analysis Model



# What needs to be calculated?



- Annual greenhouse gas emission reduction
  - ▶ Base case (typically conventional technology) vs. Proposed case (clean energy technology)
  - ▶ Units: tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year
  - ▶ CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions converted to equivalent CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in terms of their global warming potential





# How is this calculated?



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$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Annual GHG emission reduction} \\ \text{(t CO}_2\text{)} \end{array} = \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Base case} \\ \text{GHG emission} \\ \text{factor} \\ \text{(t CO}_2\text{/MWh)} \end{array} - \begin{array}{l} \text{Proposed case} \\ \text{GHG emission} \\ \text{factor} \\ \text{(t CO}_2\text{/MWh)} \end{array} \right] \times \begin{array}{l} \text{End-use} \\ \text{annual energy} \\ \text{delivered} \\ \text{(MWh)} \end{array}$$

- RETScreen® adjusts the annual reduction to account for transmission & distribution losses and GHG credits transaction fees (Version 3.0 or higher)

# RETScreen® GHG Emission Reduction Analysis Model



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- Standardised methodology developed by NRCan with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the UNEP RISØ Centre on Energy, Climate and Sustainable Development (URC), and the World Bank's Prototype Carbon Fund (PCF)
- Validated by a team of experts from Government and Industry

RETScreen® Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Reduction Analysis - Wind Energy Project

Use GHG analysis sheet?  Yes  No  
 Potential CDM project?  Yes  No  
 Type of analysis:

**Background Information**

**Project Information**  
 Project name: Wind Farm  
 Project location: Andhra, India  
 Project capacity: 20.0 MW  
 Grid type: Central-grid

**Global Warming Potential of GHG**  
 21 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e = 1 tonne CH<sub>4</sub> (IPCC 1996)  
 310 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e = 1 tonne N<sub>2</sub>O (IPCC 1996)

**Base Case Electricity System (Baseline)**

Fuel type	Fuel mix (%)	CO <sub>2</sub> emission factor (kg/GJ)	CH <sub>4</sub> emission factor (kg/GJ)	N <sub>2</sub> O emission (kg/GJ)	Fuel conversion efficiency (%)	T & D losses (%)	GHG emission (t <sub>CO2</sub> /MWh)
Coal	50.0%	94.6	0.0020	0.0030	35.0%	12.0%	1.117
Large hydro	50.0%	0.0	0.0000	0.0000	100.0%	12.0%	0.000
Electricity mix	100%	153.0	0.0032	0.0040		12.0%	0.550

Does baseline change during project life?  Yes  No

**Proposed Case Electricity System (Wind Energy Project)**

Fuel type	Fuel mix (%)	CO <sub>2</sub> emission factor (kg/GJ)	CH <sub>4</sub> emission factor (kg/GJ)	N <sub>2</sub> O emission (kg/GJ)	Fuel conversion efficiency (%)	T & D losses (%)	GHG emission (t <sub>CO2</sub> /MWh)
Electricity system	100.0%	0.0	0.0000	0.0000	100.0%	12.0%	0.000

**GHG Emission Reduction Summary**

Electricity system	Base case GHG emission factor (tCO <sub>2</sub> /MWh)	Proposed case GHG emission factor (tCO <sub>2</sub> /MWh)	End-use annual energy delivered (MWh)	Gross annual GHG emission reduction (tCO <sub>2</sub> )	GHG credits transaction fee (%)	Net annual GHG reduction (tCO <sub>2</sub> )
Electricity system	0.553	0.000	4,093	2,286	0.0%	2,286

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# Type of Analysis



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- Standard analysis: RETScreen® automatically uses IPCC and industry standard values for:
  - ▶ CO<sub>2</sub> equivalence factors for CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O
  - ▶ CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions for common fuels
  - ▶ Efficiency for conversion of fuel to heat or electricity
- Custom analysis: the user specifies these values
- User-defined analysis: user enters GHG emission factors directly (Version 3.0 or higher)
  - ▶ Does not specify fuels and conversion efficiencies



# Defining Baseline



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- Different baselines for GHG emission calculations:
  - ▶ Historic static baseline (all existing generating capacity)
  - ▶ Historic static baseline based on recent trends
  - ▶ Future static baseline based on expansion plans
  - ▶ Future marginal dynamic baseline
  - ▶ Others
- RETScreen® permits one baseline change during course of project (Version 3.0 or higher)
- Can be based on international, national, or sub-national areas
- Still under negotiation via the Kyoto Protocol
- User must be able to defend choice of baseline and should not overestimate emission reductions



# RETScreen<sup>®</sup> Facilitates Kyoto Protocol CDM and JI Projects



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- Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Projects:
  - ▶ Industrialised countries or companies that invest in GHG emission reduction projects in developing countries gain credits from these projects
- Small-scale CDM projects can use simplified baseline methods
  - ▶ Electricity projects  $\leq 15$  MW
  - ▶ Energy efficiency projects saving  $\leq 15$  GWh per year
- Joint Implementation (JI) Projects:
  - ▶ Industrialised countries or companies gain GHG emission reduction credits by investing in a project in another country that has emission reduction targets under the Kyoto Protocol (i.e. Annex I countries)
  - ▶ Project typically in an economy-in-transition country
- CDM and JI projects need to demonstrate “additionality”
  - emission reductions beyond those achieved in baseline scenario

**RETScreen<sup>o</sup> Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Reduction Analysis - Wind Energy Project**

Use GHG analysis sheet?    
 Potential CDM project?    
 Type of analysis:

**Background Information**

Project Information		Global Warming Potential of GHG			
Project name	Wind Farm	Project capacity	20.0 MW	21 tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> = 1 tonne CH <sub>4</sub>	(IPCC 1996)
Project location	Andhra, India	Grid type	Central-grid	310 tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> = 1 tonne N <sub>2</sub> O	(IPCC 1996)

**Base Case Electricity System (Baseline)**

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Electricity mix	100%	153.6	0.0032	0.0049		12.0%	0.559

Does baseline change during project life?

**Proposed Case Electricity System (Wind Energy Project)**

Fuel type	Fuel mix (%)	CO <sub>2</sub> emission factor (kg/GJ)	CH <sub>4</sub> emission factor (kg/GJ)	N <sub>2</sub> O emission (kg/GJ)	Fuel conversion efficiency (%)	T & D losses (%)	GHG emission (t <sub>CO2</sub> /MWh)
Electricity system							
Wind	100.0%	0.0	0.0000	0.0000	100.0%	12.0%	0.000

**GHG Emission Reduction Summary**

Electricity system	Base case GHG factor (tCO <sub>2</sub> /MWh)	Proposed case GHG emission factor (tCO <sub>2</sub> /MWh)	End-use annual energy delivered (MWh)	Gross annual GHG emission reduction (t <sub>CO2</sub> )	GHG credits transaction fee (%)	Net annual GHG reduction (t <sub>CO2</sub> )
Electricity system	0.559	0.000	35,800	19,996	0.0%	19,996

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RETScreen<sup>o</sup> Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Reduction Analysis - Wind Energy Project

Use GHG analysis sheet?  Type of analysis:   
 Potential CDM project?  Use simplified baseline methods:   
 Custom  
 User-defined

**Background Information**

**Project Information**

Project name	Wind Farm	Project capacity	15.0 MW	Global Warming Potential of GHG		
Project location	Andhra, India	Grid type	Central-grid	21 tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> =	1 tonne CH <sub>4</sub>	(IPCC 1996)
				310 tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> =	1 tonne N <sub>2</sub> O	(IPCC 1996)

**Base Case Electricity System (Baseline)**

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Does baseline change during project life?

