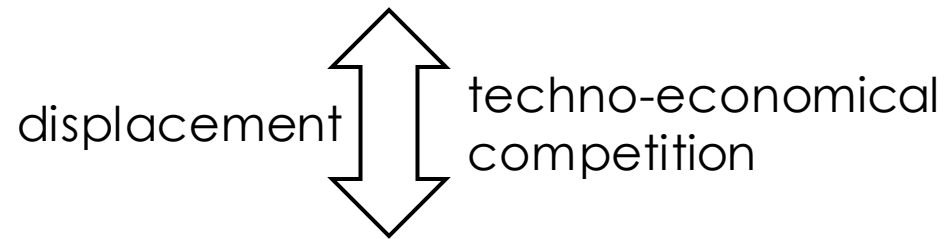


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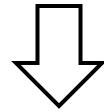


FOSSIL ENERGY SOURCES



RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES

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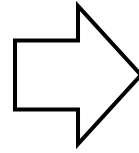


Capital Budgeting

Development of an engineering project

Project:

Conceptual
Analysis
Executive



Economic sustainability:
success as a product and
as an investment project

Execution:

Implementation
Commissioning
Operation

Economic Engineering: application of techno-economical analysis tools to the engineering project aiming at identifying the best choice between excluding alternatives...

Case Study:



Development of an engineering project

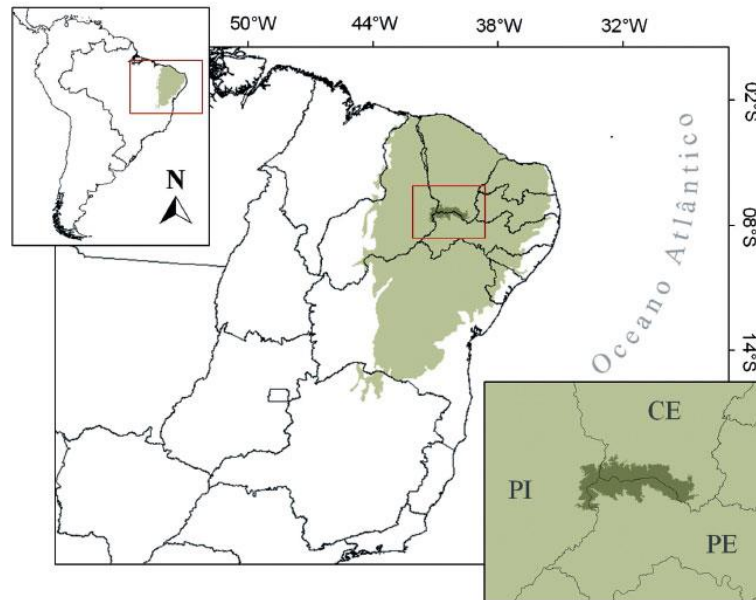
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Solar
Thermal ?

Development of an engineering project

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Chapada do Araripe



- **A) Queiroz Galvão**
 - Complexo Caldeirão Grande
 - 415.8 MW - 2016/2017 (ACL)
- **B) Chesf/ContourGlobal/Casa dos Ventos**
 - Complexo Picos
 - 205.1 MW Set/2015
- **C) Casa dos Ventos**
 - Complexo Ventos do Araripe
 - 210 MW set/2015
- **D) Chesf/ContourGlobal/Casa dos Ventos**
 - Complexo Ventos do Araripe II
 - 172,4 MW Jan/2016
- **D') Casa dos Ventos**
 - Complexo Ventos do Araripe II
 - 59,2 MW Jan/2016
- **E) Casa dos Ventos**
 - Complexo Ventos do Araripe III
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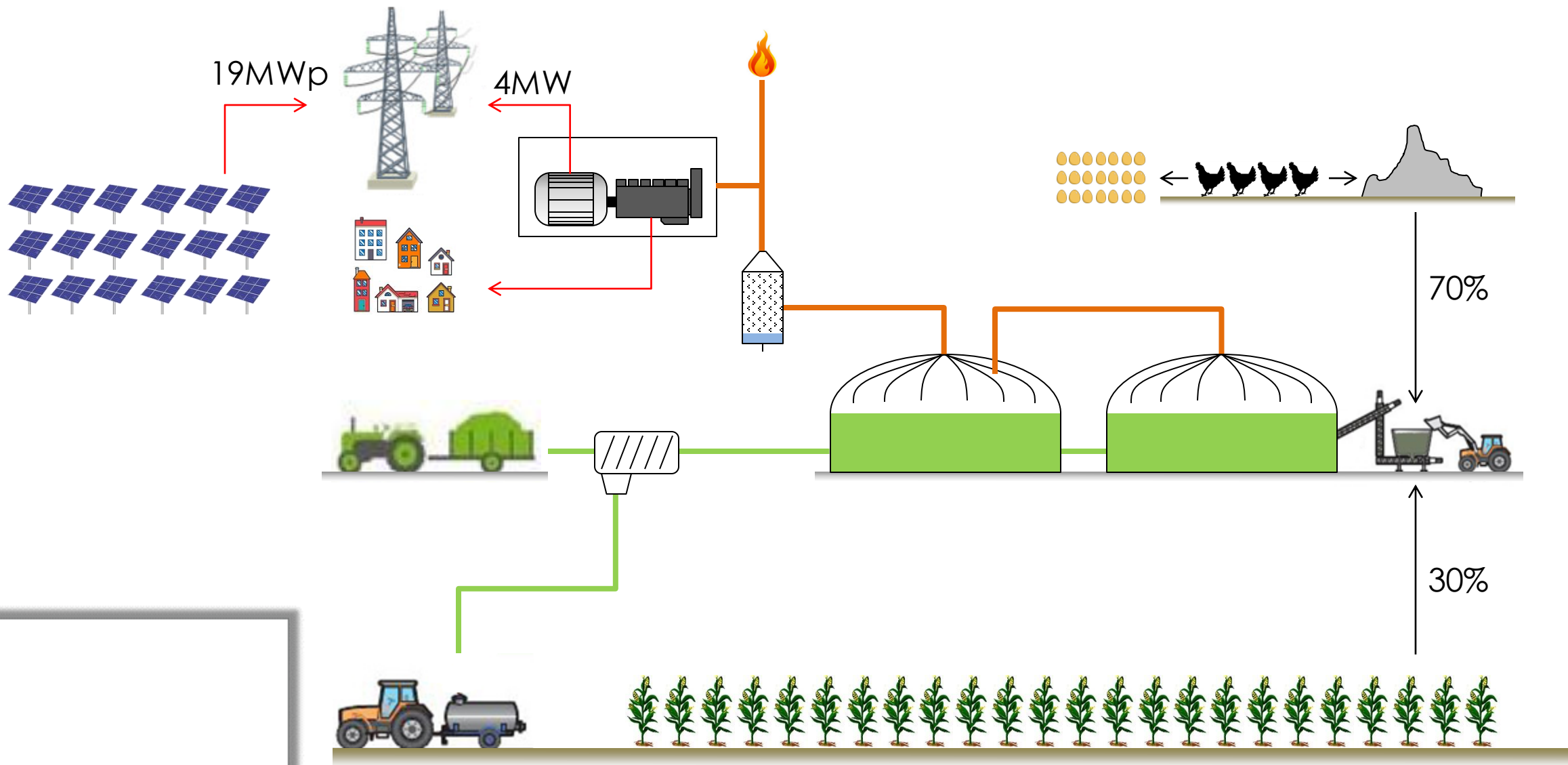
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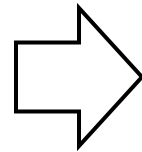


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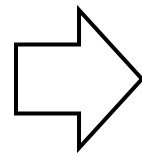
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R\$ 1 billion



Capital to be invested (**CAPEX**) from which it is expected some revenue (investment fund, etc.)

R\$ 1 billion

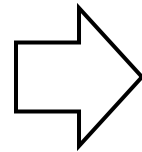


Alternative: acquisition of government bonds (public debt, etc.) at fixed interest rates, having the same redemption term and virtually no risk

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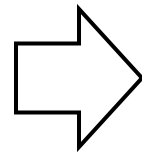
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R\$ 1 bilhão



Financial temporal simulation of the power plant, including expenditures occurring at the design and execution phases, as well as revenues and costs during the operation phase during the entire lifespan

R\$ 1 bilhão



Cash flow

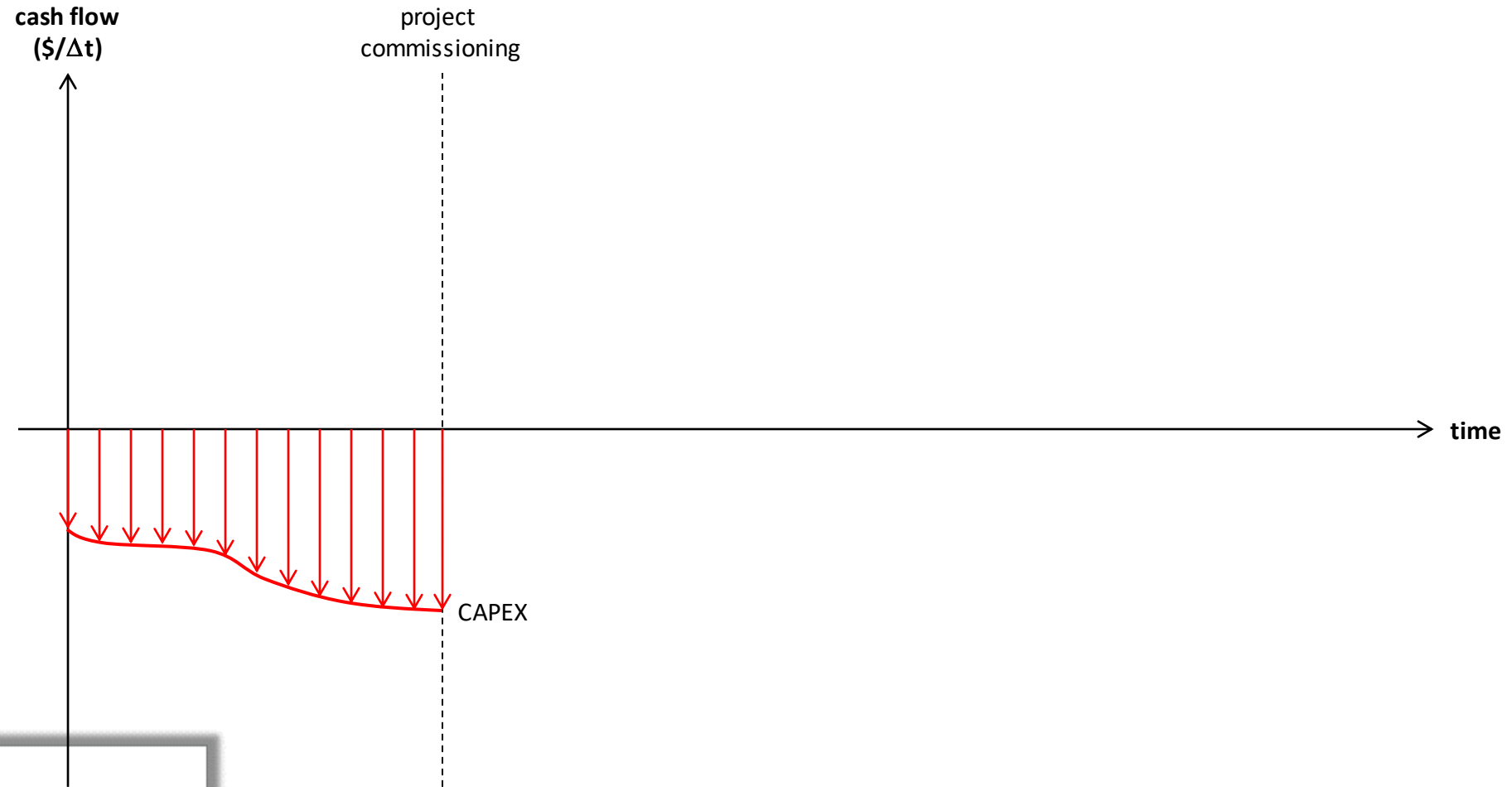
(capital budgeting)