**Proposed Case Electricity System (Wind Energy Project)**

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Electricity system							
Wind	100.0%	0.0	0.0000	0.0000	100.0%	12.0%	0.000

**GHG Emission Reduction Summary**

Electricity system	Base case GHG factor	Proposed case GHG emission factor	End-use annual energy delivered	Gross annual GHG emission reduction	GHG credits transaction fee	Net annual GHG reduction
	(tCO <sub>2</sub> /MWh)	(tCO <sub>2</sub> /MWh)	(MWh)	(t <sub>CO2</sub> )	(%)	(t <sub>CO2</sub> )
Electricity system	0.559	0.000	26,850	14,997	0.0%	14,997

*Complete Financial Summary sheet*

# Conclusions



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- RETScreen® calculates the annual GHG emission reduction for a clean energy project compared to a base case system
- Easy to use, but does require the user to define the base case scenario carefully for larger projects
- Model takes into account emerging rules under the Kyoto Protocol at the pre-feasibility study level
- To maintain credibility, user should not overestimate GHG emission reductions of the proposed project





# Questions?



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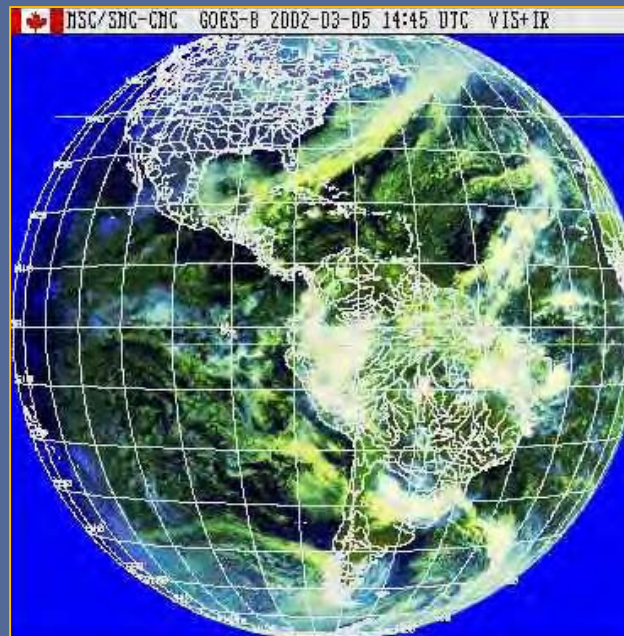


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# Financial and Risk Analysis with RETScreen® Software

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# Objectives



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- Introduce the RETScreen® methodology for assessing the financial viability of a potential clean energy project
  - ▶ Overview important financial (input) parameters
  - ▶ Review key indicators of financial viability
  - ▶ Examine assumptions for cashflow calculations
  - ▶ Highlight differences between initial costs, simple payback and key financial indicators
- Demonstrate the RETScreen® Financial Summary Worksheet
- Show how incentives, production credits, GHG credits and taxes can be included in the financial analysis
- Introduce sensitivity analysis and risk analysis with RETScreen®
- Demonstrate the RETScreen® Sensitivity and Risk Analysis Worksheet (Version 3.0 or higher)





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RETScreen<sup>®</sup> Financial Summary - Wind Energy Project

Annual Energy Balance

Project name	Wind Farm	
Project location	Andhra, India	
Renewable energy delivered	MWh	40,682
Excess RE available	MWh	-
Firm RE capacity	kW	<input type="text" value=""/>
Grid type	Central-grid	

Financial Parameters

Avoided cost of energy	\$/kWh	<input type="text" value="0.0950"/>	Debt ratio	%	<input type="text" value="70.0%"/>
RE production credit	\$/kWh	<input type="text" value="0.025"/>	Debt interest rate	%	<input type="text" value="14.0%"/>
RE production credit duration	yr	<input type="text" value="10"/>	Debt term	yr	<input type="text" value="15"/>
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Energy cost escalation rate	%	<input type="text" value="5.0%"/>			
Inflation	%	<input type="text" value="2.5%"/>			
Discount rate	%	<input type="text" value="12.0%"/>			
Project life	yr	<input type="text" value="25"/>			

Project Costs and Savings

<b>Initial Costs</b>			<b>Annual Costs and Debt</b>		
Feasibility study	0.8%	\$ 245,200	O&M	\$	770,000
Development	2.7%	\$ 835,500	Debt payments - 15 yrs	\$	3,552,097
Engineering	2.0%	\$ 610,500	<b>Annual Costs and Debt - Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,322,097</b>
Energy equipment	68.2%	\$ 21,260,000	<b>Annual Savings or Income</b>		
Balance of plant	18.8%	\$ 5,868,000	Energy savings/income	\$	3,864,812
Miscellaneous	7.5%	\$ 2,348,765	Capacity savings/income	\$	-
<b>Initial Costs - Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 31,167,965</b>	RE production credit income - 10 yrs	\$	1,017,056
Incentives/Grants	\$	<input type="text" value="-"/>	<b>Annual Savings - Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,881,868</b>
<b>Periodic Costs (Credits)</b>			Schedule yr # 10,20		
Drive train	\$	1,000,000	Schedule yr # 15		
Blades	\$	1,000,000			
End of project life - Credit	\$	-			

Financial Feasibility

Pre-tax IRR and ROI	%	20.1%	Calculate energy production cost?	yes/no	<input type="text" value="No"/>
After-tax IRR and ROI	%	20.1%			
Simple Payback	yr	7.6			
Year to positive cash flow	yr	8.7			