Development of an engineering project

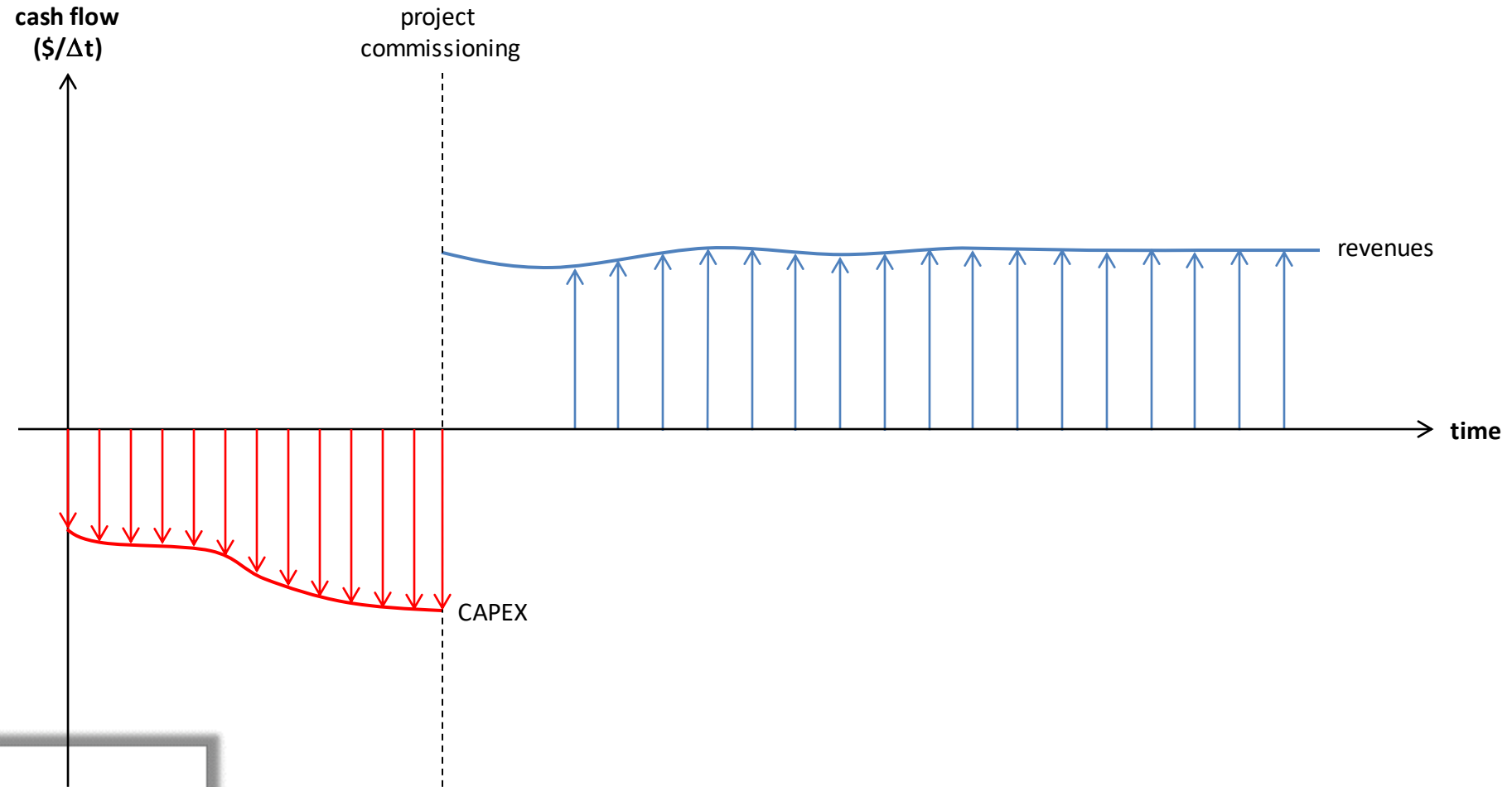
Investment	Cost (in €)	Cost in Bir (Birr)	%	Cost (in USD)	Foreign invest	Local invest
1 61 Turbines (FOB) incl. Erection	4270000,0	443.267.933,1	75,34	51.423.512,9		
Sea transport and inland transport	6100000,0	63.323.990,4	10,76	7.346.216,1		
Crane 300t, incl. sea transport	120000,0	1.245.717,8	0,21	144.515,7		
Crane works						
Installation (3 days per turbine)	427000,0	4.432.679,3	0,75	514.235,1		
Local installation	305000,0	3.166.199,5	0,54	367.310,8		
Subtotal	49.652.000,0	515.436.520,3	87,61	59.795.790,7	59.795.790,7	
2 Civil works						
Road access	427500,0	4.437.869,8	0,75	514.837,3		
Crane pads	152500,0	1.583.099,8	0,27	183.655,4		
Foundation	1891000,0	19.630.437,0	3,34	2.277.327,0		
Cable trenches	600000,0	6.228.589,2	1,06	722.578,6		
Control building	50000,0	519.049,1	0,09	60.214,9		
Subtotal	3.121.000,0	32.399.044,9	5,51	3.758.613,2		3.758.613,2
3 Required electrical equipment						
Extension of substation	200000,0	2.595.245,5	0,44	301.074,4		
Civil works new substation	150000,0	1.557.147,3	0,26	180.644,7		
Transformer (132kV / 33kV)	800000,0	8.304.785,8	1,41	963.438,2		
Auxiliary equipment of substation	150000,0	1.038.098,2	0,18	120.429,8		
132 kV components	360000,0	3.737.153,5	0,64	433.547,2		
OHL 1x1x125mm ² 5 km (132kV)	600000,0	6.228.589,2	1,06	722.578,6		
Wind park cabling, earthing, Scada (20 km)	380000,0	3.944.773,2	0,67	457.633,1		
4 x distribution stations on site	80000,0	830.478,6	0,14	96.343,8		
Electrical equipment inside control building	120000,0	1.245.717,8	0,21	144.515,7		
Auxiliary transformer at control building	15000,0	155.714,7	0,03	18.064,5		
2 x cars for maintenance team	100000,0	1.038.098,2	0,18	120.429,8		
Subtotal	2.955.000,0	30.675.801,9	5,21	3.558.699,8		3.558.699,8
4 Engineering						
International engineering	550000,0	5.709.540,1	0,97	662.363,7	662.363,7	
Local engineering	150000,0	1.557.147,3	0,26	180.644,7		180.644,7
Subtotal	700.000,0	7.266.687,4	1,24	843.008,4	662.363,7	180.644,7
5 Others						
Mitigation measures	244.870,1	2.541.992,0	0,43	294.896,5		294.896,5
Subtotal	244.870,1	2.541.992,0	0,43	294.896,5		294.896,5
Total	56.672.870,1	588.320.046,6	100,00	68.251.008,6	60.458.154,5	7.792.854,1

Itemized Investment Cost of and Ethiopian Wind project

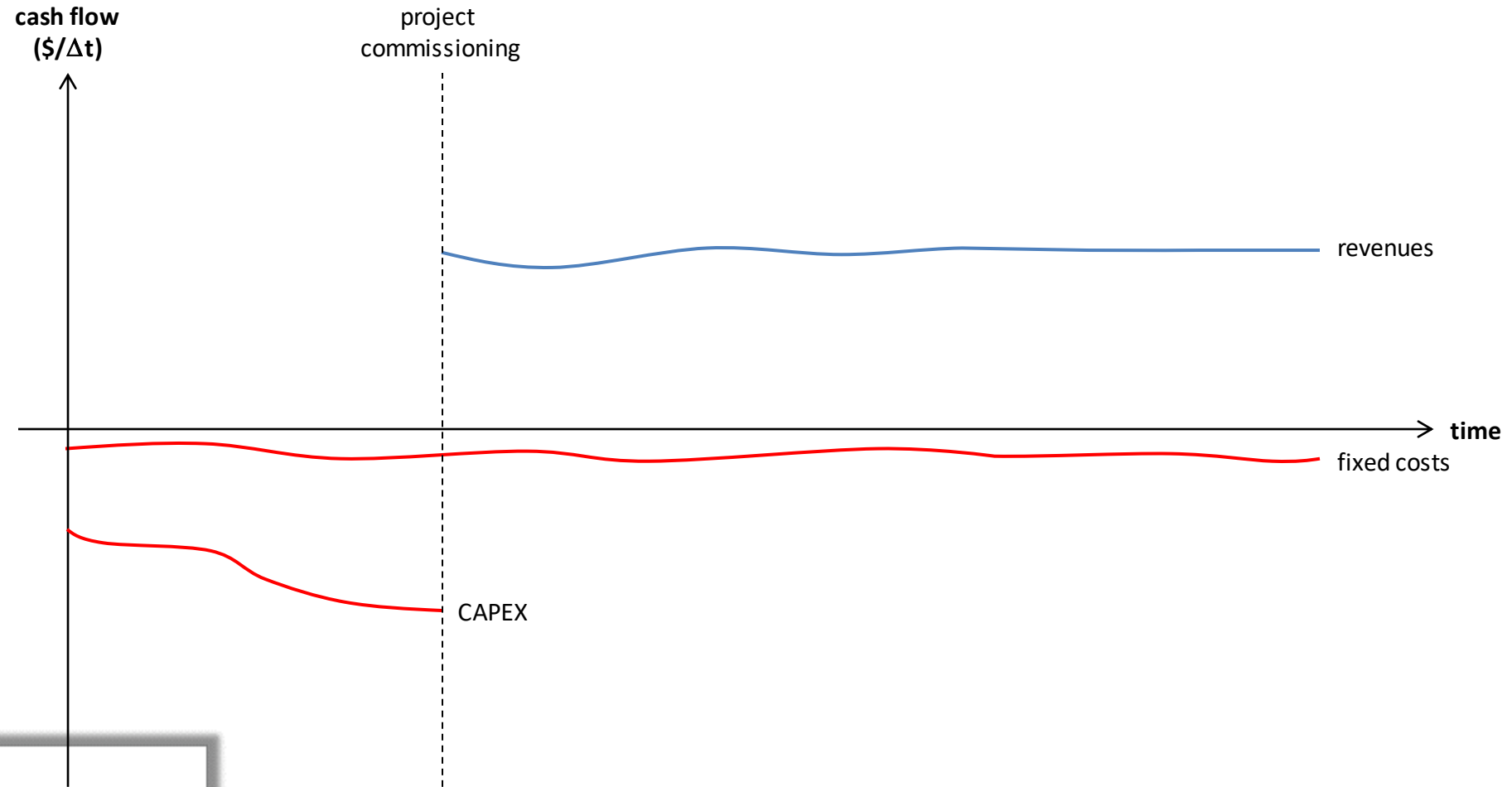
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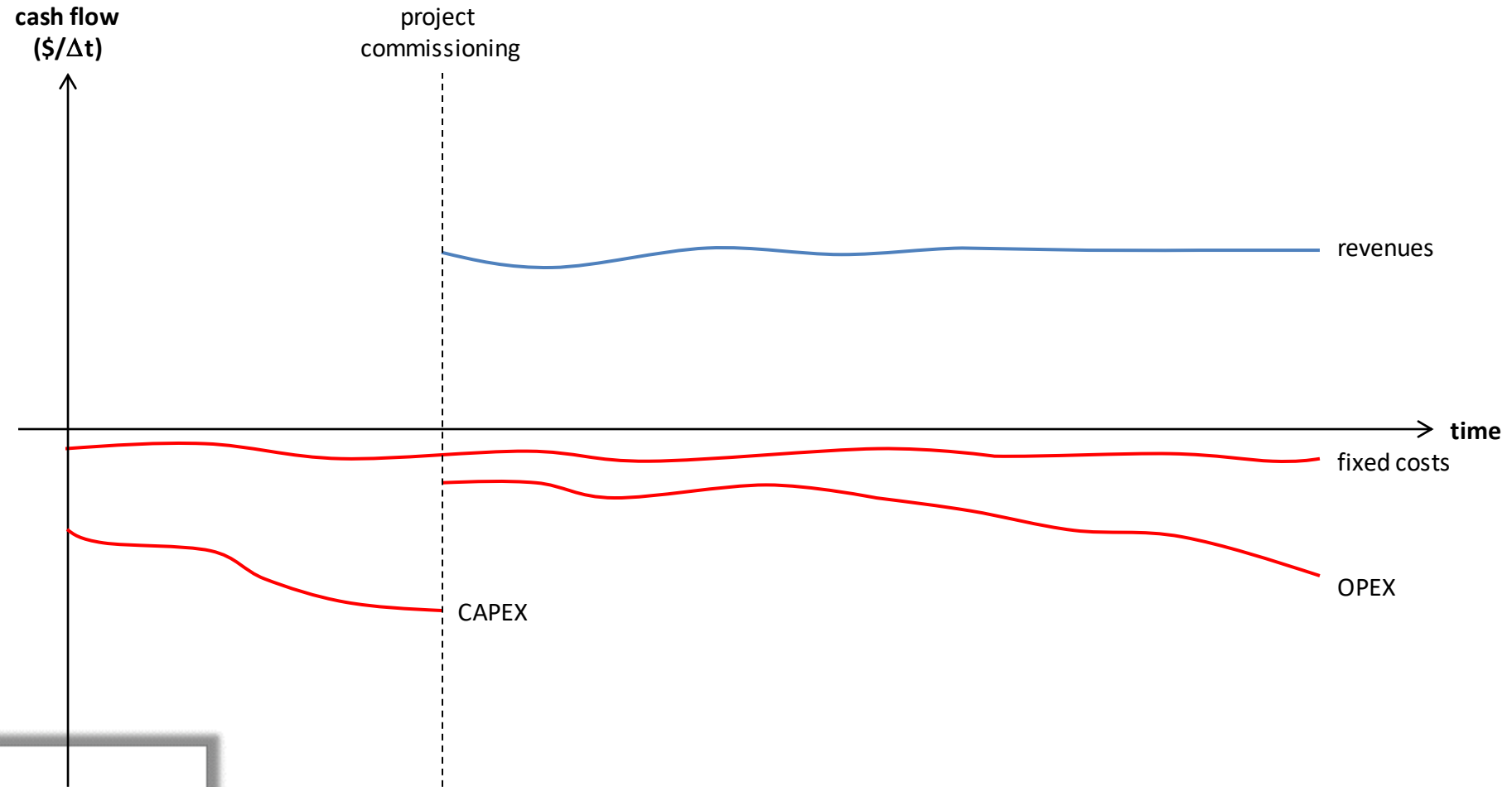
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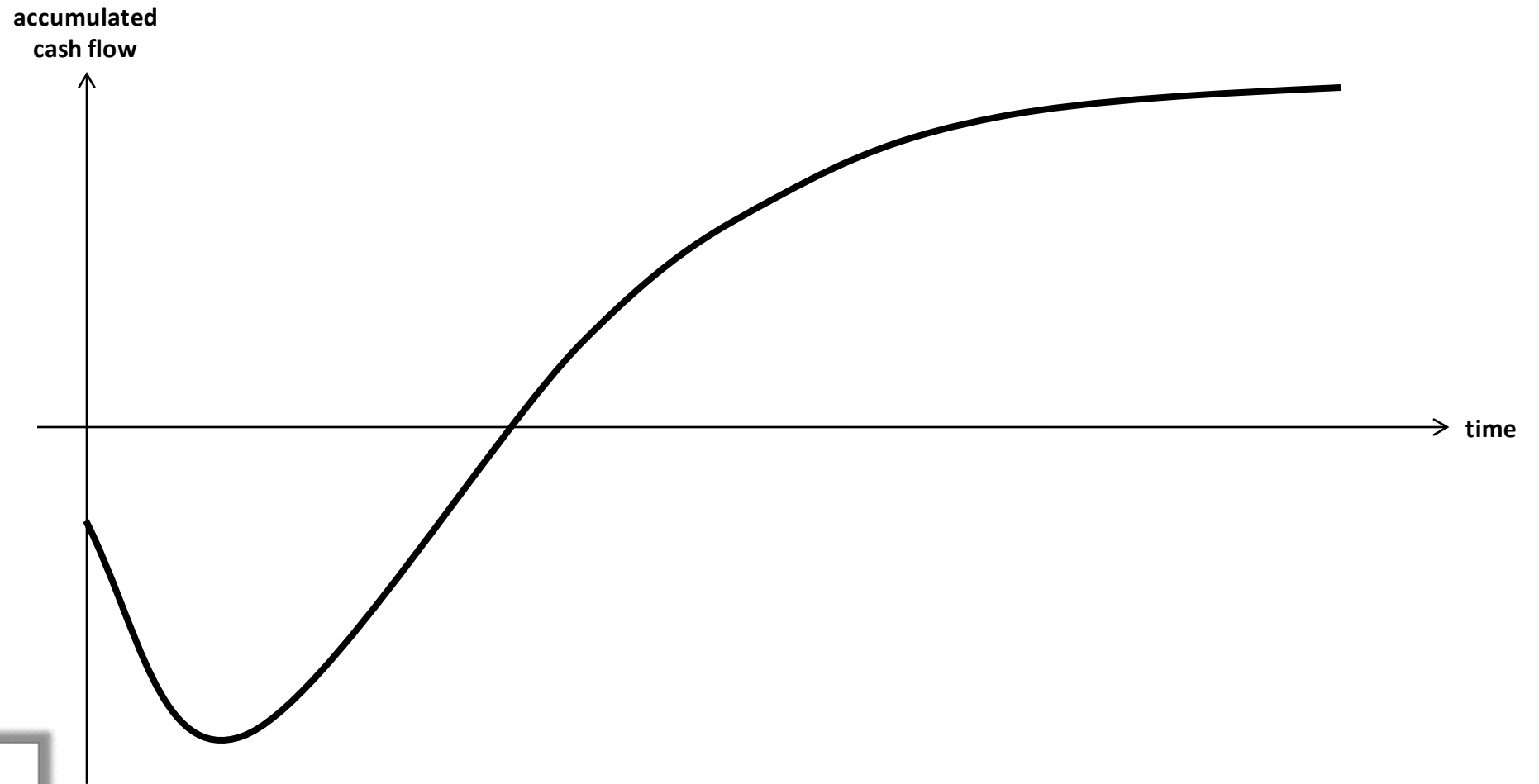
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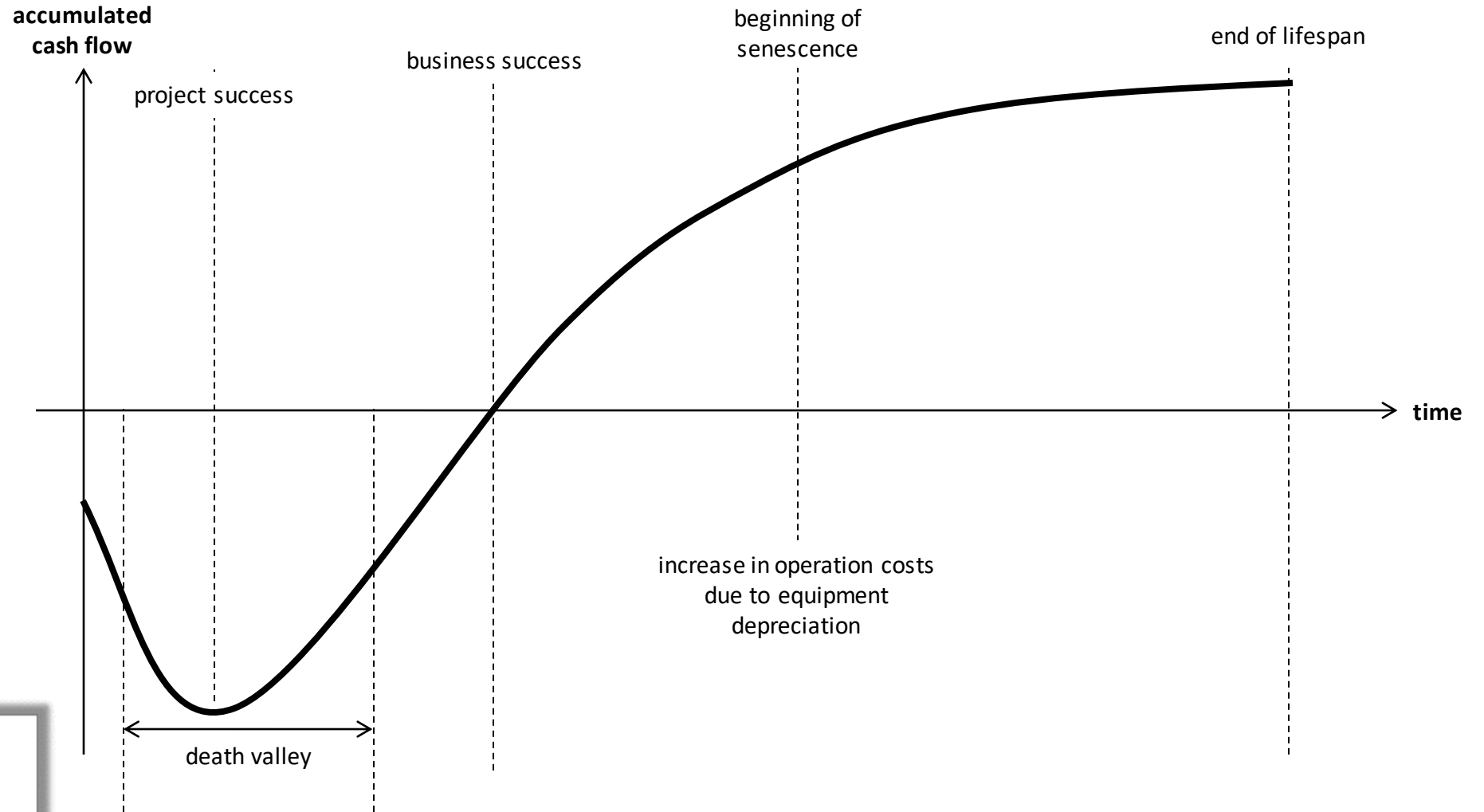
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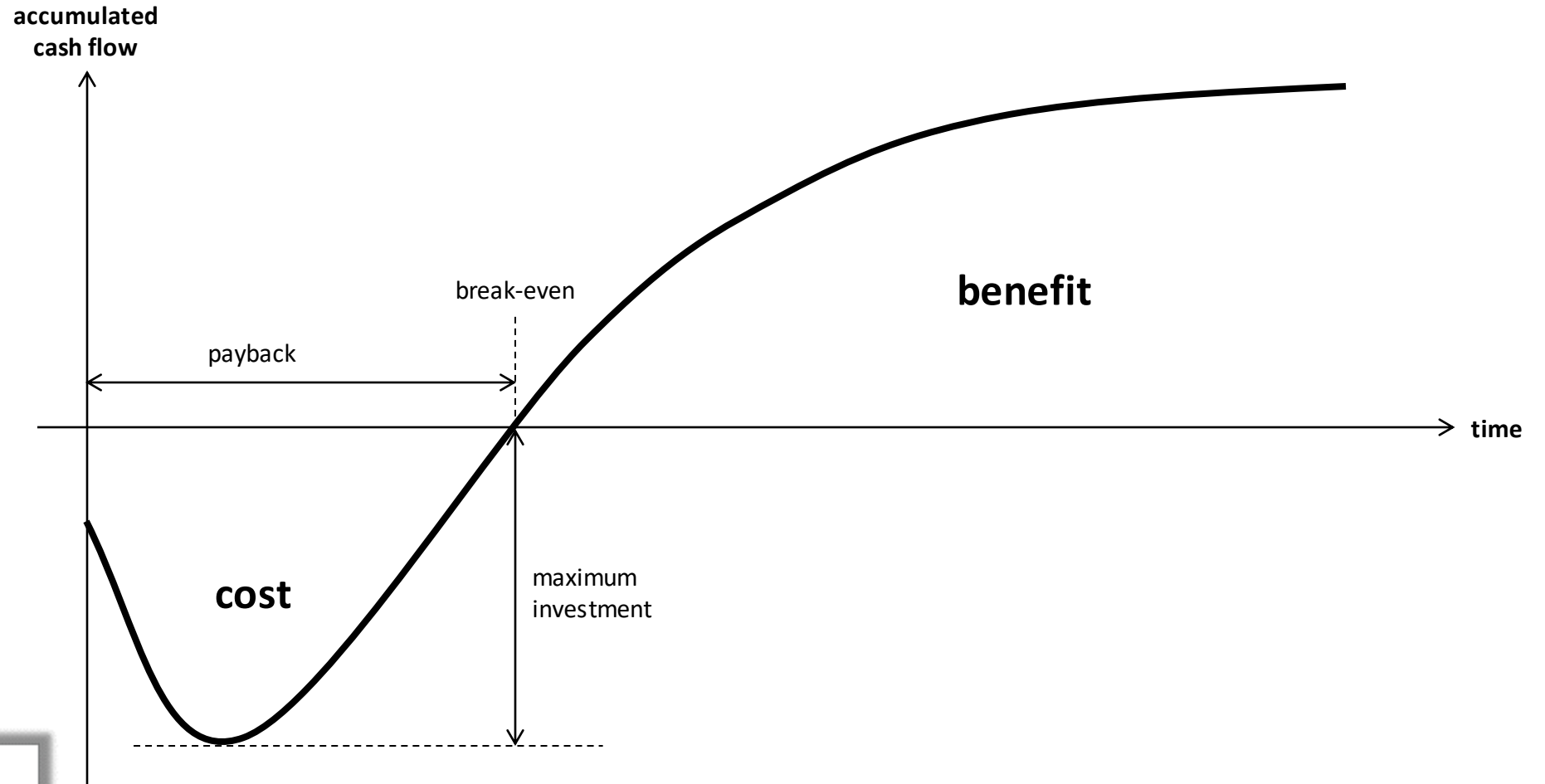
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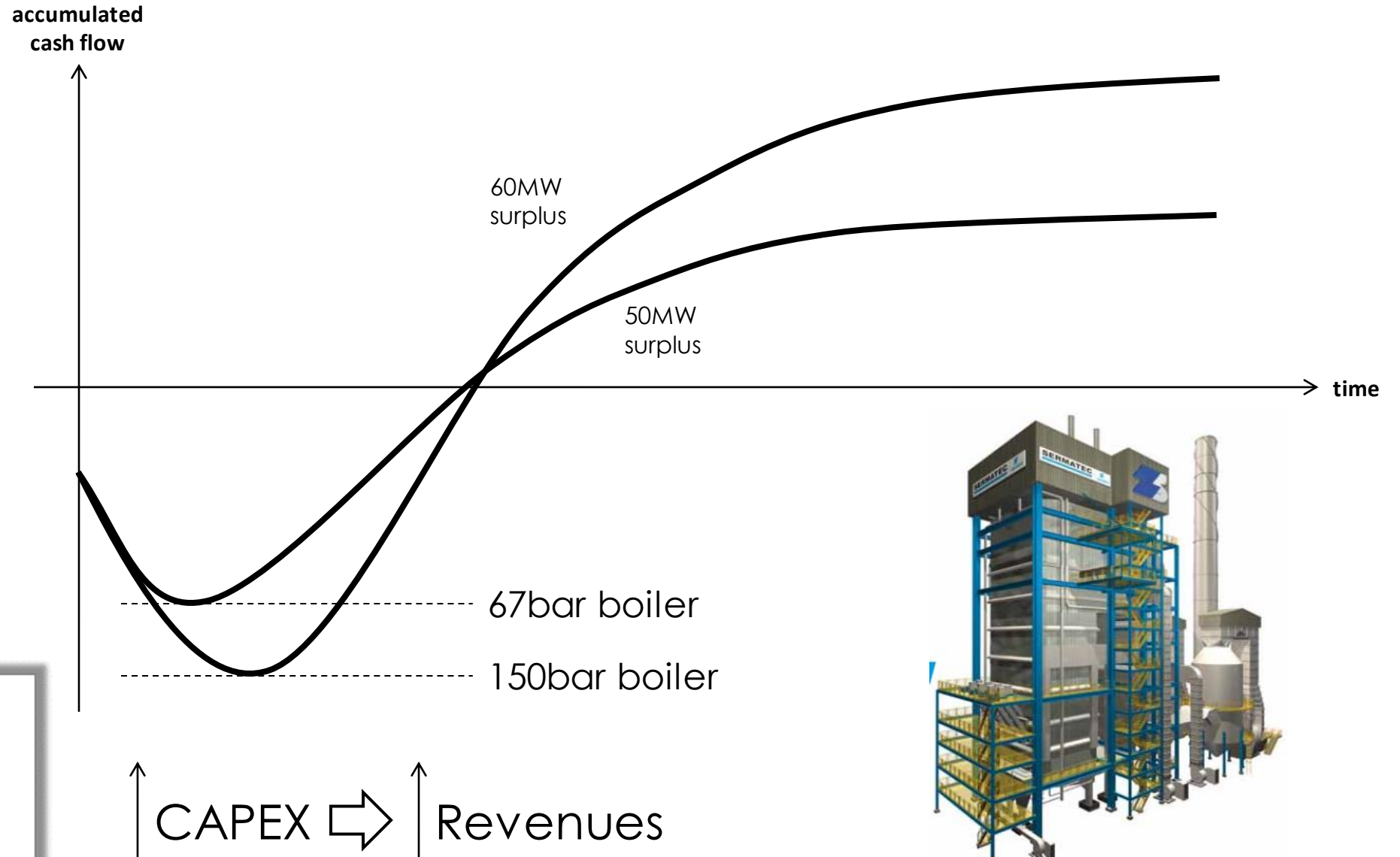
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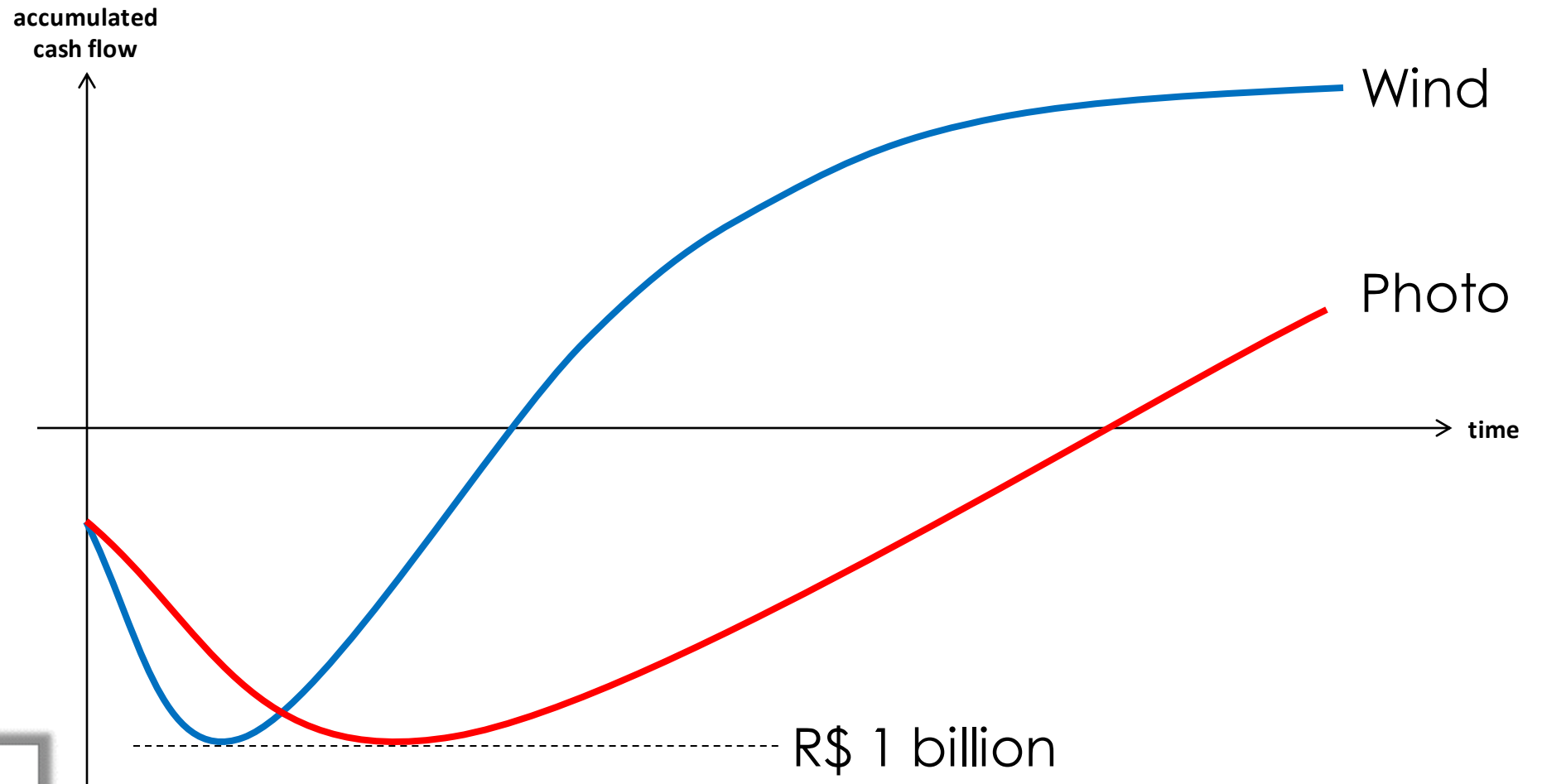
Accumulated cashflow: characterization parameters