Yearly Cash Flows

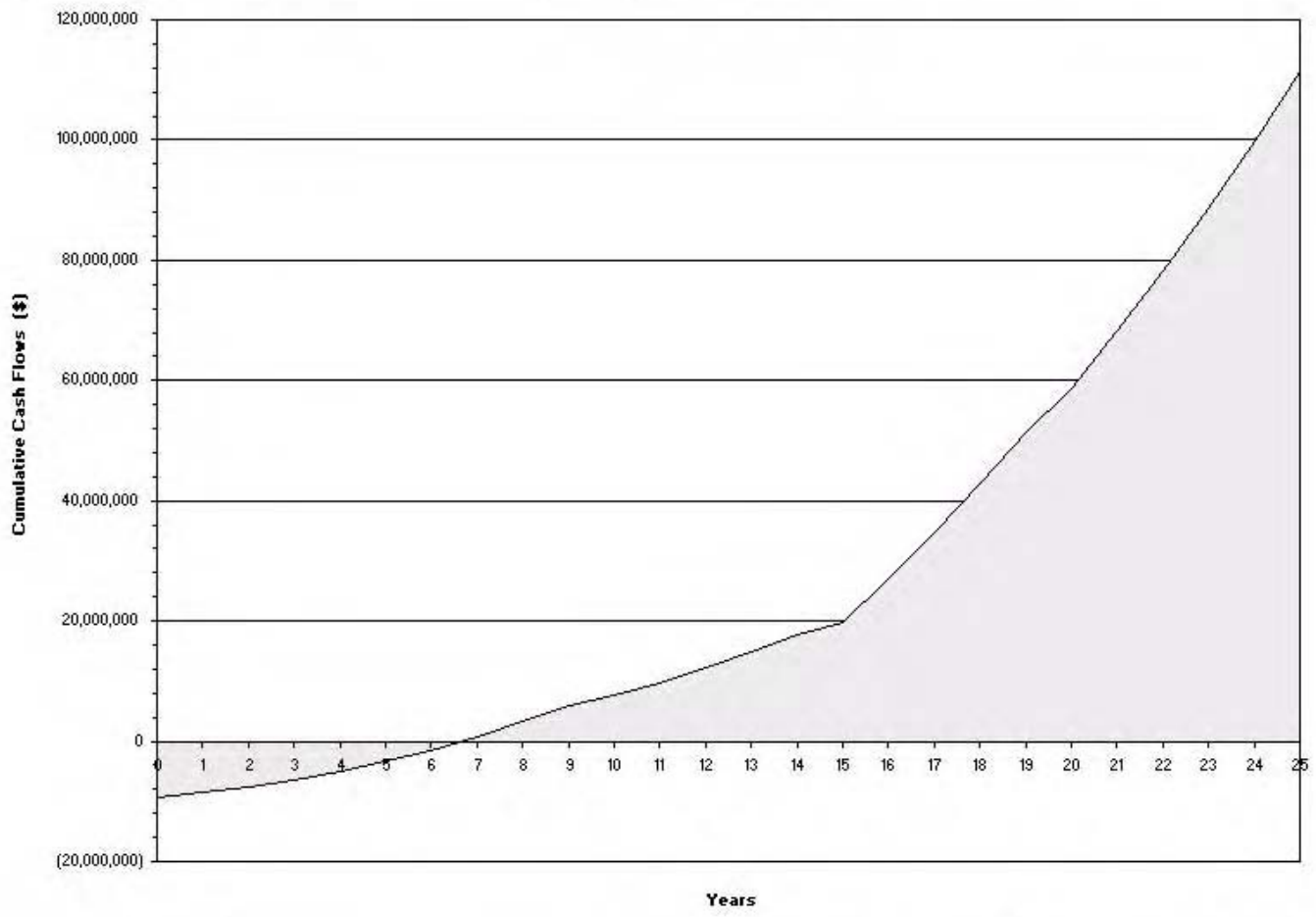
Year	Pre-tax	After-tax	Cumulative
#	\$	\$	\$
0	(9,350,389)	(9,350,389)	(9,350,389)
1	753,188	753,188	(8,597,201)
2	968,421	968,421	(7,628,780)
3	1,187,958	1,187,958	(6,440,822)
4	1,418,310	1,418,310	(5,022,513)
5	1,660,012	1,660,012	(3,362,501)
6	1,913,630	1,913,630	(1,448,871)
7	2,179,753	2,179,753	736,882
8	2,459,004	2,459,004	3,195,886
9	2,752,034	2,752,034	5,947,920
10	1,779,442	1,779,442	7,727,362
11	2,047,736	2,047,736	9,775,098
12	2,352,986	2,352,986	12,128,084
13	2,674,129	2,674,129	14,802,213
14	3,011,976	3,011,976	17,814,190
15	1,919,082	1,919,082	19,733,271
16	7,293,330	7,293,330	27,026,602
17	7,686,574	7,686,574	34,713,175
18	8,100,193	8,100,193	42,813,368
19	8,535,226	8,535,226	51,348,595
20	7,354,145	7,354,145	58,702,740
21	9,473,943	9,473,943	68,176,684
22	9,979,972	9,979,972	78,156,656
23	10,512,111	10,512,111	88,668,767
24	11,071,686	11,071,686	99,740,453
25	11,660,088	11,660,088	111,400,541

Cumulative Cash Flows Graph

### Wind Energy Project Cumulative Cash Flows Wind Farm, Andhra, India

Renewable energy delivered (MWh/yr): 40,682

Total Initial Costs: \$ 31,167,965



IRR and ROI: 20.1%

Year-to-positive cash flow: 6.7 yr

Net Present Value: \$ 11,083,317

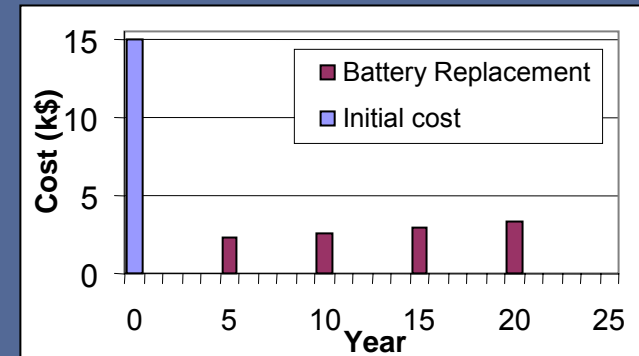
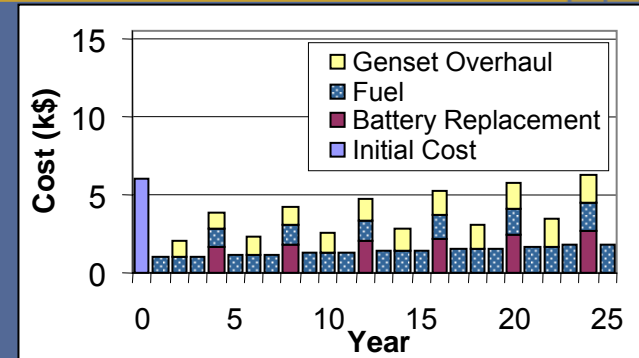
# Initial Cost versus Ongoing Costs: Remote Telecommunications Example



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- Genset+battery (base case):
  - ▶ Initial cost: \$6,000
  - ▶ Annual cost: \$1,000 for fuel\*
  - ▶ Battery replacement every 4 years (\$1,500)\*
  - ▶ Genset overhaul every 2 years (\$1,000)\*
  
- Photovoltaics+battery (proposed case):
  - ▶ Initial cost: \$15,000
  - ▶ Battery replacement every 5 years (\$2,000)\*



\*Inflation rate and energy escalation rate of 2.5%

# Determining Financial Viability: Remote Telecommunications Example

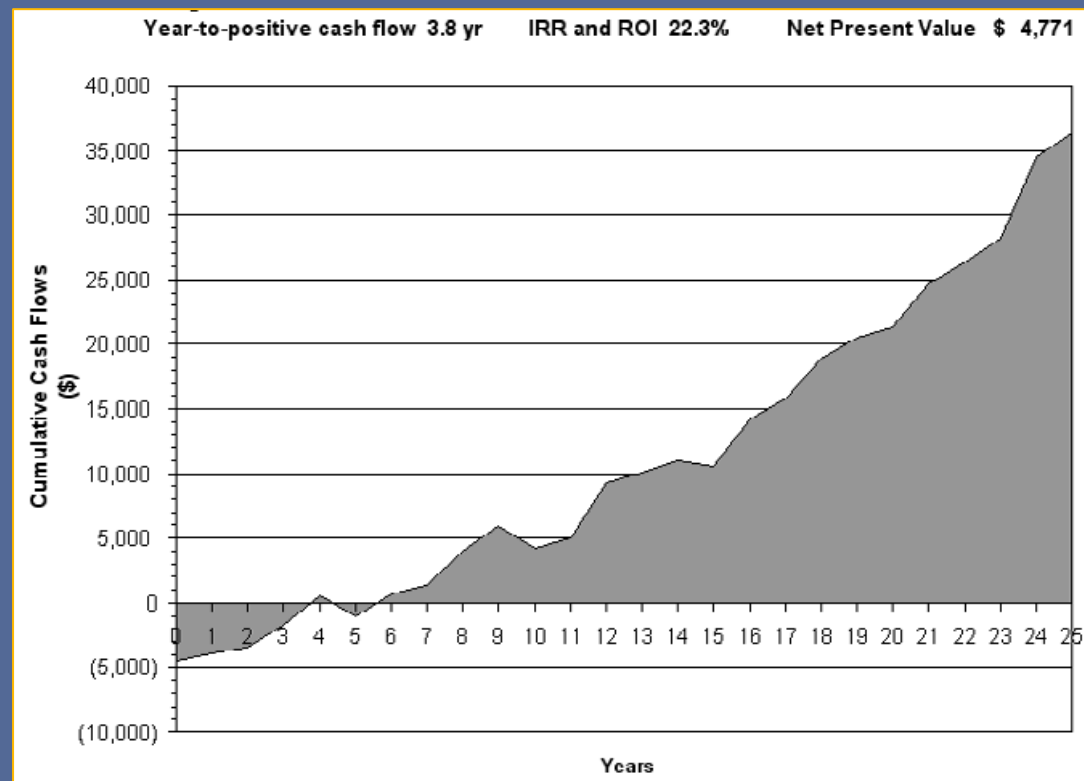


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- How can we compare the genset & the PV system?
  - ▶ Genset: lower initial costs
  - ▶ Photovoltaics: lower annual and periodic costs

- RETScreen® calculates indicators that look at revenues and expenses over the life of the project!