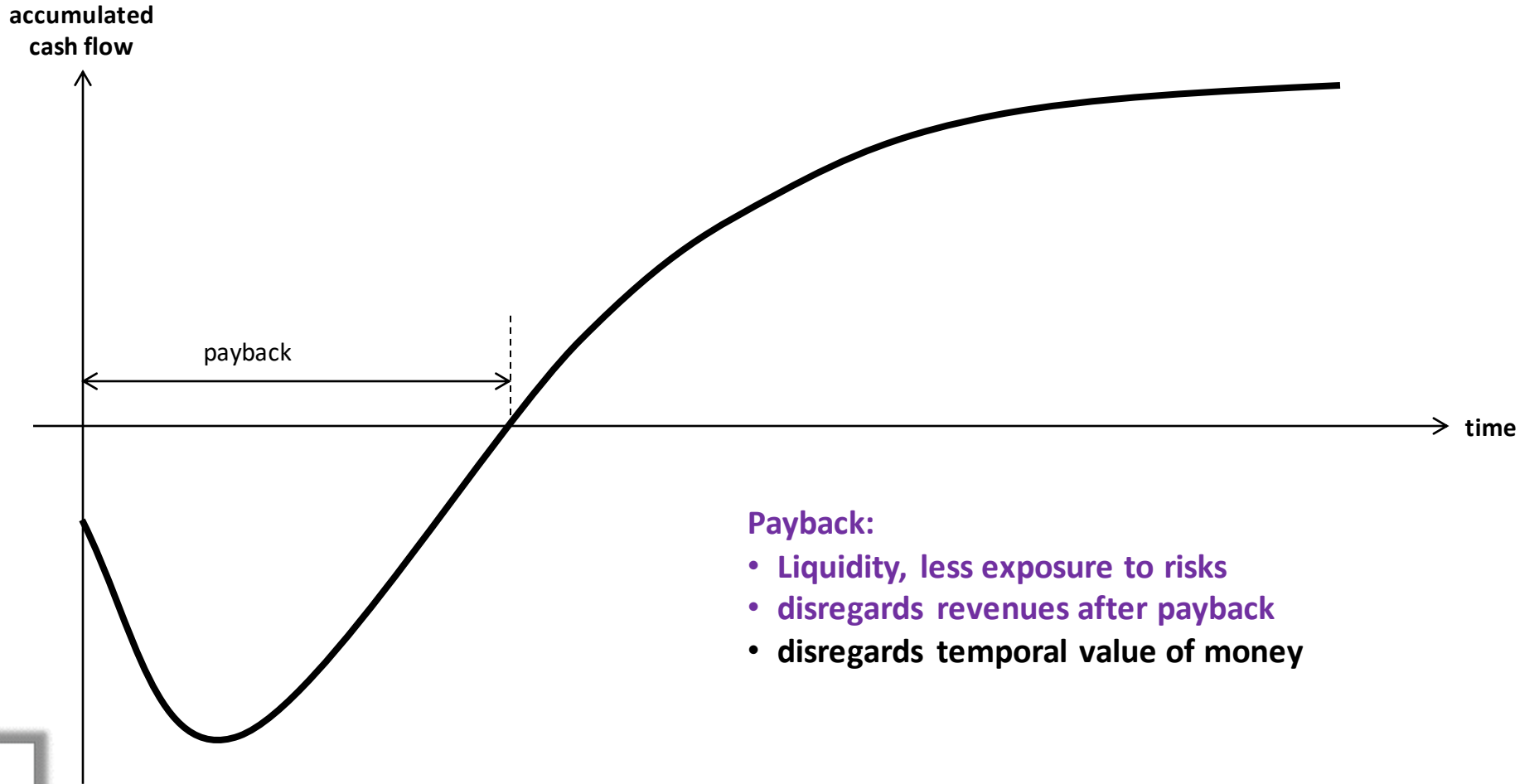
Parâmetros do fluxo acumulado – saldo do projeto



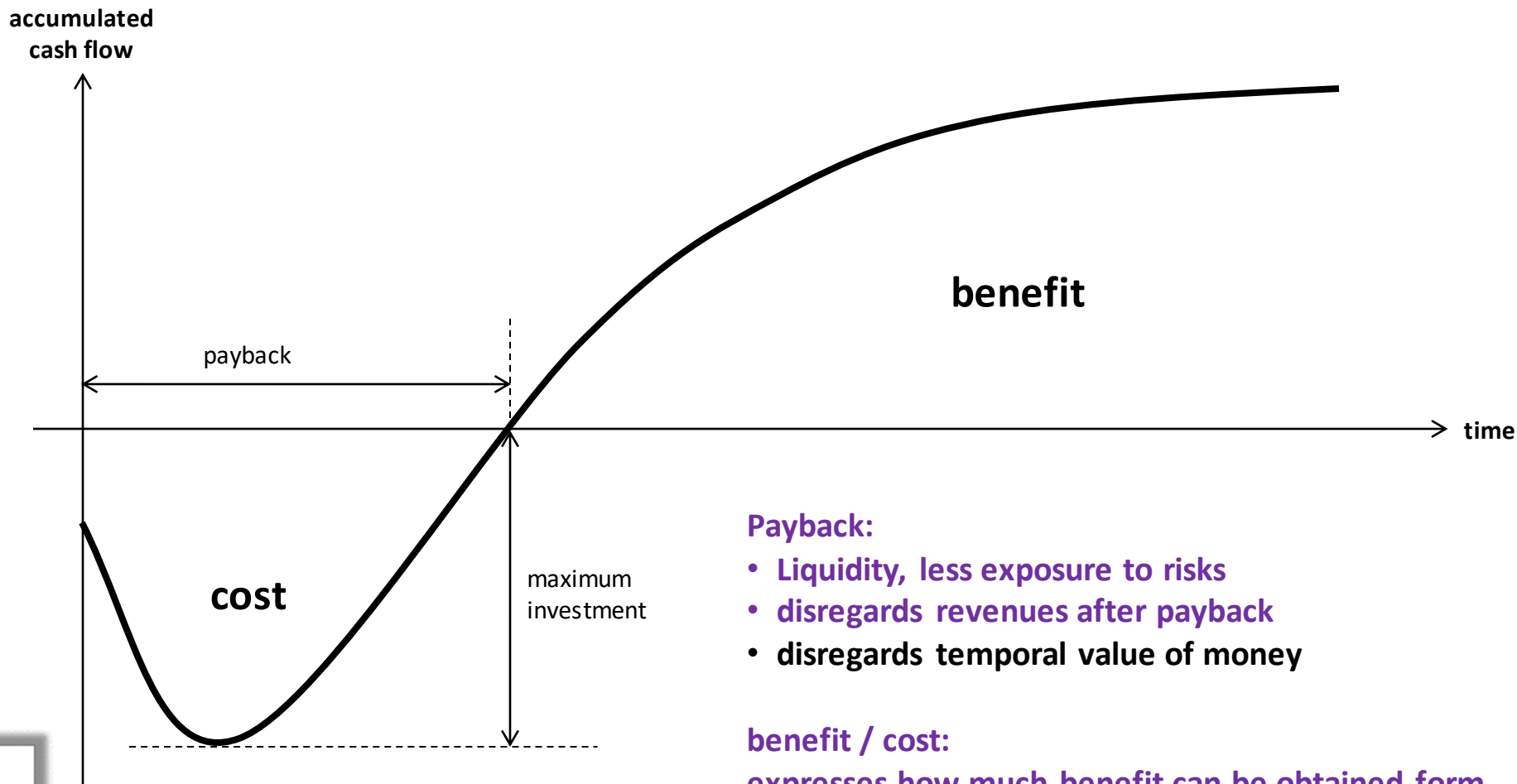
Which one is better?



Objective decision criteria...



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Payback:

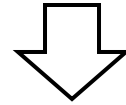
- Liquidity, less exposure to risks
- disregards revenues after payback
- disregards temporal value of money

benefit / cost:

expresses how much benefit can be obtained from each unit of value invested...

- disregards temporal value of money

Temporal Value of Money

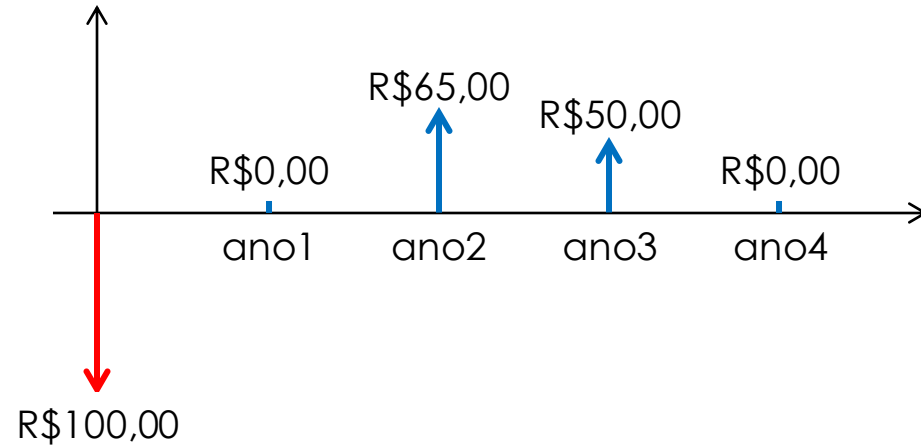


Internal Rate of Return

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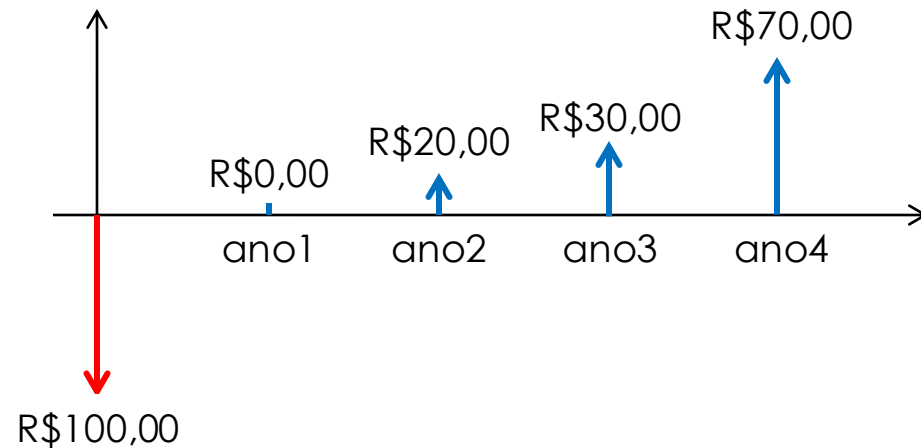


Project A



R\$100,00
↓ 3 years
R\$115,00

Project B



R\$100,00
↓ 4 years
R\$120,00

Temporal value of money

Reference:
5% per annum
at virtually no
risk (example)

R\$100,00



Temporal value of money

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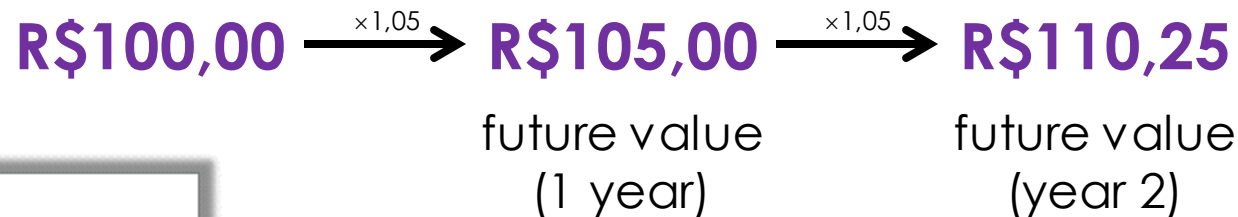


$$\text{R\$100,00} \xrightarrow{\times 1,05} \text{R\$105,00}$$

future value
(year 1)