# Cashflow Calculations: What does RETScreen<sup>®</sup> do?



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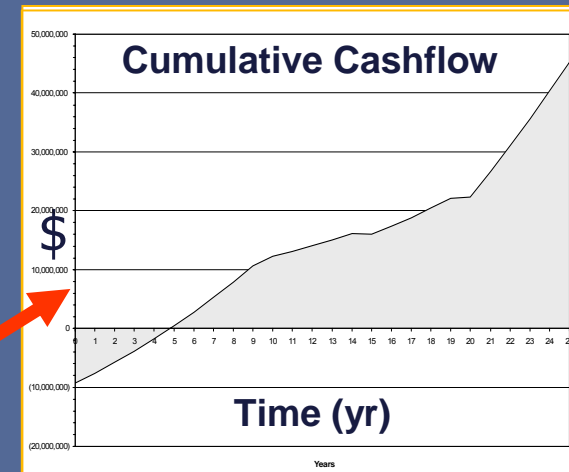
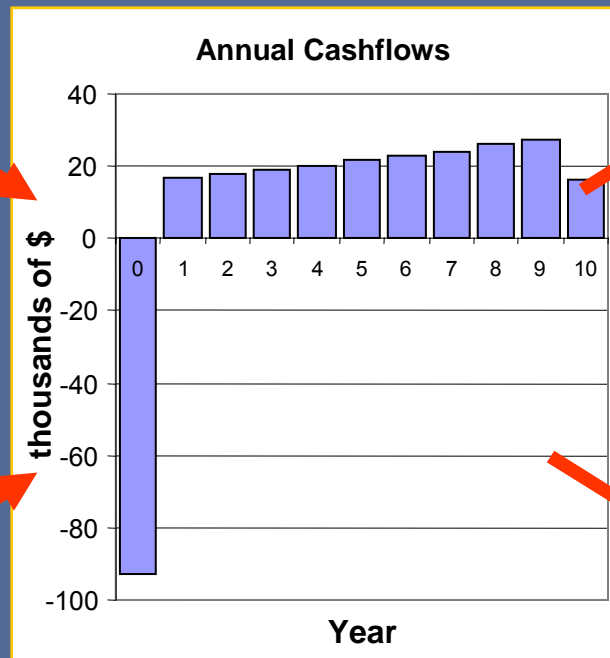
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## Cash Inflows

Fuel Savings  
O&M Savings  
Periodic Savings  
Incentives  
Production Credits  
GHG Credits

## Cash Outflows

Equity Investment  
Annual Debt Payments  
O&M Payments  
Periodic Costs



## Indicators

Net Present Value  
Simple Payback  
IRR  
Debt Service Coverage  
Etc.



# Financial (Input) Parameters Used by RETScreen®



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Financial Parameters					
Avoided cost of energy	\$/kWh	0.0950	Debt ratio	%	70.0%
RE production credit	\$/kWh	0.025	Debt interest rate	%	14.0%
RE production credit duration	yr	10	Debt term	yr	25
RE credit escalation rate	%	2.5%	Income tax analysis?	yes/no	Yes
GHG emission reduction credit	\$/t <sub>CO2</sub>	5.0	Effective income tax rate	%	35.0%
GHG reduction credit duration	yr	21	Loss carryforward?	yes/no	Yes
GHG credit escalation rate	%	0.0%	Depreciation method	-	Declining balance
Energy cost escalation rate	%	5.0%	Depreciation tax basis	%	95.0%
Inflation	%	2.5%	Depreciation rate	%	30.0%
Discount rate	%	12.0%	Tax holiday available?	yes/no	Yes
Project life	yr	25	Tax holiday duration	yr	5

- Discount rate: rate used to convert future cash flows to the present
- Avoided cost of energy:
  - ▶ For heating and cooling projects: the price of fuel in the base-case scenario
  - ▶ For electricity projects selling to the grid: the price paid for a unit of clean electricity sold (for developers) or marginal costs (for utilities)

# Key (Output) Indicators of Financial Viability



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	Simple Payback	Net Present Value (NPV)	Internal Rate of Return (IRR & ROI)
Meaning	# of years to recoup additional costs from annual savings	Total value of project in today's dollars	Interest yield of project during its lifetime
Example	3 year simple payback	\$1.5 million NPV	17 % IRR
Criteria	Payback < n years	Positive indicates profitable project	IRR > hurdle rate
Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misleading</li> <li>• Ignores financing &amp; long-term cashflows</li> <li>• Use when cashflow is tight</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good measure</li> <li>• User must specify discount rate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can be fooled when cashflow goes positive-negative-positive</li> </ul>

# Comparison of Indicators: Remote Telecommunications Example



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	Simple Payback	Net Present Value (NPV)	Internal Rate of Return (IRR & ROI)
PV vs genset*	9 years	\$4,800	22%
Decision	Genset	PV	PV

\* Discount rate of 12%; 50% debt financed over 15 years at 7% interest rate



# Indicators of Financial Viability: Remote Telecommunications Example



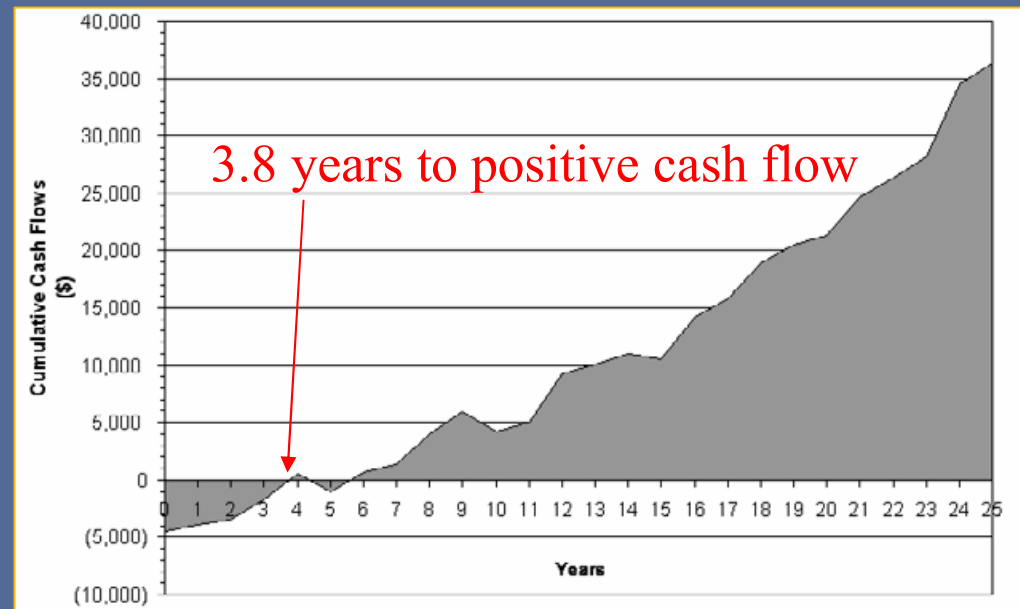
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## Financial Feasibility