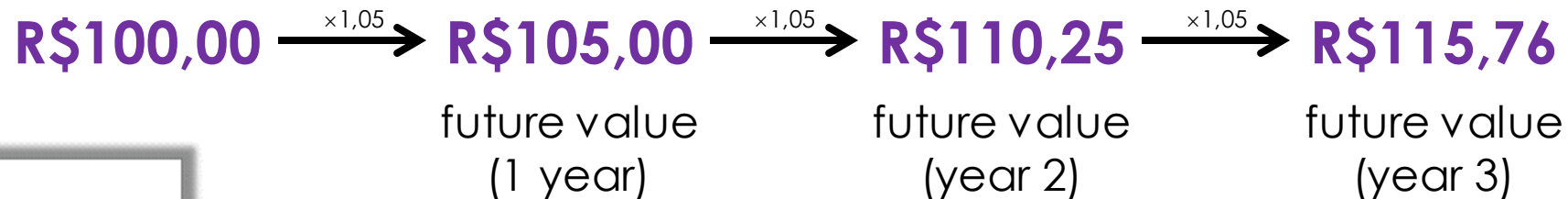
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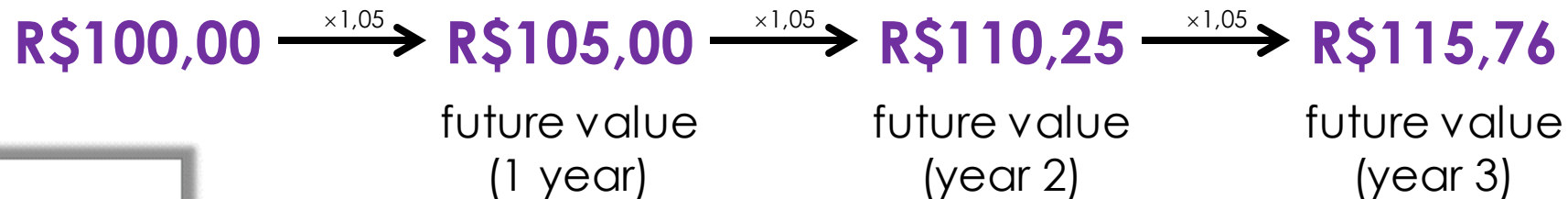
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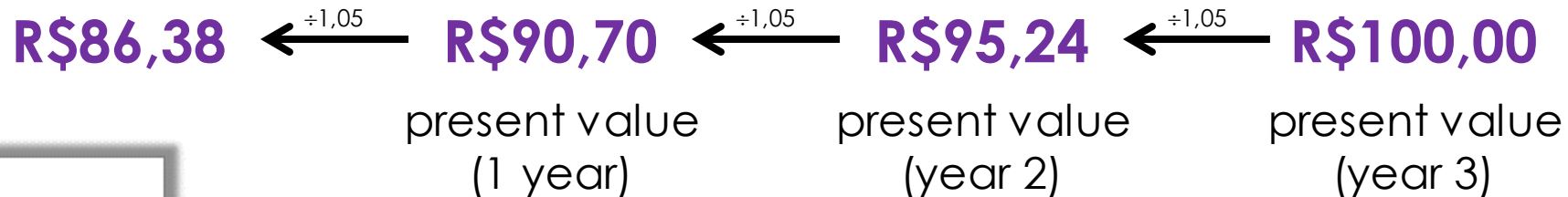
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$$FV = PV \cdot (1 + r)^n$$

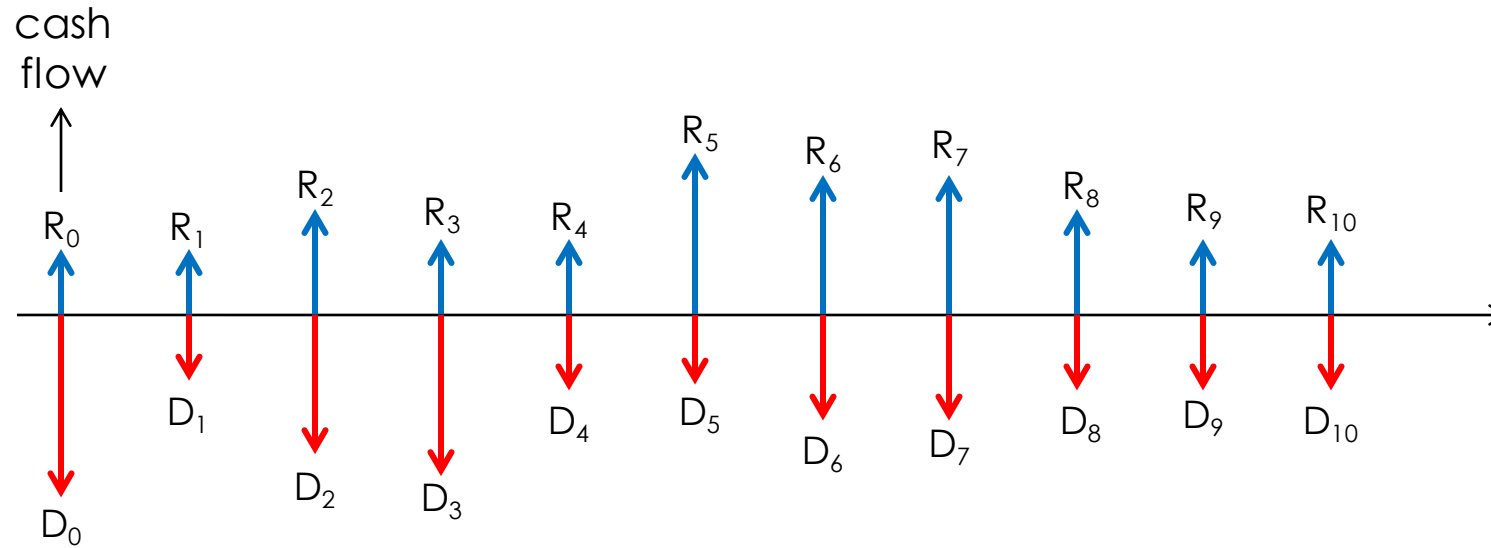
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$$PV = FV \cdot (1 + r)^{-n}$$

Temporal value of money: expenses and incomes



$$NPV = \sum_k PV_k$$

$$NPV = \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{R_k - D_k}{(1+r)^k}$$

- R_k are incomes @ k -th period
- D_k are expenses @ k -th period
- r is the discount rate reflecting the opportunity cost

Spreadsheet formulae...

taxa	5%							
ano	0	1	2	3	4	Total	Benefício/Custo	
valor	-R\$ 100.00	R\$ -	R\$ 65.00	R\$ 50.00	R\$ -	R\$ 15.00	15%	
	R\$ -							
	R\$ 58.96	$1/(1+r)^2$						
	R\$ 43.19	$1/(1+r)^3$						
	R\$ -	$1/(1+r)^4$						
PV Total	R\$ 2.15							
Benefício/Custo	2.15%							
taxa	5%							
ano	0	1	2	3	4	Total	Benefício/Custo	
valor	-R\$ 100.00	R\$ -	R\$ 20.00	R\$ 30.00	R\$ 70.00	R\$ 20.00	20%	
	R\$ -							
	R\$ 18.14	$1/(1+r)^2$						
	R\$ 25.92	$1/(1+r)^3$						
	R\$ 57.59	$1/(1+r)^4$						
PV Total	R\$ 1.64							
Benefício/Custo	1.64%							

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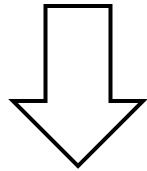
taxa	5.60%							
ano	0	1	2	3	4	Total	Benefício/Custo	
valor	-R\$ 100.00	R\$ -	R\$ 65.00	R\$ 50.00	R\$ -	R\$ 15.00	15%	
	R\$ -							
	R\$ 58.29	$1/(1+r)^2$						
	R\$ 42.46	$1/(1+r)^3$						
	R\$ -	$1/(1+r)^4$						
PV Total	R\$ 0.75							
Benefício/Custo	0.75%							
taxa	5.60%							
ano	0	1	2	3	4	Total	Benefício/Custo	
valor	-R\$ 100.00	R\$ -	R\$ 20.00	R\$ 30.00	R\$ 70.00	R\$ 20.00	20%	
	R\$ -							
	R\$ 17.94	$1/(1+r)^2$						
	R\$ 25.48	$1/(1+r)^3$						
	R\$ 56.29	$1/(1+r)^4$						
PV Total	-R\$ 0.30							
Benefício/Custo	-0.30%							

NPV: limitations

Net Present Value: limitations

Project A

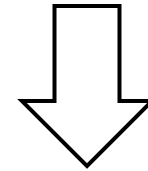
Initial
investment
R\$ 10 milions



NPV = R\$ 2 millions

Project B

Initial
investment
R\$ 2 billions

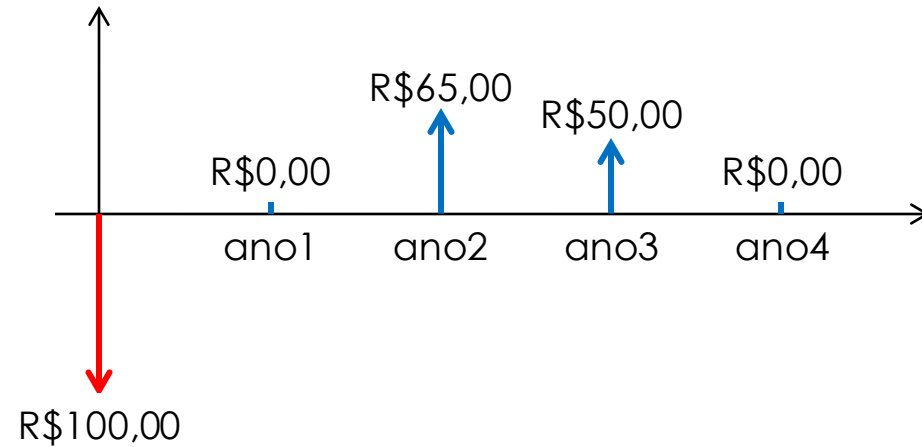


NPV = R\$ 3 millions

Execute B because $VPL_B > VPL_A$, however ...

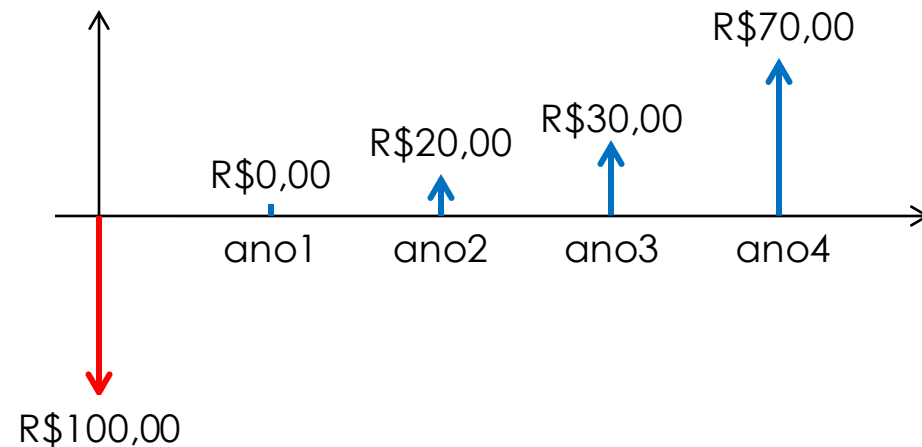
Variation of the NPV in function of the discount rate...

Project A



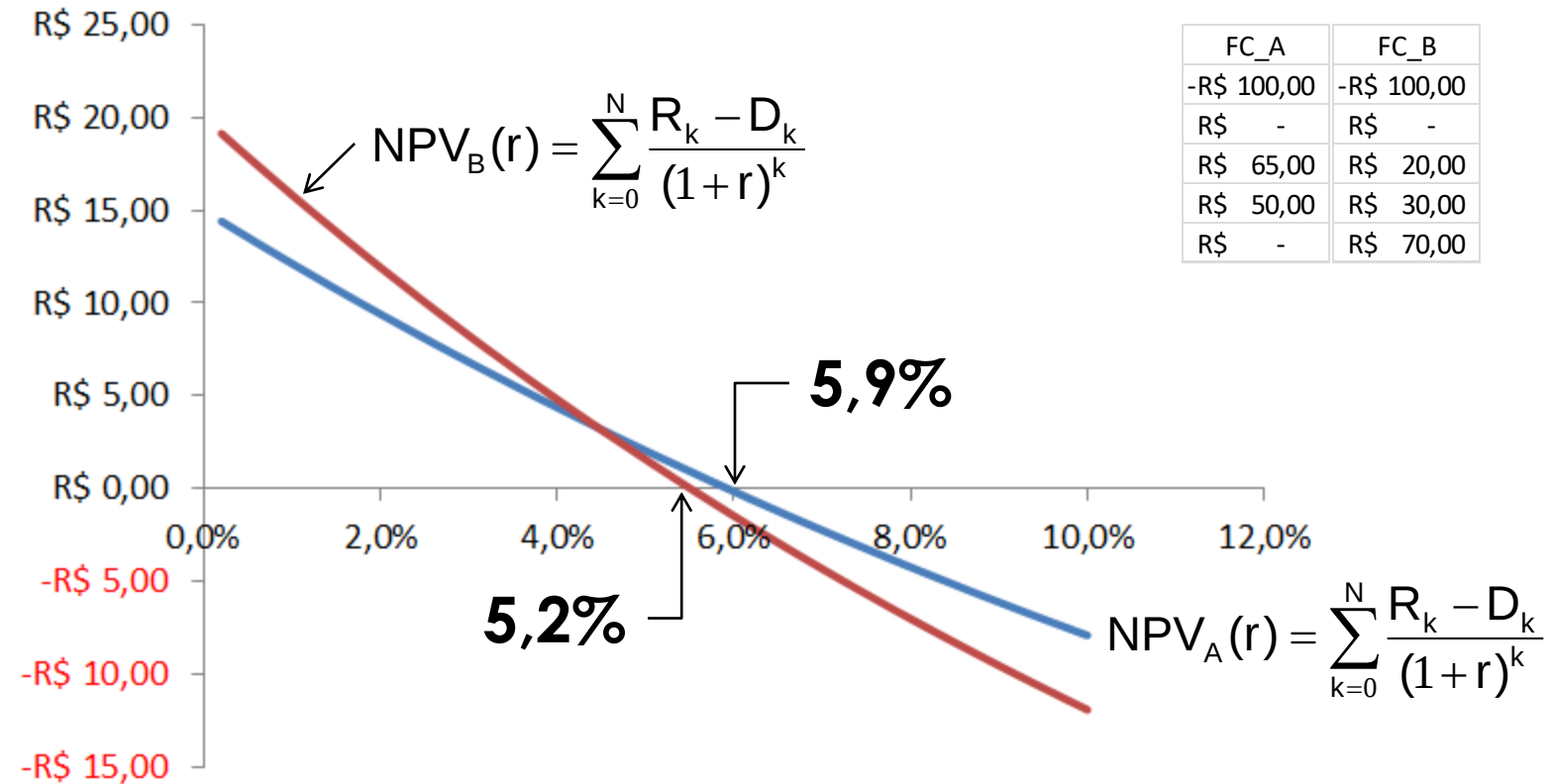
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Project B