Pre-tax IRR and ROI	%	22.3%	Calculate energy prod	yes/no	<input type="text" value="No"/>
After-tax IRR and ROI	%	22.3%	Calculate GHG reduct	yes/no	<input type="text" value="No"/>
Simple Payback	yr	9.0	Project equity	\$	4,500
Year-to-positive cash flow	yr	3.8	Project debt	\$	4,500
Net Present Value - NPV	\$	4,771	Debt payments	\$/yr	494
Annual Life Cycle Savings	\$	608	Debt service coverage	-	2.08
Benefit-Cost (B-C) ratio	-	1.98			

- RETScreen® provides a range of indicators and a cumulative cash flow graph for the project



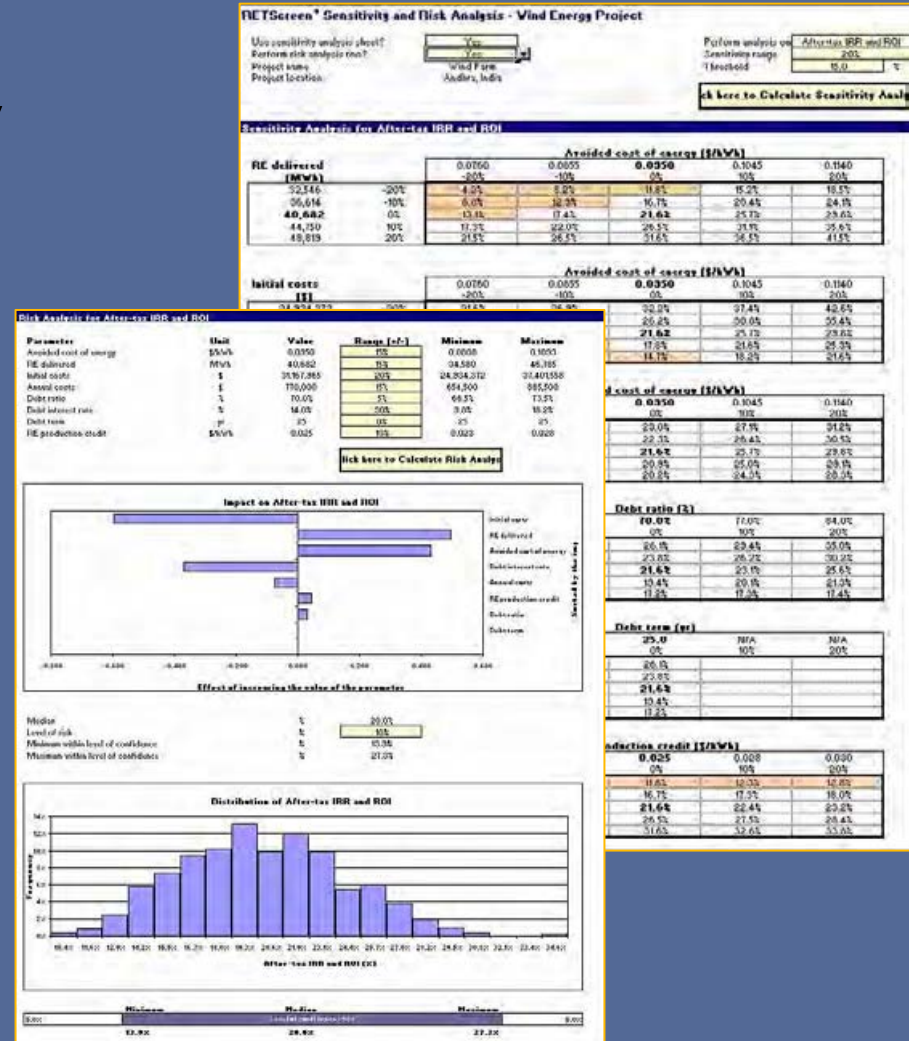
# Dealing with Uncertainty: Sensitivity and Risk Analysis



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- At the preliminary feasibility stage, there is much uncertainty about many input parameters
- How is the profitability of the project affected by errors in the values provided by the user?



D3 = Yes

**RETScreen® Sensitivity and Risk Analysis - Wind Energy Project**

Use sensitivity analysis sheet?  
 Perform risk analysis too?  
 Project name  
 Project location

Yes  
 No  
 Wind Farm  
 Andhra, India

Perform analysis on: After-tax IRR and ROI  
 Sensitivity range: 20%  
 Threshold: 15.0 %

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**Sensitivity Analysis for After-tax IRR and ROI**

		Avoided cost of energy (\$/kWh)				
		0.0760	0.0855	0.0950	0.1045	0.1140
		-20%	-10%	0%	10%	20%
<b>RE delivered</b>						
<b>(MWh)</b>						
32,546	-20%	4.2%	8.2%	11.8%	15.2%	18.5%
36,614	-10%	6.6%	12.9%	16.7%	20.4%	24.1%
<b>40,682</b>	0%	13.1%	17.4%	<b>21.6%</b>	25.7%	29.8%
44,750	10%	17.3%	22.0%	26.5%	31.1%	35.6%
48,819	20%	21.5%	26.5%	31.6%	36.5%	41.5%

		Avoided cost of energy (\$/kWh)				
		0.0760	0.0855	0.0950	0.1045	0.1140
		-20%	-10%	0%	10%	20%
<b>Initial costs</b>						
<b>(\$)</b>						
24,934,372	-20%	21.6%	26.9%	32.2%	37.4%	42.6%
28,051,168	-10%	16.9%	21.6%	26.2%	30.8%	35.4%
<b>31,167,965</b>	0%	13.1%	17.4%	<b>21.6%</b>	25.7%	29.8%
34,284,761	10%	9.9%	14.0%	17.8%	21.6%	25.3%
37,401,558	20%	7.2%	11.1%	14.7%	18.2%	21.6%

		Avoided cost of energy (\$/kWh)				
		0.0760	0.0855	0.0950	0.1045	0.1140
		-20%	-10%	0%	10%	20%
<b>Annual costs</b>						
<b>(\$)</b>						
616,000	-20%	14.5%	18.8%	23.0%	27.1%	31.2%
693,000	-10%	13.6%	18.1%	22.3%	26.4%	30.5%
<b>770,000</b>	0%	13.1%	17.4%	<b>21.6%</b>	25.7%	29.8%
847,000	10%	12.3%	16.7%	20.9%	25.0%	29.1%
924,000	20%	11.6%	16.0%	20.2%	24.3%	28.3%

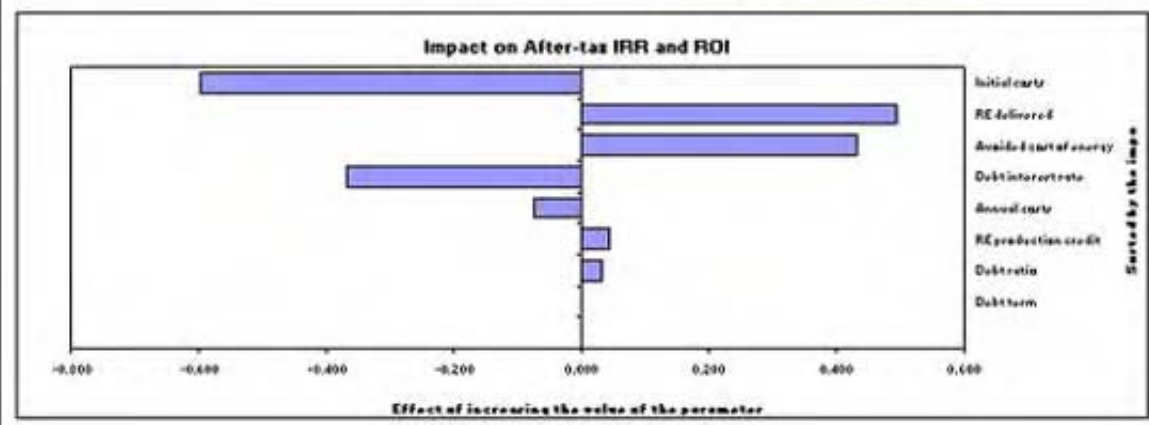
		Debt ratio (%)				
		56.0%	63.0%	70.0%	77.0%	84.0%
		-20%	-10%	0%	10%	20%
<b>Debt interest rate</b>						
<b>(%)</b>						
11.2%	-20%	22.3%	23.9%	26.1%	29.4%	35.0%
12.6%	-10%	21.0%	22.2%	23.6%	26.2%	30.2%
<b>14.0%</b>	0%	19.7%	20.5%	<b>21.6%</b>	23.1%	25.6%
15.4%	10%	18.4%	18.8%	19.4%	20.1%	21.3%
16.8%	20%	17.1%	17.2%	17.2%	17.3%	17.4%