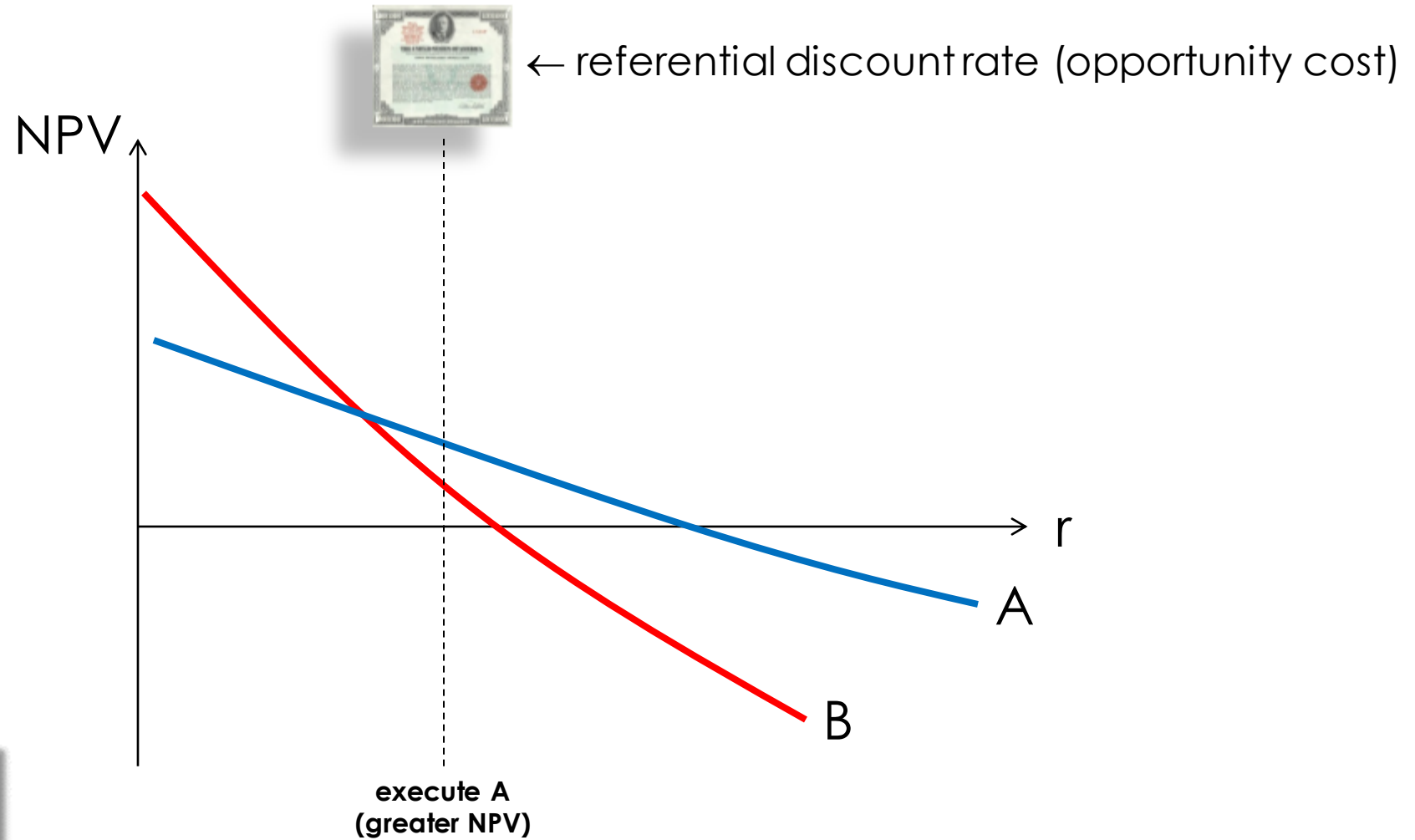


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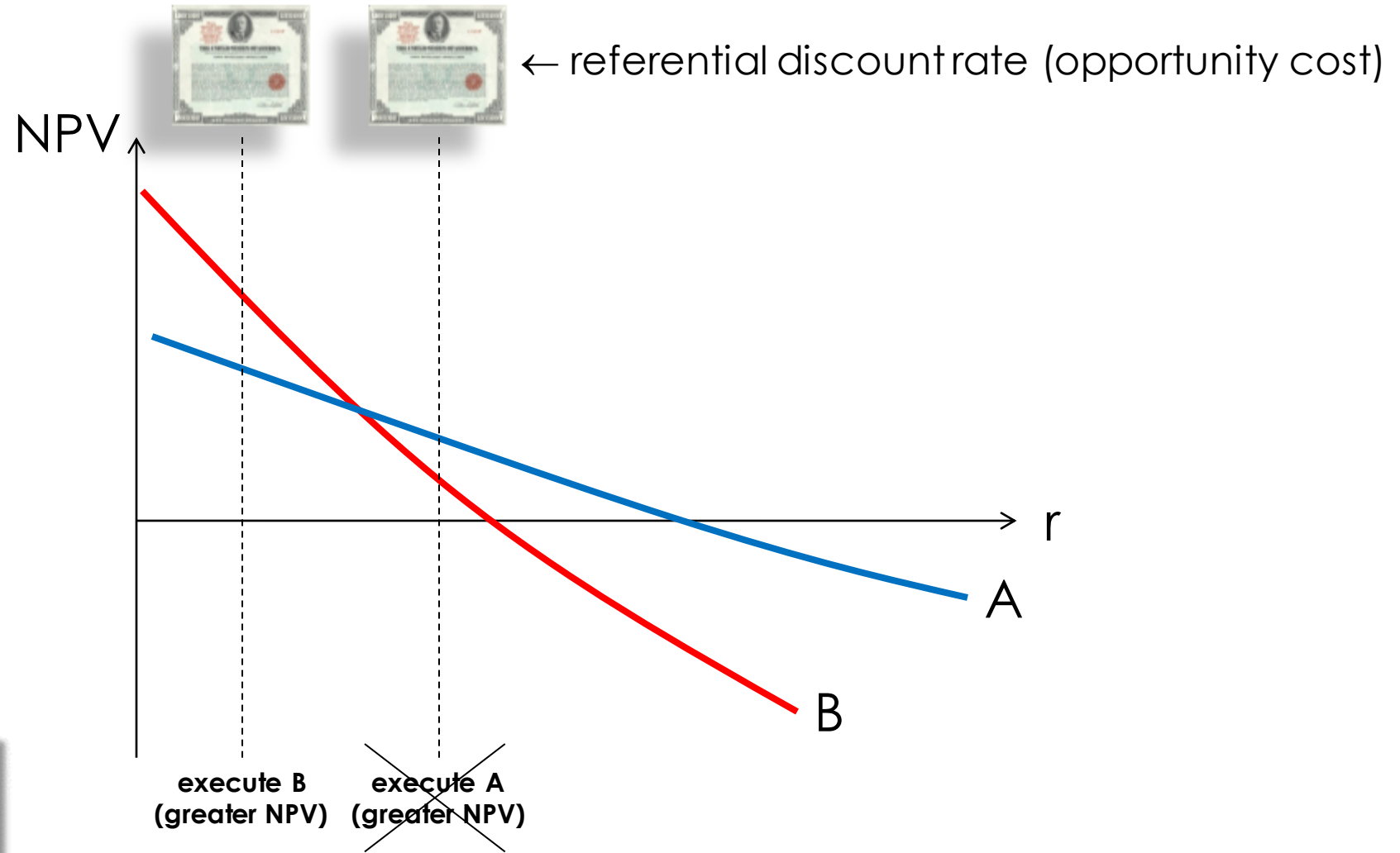
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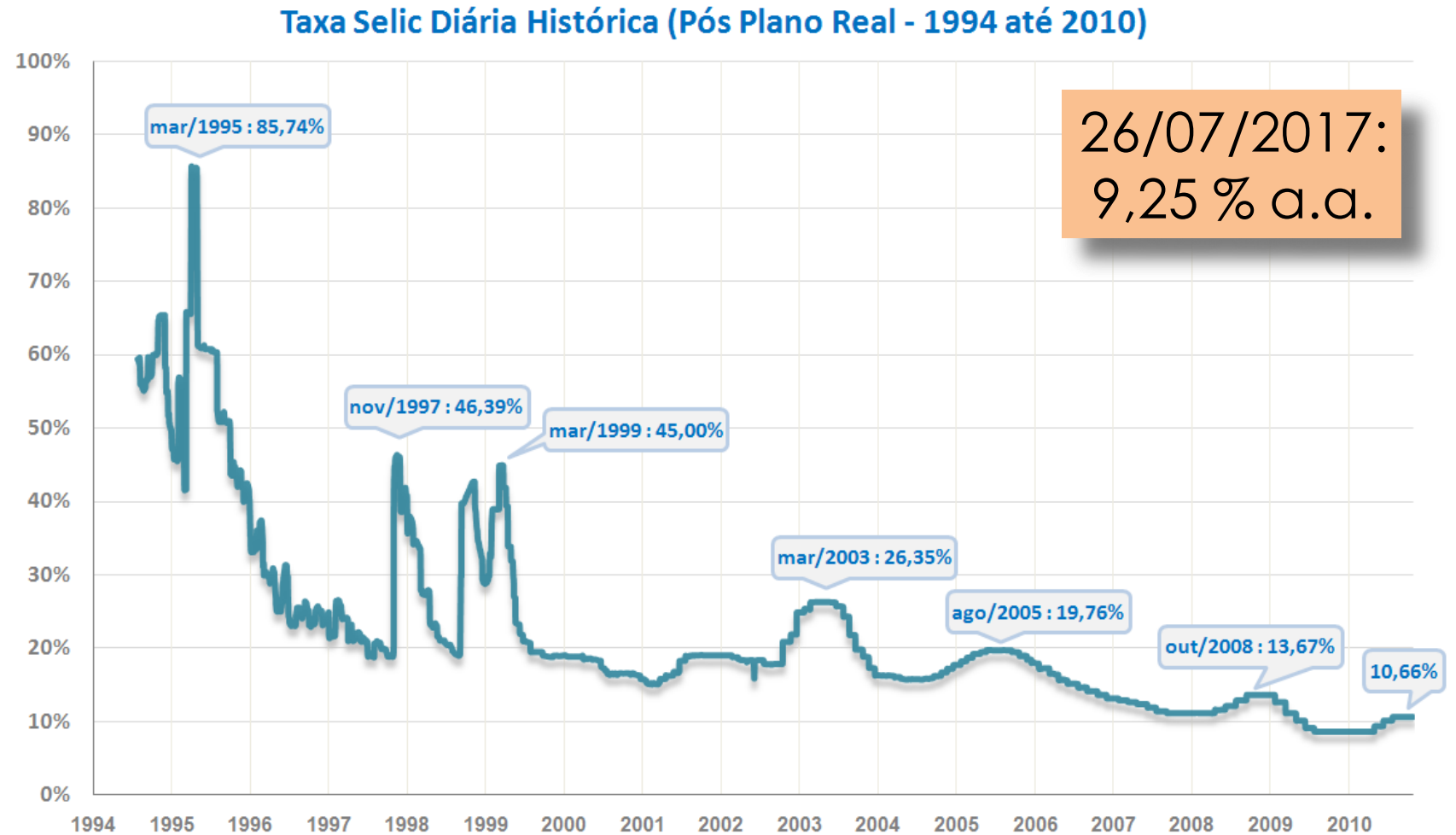


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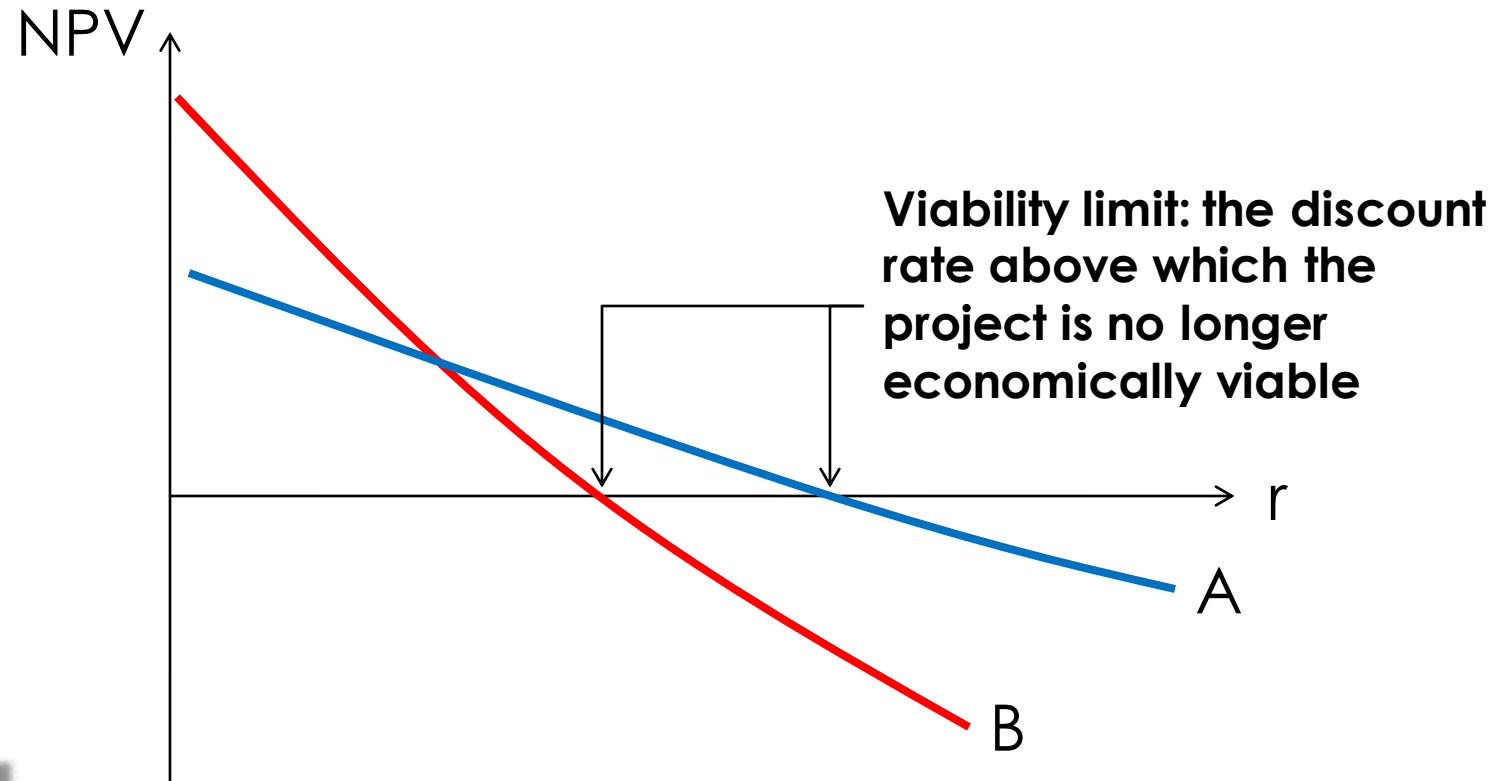