D4 = Yes

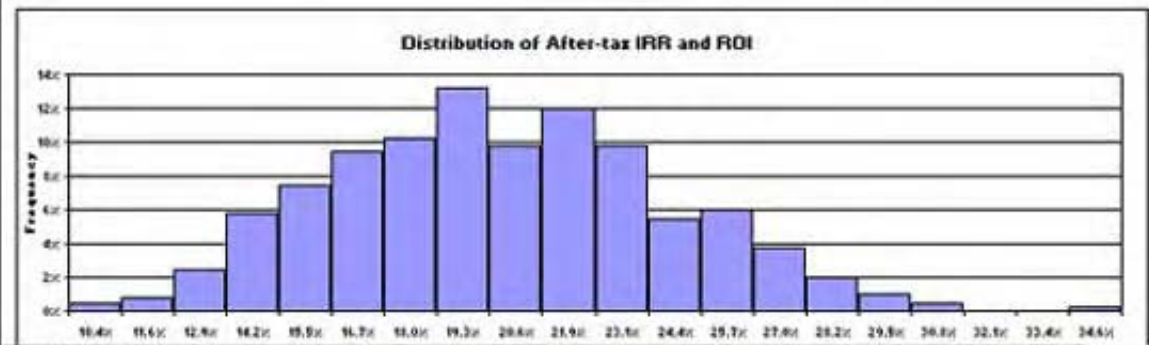
**Risk Analysis for After-tax IRR and ROI**

Parameter	Unit	Value	Range (+/-)	Minimum	Maximum
Avoided cost of energy	\$/kWh	0.0950	15%	0.0809	0.1093
RE delivered	MWh	40,682	15%	34,580	46,785
Initial costs	\$	31,167,965	20%	24,934,372	37,401,558
Annual costs	\$	770,000	15%	654,500	885,500
Debt ratio	%	70.0%	5%	66.5%	73.5%
Debt interest rate	%	14.0%	30%	9.8%	18.2%
Debt term	yr	25	0%	25	25
RE production credit	\$/kWh	0.025	10%	0.023	0.028

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Median	%	20.0%
Level of risk	%	10%
Minimum within level of confidence	%	13.5%
Maximum within level of confidence	%	27.3%



# Sensitivity Analysis



- Shows how the profitability of project changes when two key input parameters vary simultaneously
- For example:
  - ▶ Initial costs 10% higher than estimated
  - ▶ Avoided cost of energy 20% higher than estimated
  - ▶ Does the IRR exceed the 15% IRR threshold desired by the user?

Initial costs (\$)		Avoided cost of energy (\$/kWh)				
		0.0760 -20%	0.0855 -10%	0.0950 0%	0.1045 10%	0.1140 20%
24,934,372	-20%	11.5%	16.1%	20.4%	24.5%	28.6%
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34,284,761	10%	1.0%	5.3%	8.9%	12.2%	15.2%
37,401,558	20%	-1.9%	2.6%	6.2%	9.4%	12.3%

- Yes, it is 15.2%
  - ▶ Combinations of initial costs and avoided cost of energy below threshold are shaded



# Sensitivity Analysis: Parameters



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- RETScreen® calculates sensitivity of...
  - ▶ Internal rate of return (IRR/ROI)
  - ▶ Year-to-positive cash flow
  - ▶ Net Present Value (NPV)
- ...to simultaneous changes in (for example)...
  - ▶ RE delivered & avoided cost of energy
  - ▶ Initial costs & avoided cost of energy
  - ▶ Debt interest rate & debt term
  - ▶ Net GHG emission reduction & GHG emission reduction credit
  - ▶ RE delivered & RE production credit
- ...with changes of  $\pm x$ ,  $\pm 1/2x$ , and 0, where  $x$  is sensitivity range specified by user

Perform analysis on	After-tax IRR and ROI
Sensitivity range	20%
Threshold	15.0 %

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# Risk Analysis



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- User is uncertain of many parameters:

Parameter	Unit	Value	Range (+/-)	Minimum	Maximum
Avoided cost of energy	\$/kWh	0.0950	5%	0.0903	0.0998
RE delivered	MWh	40,682	15%	34,580	46,785
Initial costs	\$	31,167,965	20%	24,934,372	37,401,558
Annual costs	\$	770,000	15%	654,500	885,500
Debt ratio	%	70.0%	0%	70.0%	70.0%
Debt interest rate	%	14.0%	30%	9.8%	18.2%
Debt term	yr	15	0%	15	15
RE production credit	\$/kWh	0.025	10%	0.023	0.028

- ▶ User specifies range of uncertainty for each parameter (e.g.,  $\pm 5\%$ )
- ▶ All parameters simultaneously and independently deviate from estimate
- How does this affect the financial indicators?

# Risk Analysis: Monte Carlo Simulation

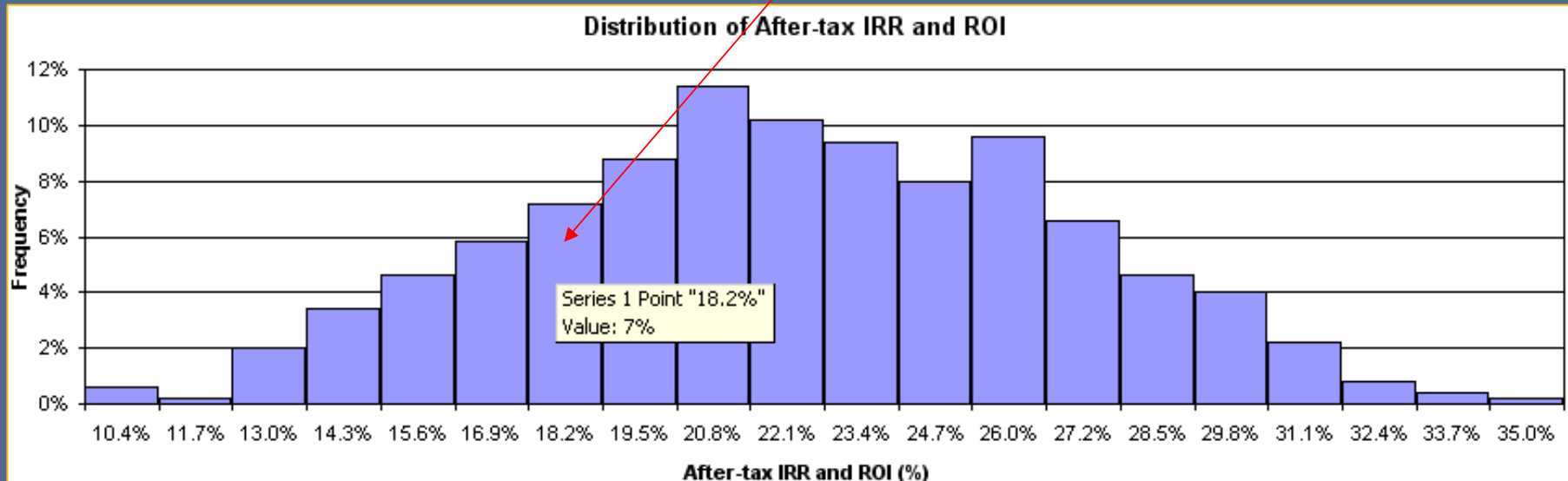


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- RETScreen® calculates the frequency distribution of the financial indicators (IRR, NPV, and year-to-positive cash flow) by calculating the values for 500 combinations of parameters
  - ▶ Parameters vary randomly according to uncertainty specified by user