**How to evaluate the
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setting the discount rate ?**

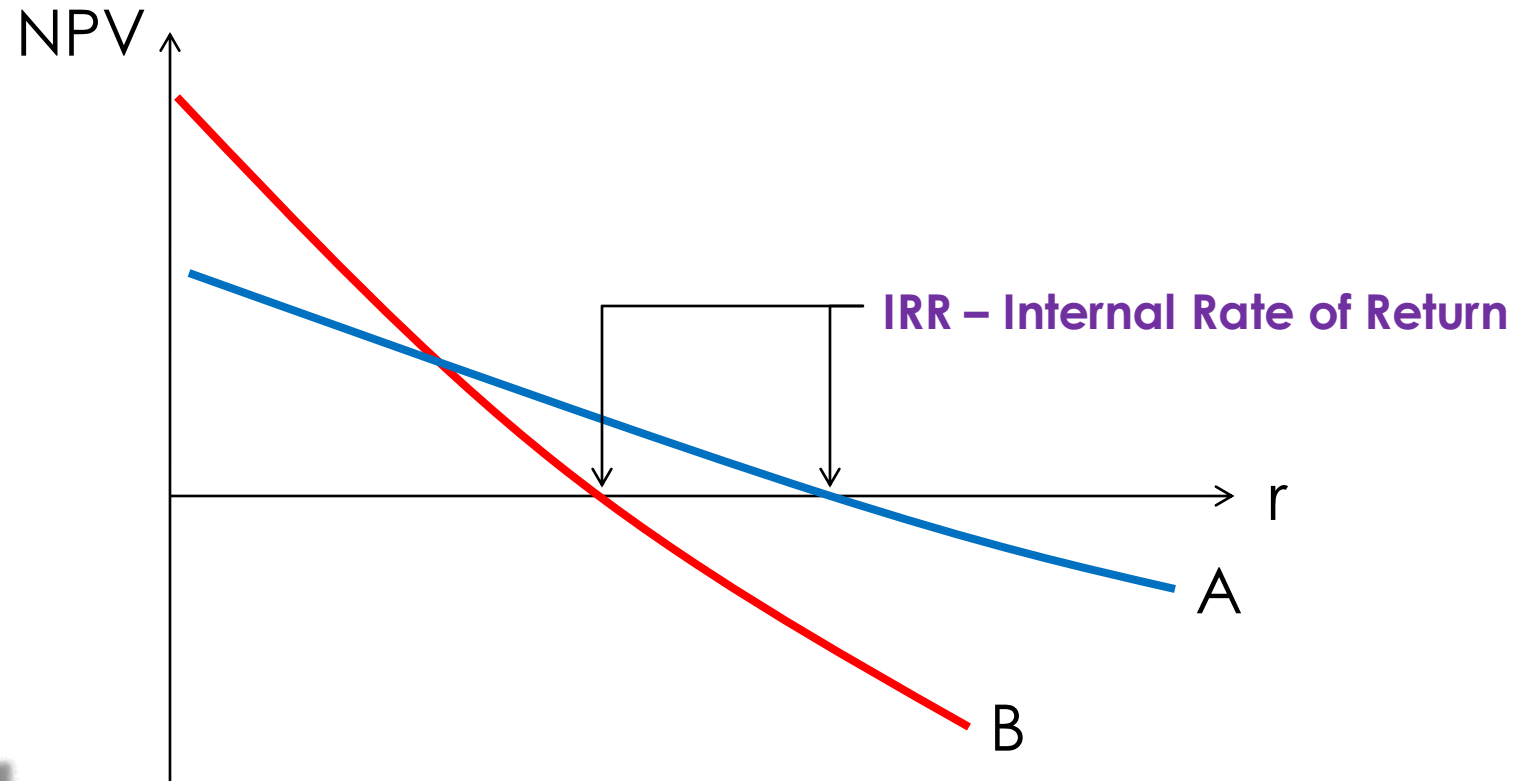
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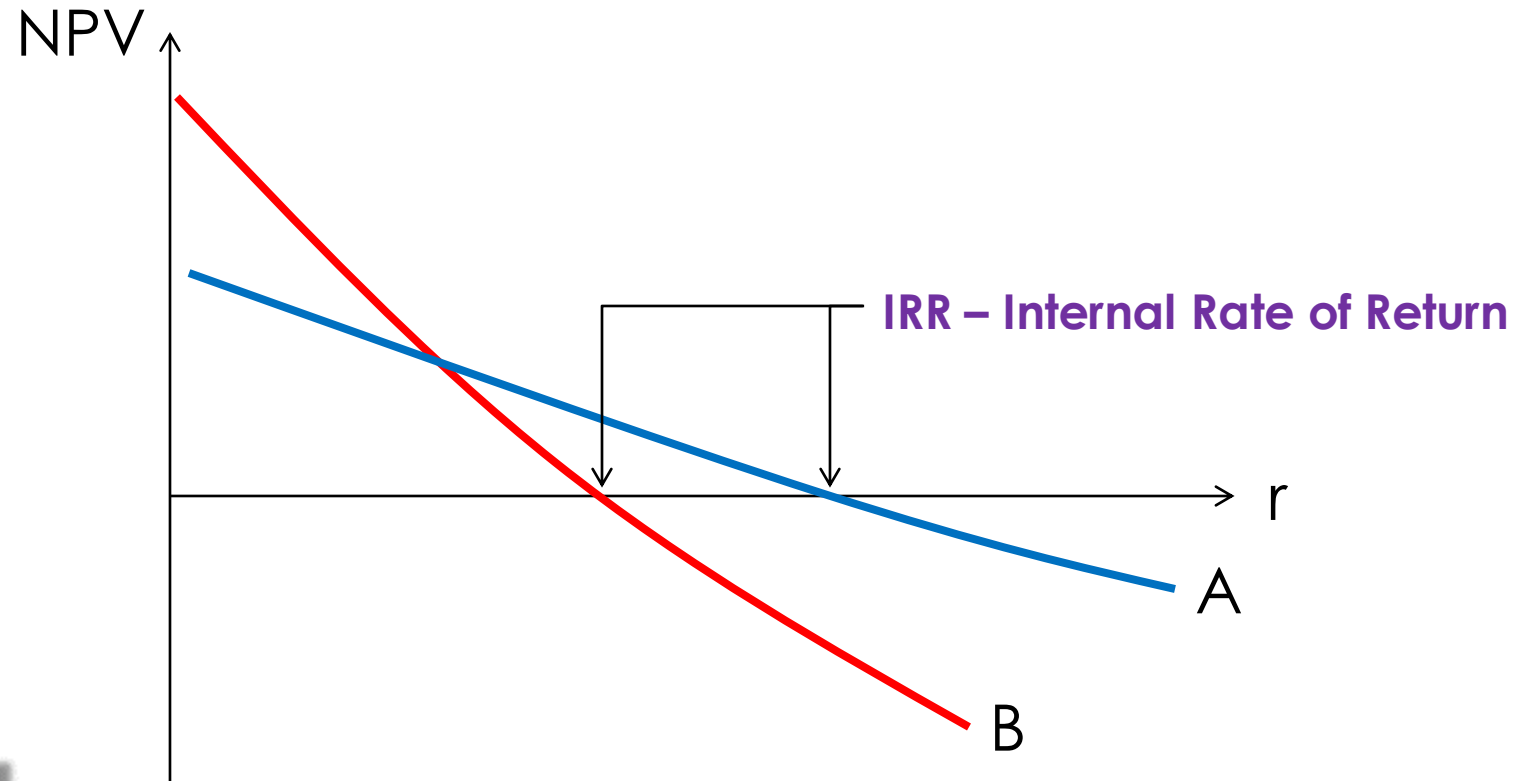


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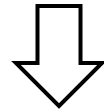
$$r \Rightarrow \text{NPV}(r) = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{R_k - D_k}{(1 + \text{TIR})^k} = 0$$

Variation of the NPV in function of the discount rate...



$IRR_A > IRR_B \rightarrow A$ is more resiliente than B

Techno-Economical Analysis of an Investment Project



Capital Budgeting

Techno-Economical Analysis of an Investment Project (Capital Budgeting):

Capital



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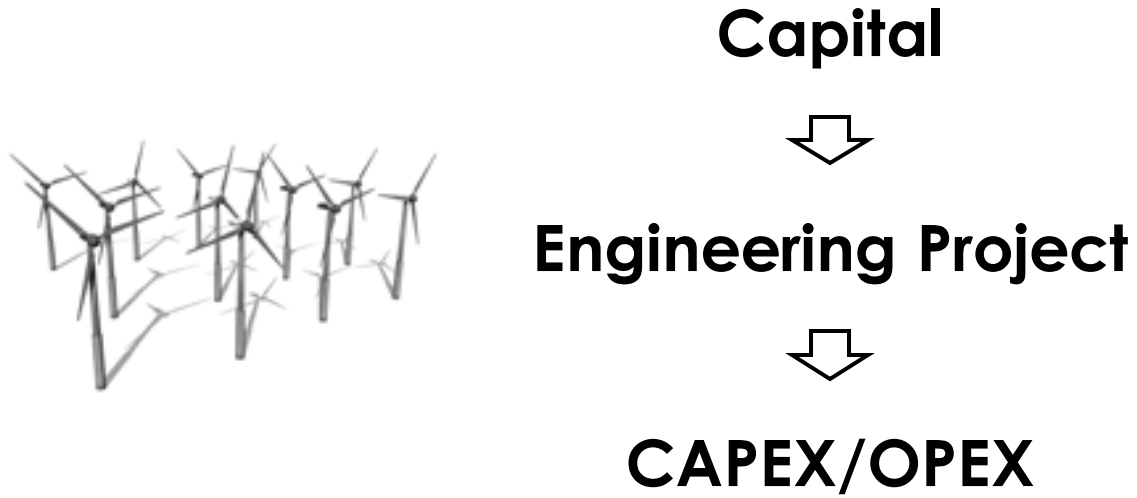
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Engineering Project



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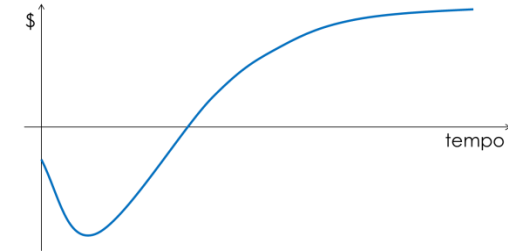
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CAPEX/OPEX



Cash Flow



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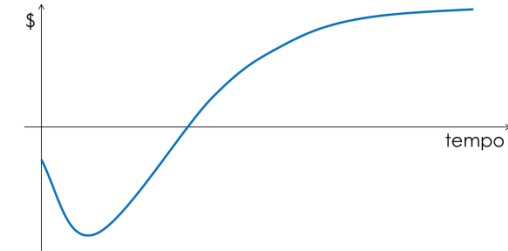
CAPEX/OPEX