7% of the time IRR is  $18.2 \pm 0.7\%$



# Risk Analysis: Level of Risk



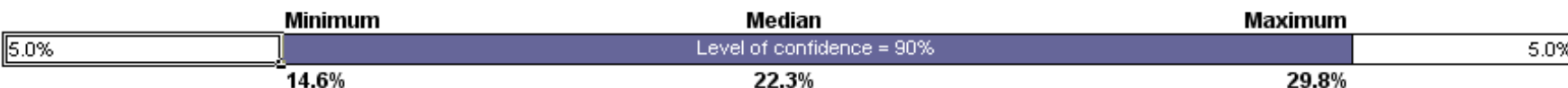
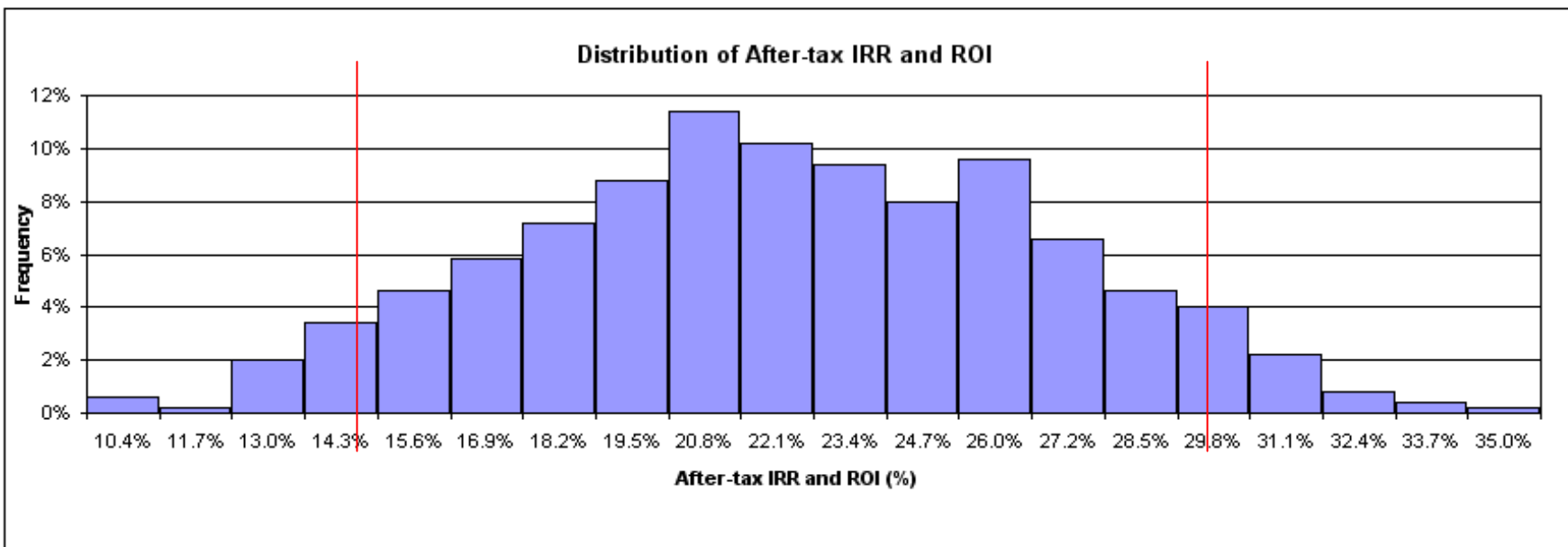
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- There is only a 10% risk that the IRR will fall outside this range

Median  
Level of risk  
Minimum within level of confidence  
Maximum within level of confidence

%	22.3%
%	10%
%	14.6%
%	29.8%



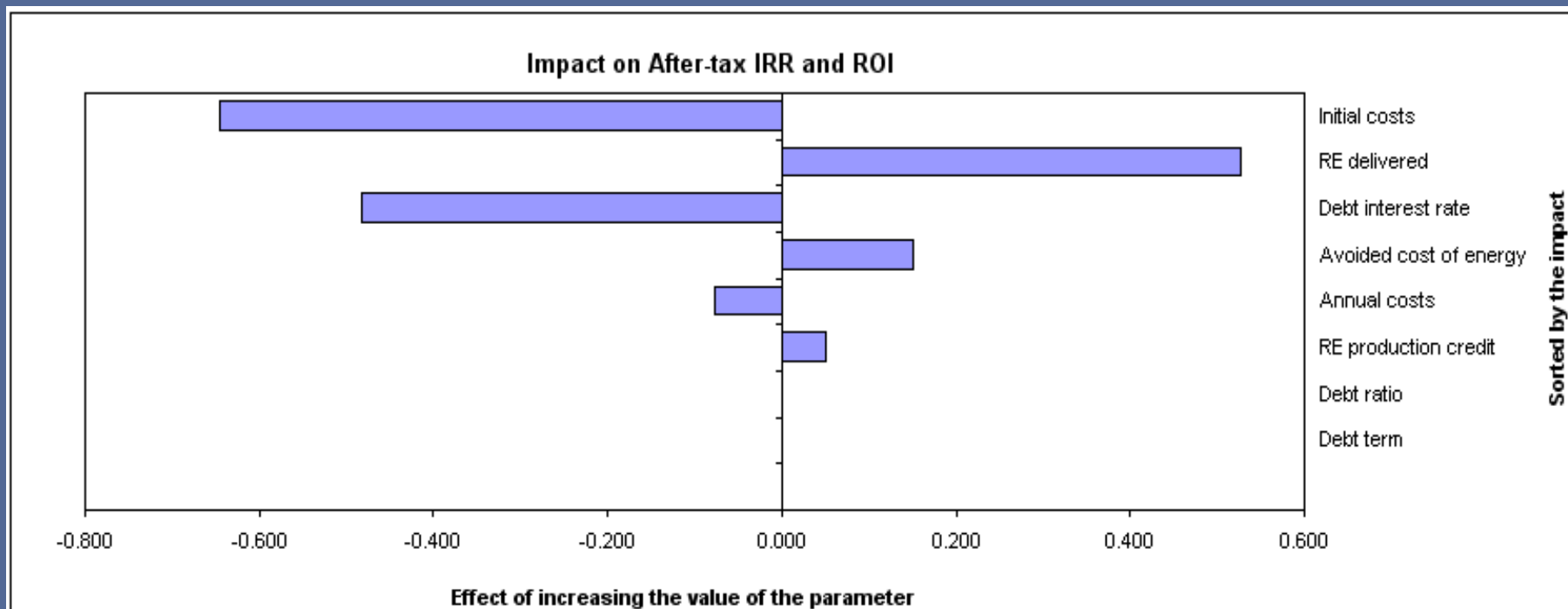
# Risk Analysis: Influence of Parameters



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- “Tornado chart” reveals:
  - ▶ Which parameters have the most influence
  - ▶ How changes in parameters affect after-tax IRR, NPV, or year-to-positive cash flow



# Conclusions



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- RETScreen® accounts for cashflows due to initial costs, energy savings, O&M, fuel costs, taxation, GHG and RE production credits
- RETScreen® automatically calculates important indicators of financial viability
- The sensitivity of the key financial indicators to changes in the inputs can be investigated with RETScreen®
- Indicators that consider profitability over the life of the project, such as the IRR and NPV, are preferable to the simple payback method



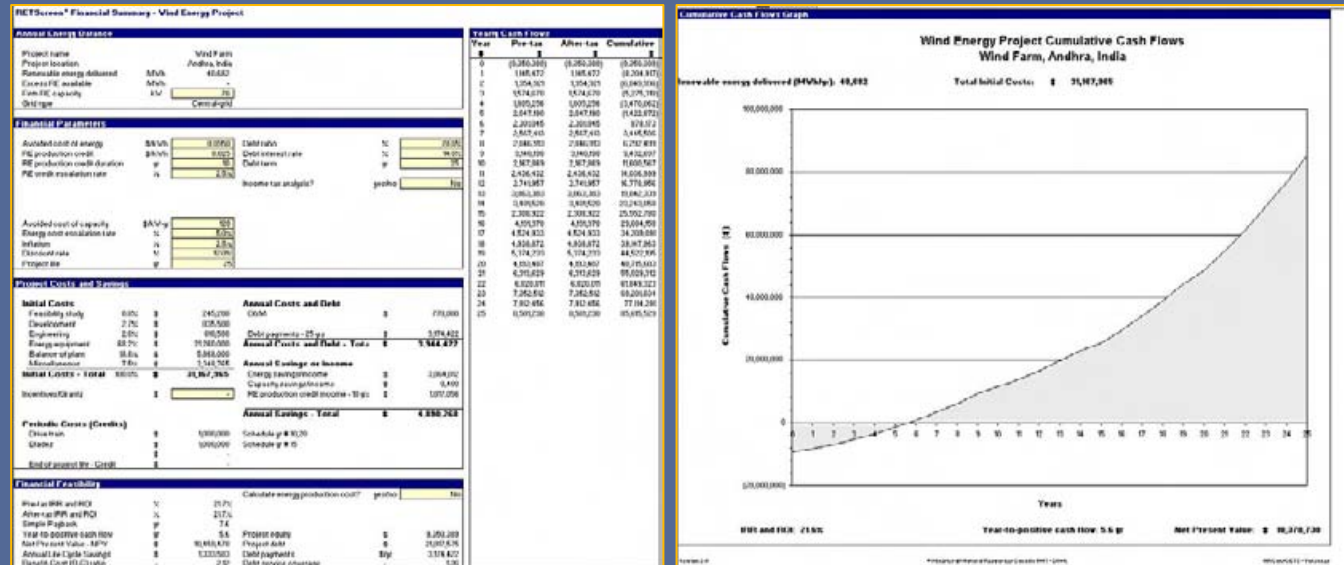
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# Summary of Introductory Module

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# Conclusions



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- Clean energy technologies have matured, many cost-effective applications exist and markets are growing rapidly
- Initial planning stage is where clean energy technologies must be properly considered by planners, decision-makers and industry
- RETScreen® simplifies preliminary evaluations
  - ▶ Requires relatively small amounts of input data
  - ▶ Calculates key technical & financial viability indicators automatically
  - ▶ Costs 1/10th the amount of other assessment methods
  - ▶ Standardized procedures allow objective comparisons
  - ▶ Increases potential for successful clean energy project implementation



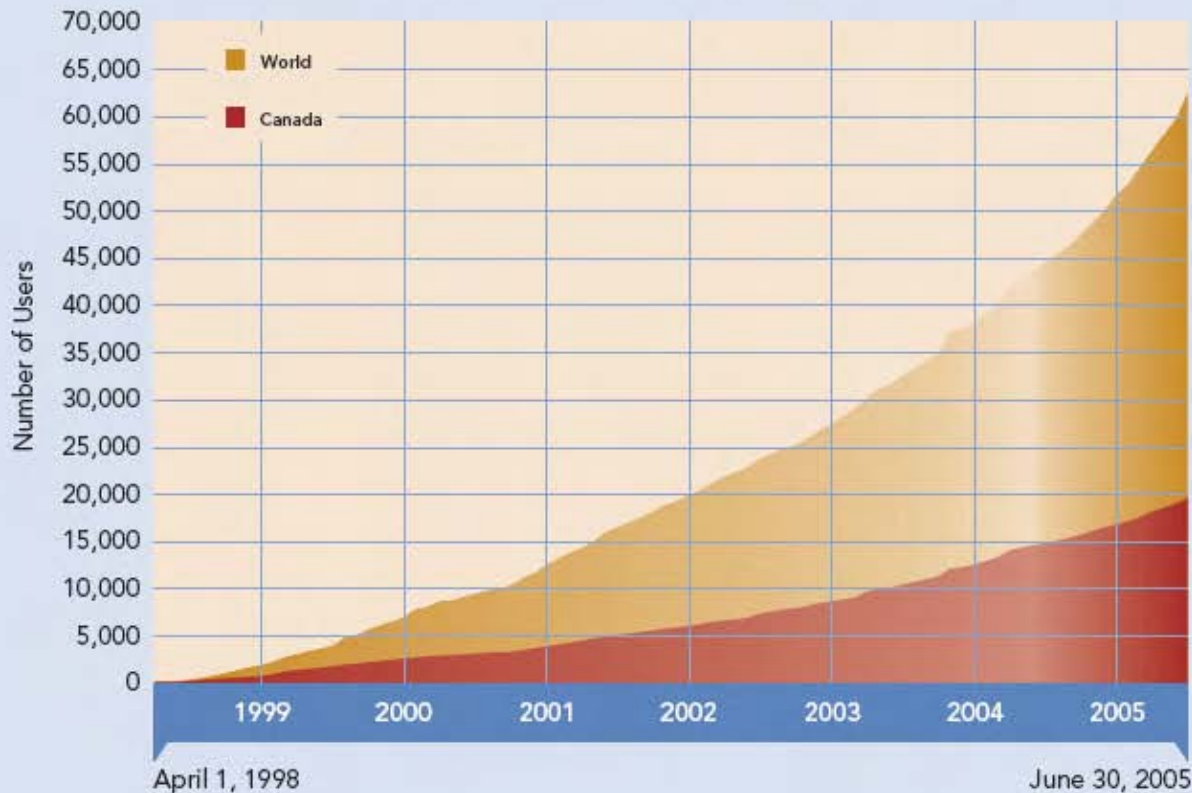
# Growth of RETScreen Software User Base



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## RETScreen Software: Cumulative Growth of User Base



62,565 users worldwide  
from 207 countries

Growing at 400 users  
every week

### Top Twenty Countries

1	Canada	19,634
2	USA	8,240
3	France	5,747
4	UK	2,733
5	Spain	2,192
6	Italy	1,789
7	Australia	1,473
8	Germany	1,214
9	India	1,013
10	Belgium	948
11	Portugal	764
12	Ireland	732
13	Greece	717
14	Brazil	672
15	Mexico	493
16	Netherlands	459
17	Argentina	417
18	Switzerland	404
19	Turkey	345
20	New Zealand	344

As of June 30, 2005

# A Decision Support & Capacity Building Tool



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## RETScreen Software: Reported Intended Use



### Profile of Users

#### Type 1 - Implementers (36%)

- 20% Professional services
- 10% Project developer/owner
- 6% Product suppliers

#### Type 2 - Facilitators (28%)

- 19% Educational institution/R&D Centre
- 6% Financial/Government/Multi-lateral
- 3% Association/NGO

#### Type 3 - Individuals (36%)

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# Common Platform for Project Evaluation & Development



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<b>RETScreen® International</b> Clean Energy Decision Support Centre	<b>Project Analysis Software</b> Model	<b>Project Analysis Training Course</b> Module	<b>Engineering e-Textbook</b> Chapter	<b>Project Case Studies</b> Collection
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