Cash Flow



Decision Parameters



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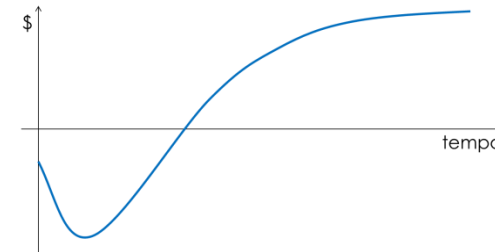
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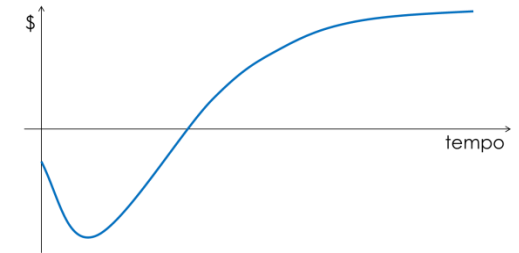
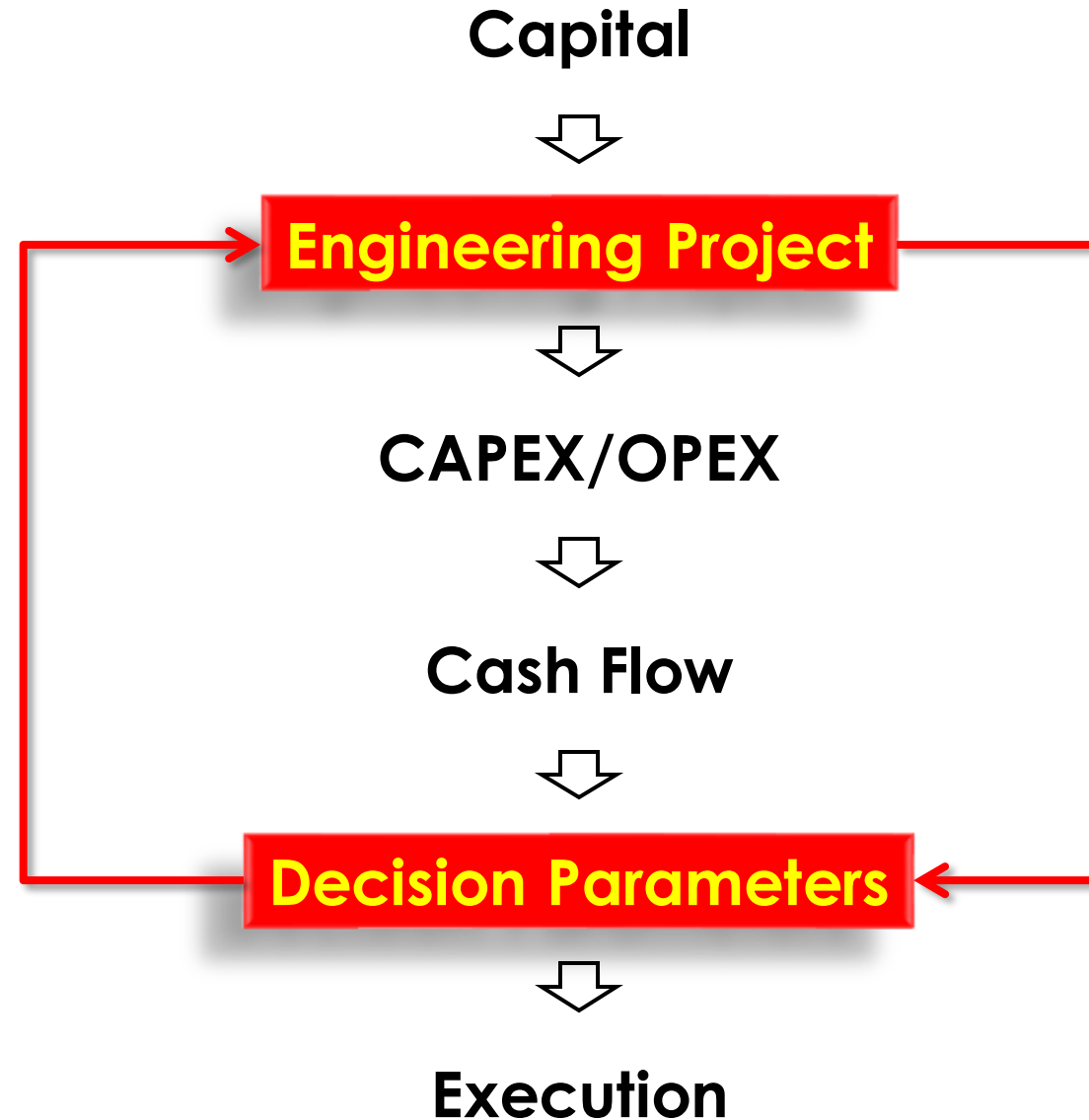
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Execution



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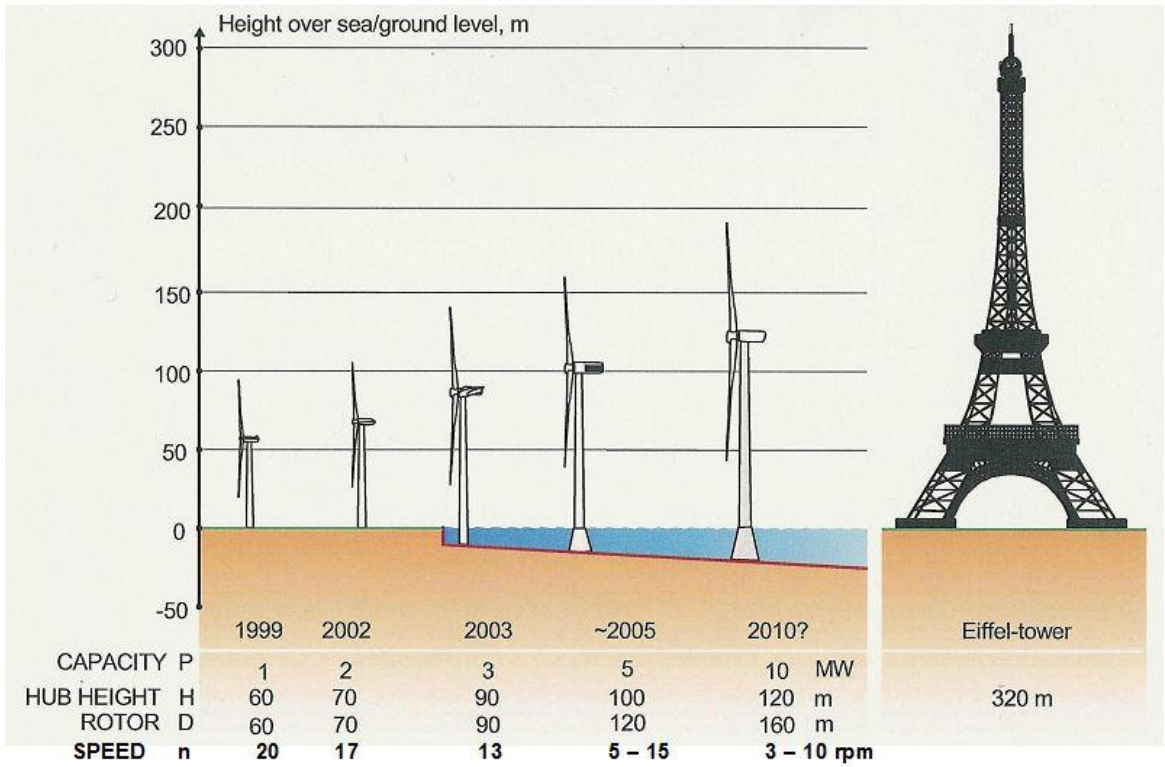


CAPEX / OPEX



Obs.: solar thermal

Wind power plants: CAPEX/OPEX



Current LCOE		4,50 ¢/kWh
Blade	2%	25% reduction in CAPEX
Controls/Sensors	3%	
Drivetrain	2%	
Generator	2%	
Electrical	1%	
Tower	2%	
Pitch System	1%	
Foundation	1%	
Nacelle	1%	
Pitch Control	2%	
Condition Monitoring	2%	
SCADA	2%	
Yaw System	1%	
Castings/Forgings	1%	
Systems	1%	
Yaw Control	1%	
2025 LCOE		3,75 ¢/kWh



Current LCOE

4,50 ¢/kWh

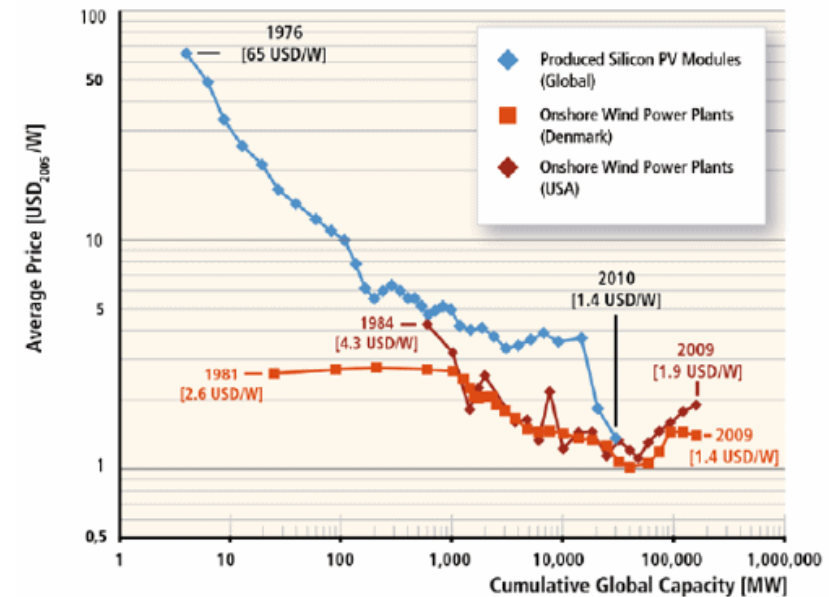
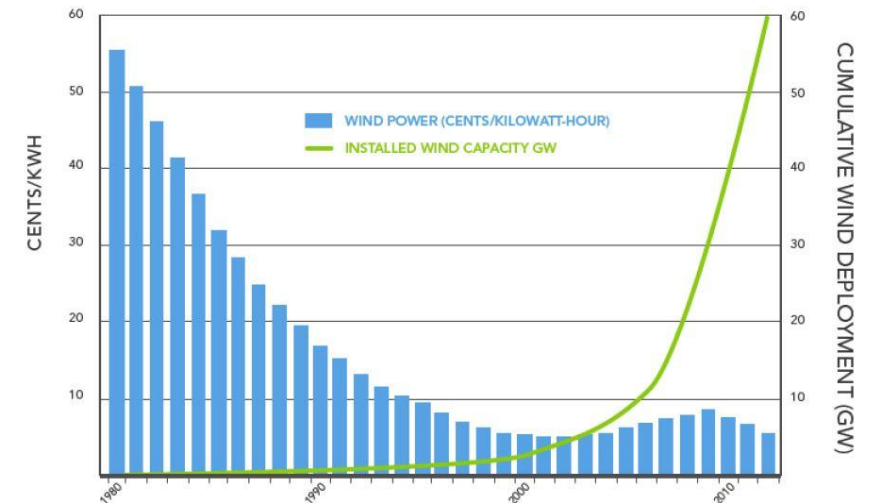
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Pitch Control	2%
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Castings/Forgings	1%
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25% reduction in CAPEX

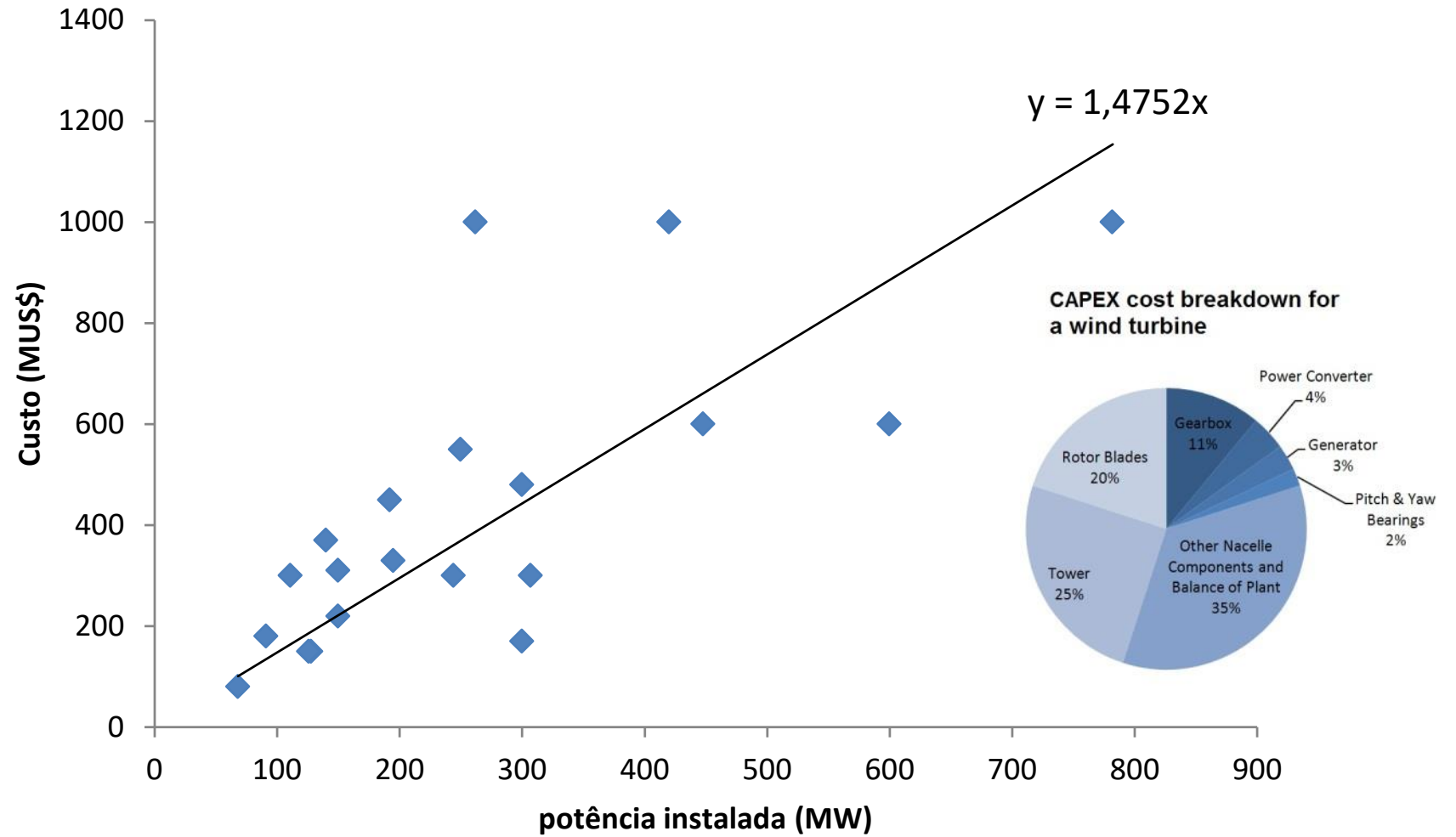
2025 LCOE

3,75 ¢/kWh

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2008-2012



Wind power plants: CAPEX/OPEX



Wind power plants: CAPEX/OPEX

características típicas	usina solar fotovoltaica	unidade
insumo energético primário	vento	-
capacidade instalada típica	28,00	MWp
FECC Nordeste	35,00	%
Tempo médio de implantação	18	meses
utilização de mão de obra	baixa	-
Qualificação da mão de obra	alta	-
característica de operação	intermitente	-
custo dos insumos	baixo	-
custo operacional	médio	-
emissão GEE	baixa	-
grau de maturidade tecnológica	TRL9	-
parâmetros	valor	unidade
custo capital	3,23	kR\$/kW
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← depreciation

Wind power plants: CAPEX/OPEX

R\$ 1 billion $\rightarrow$ 310 MWp

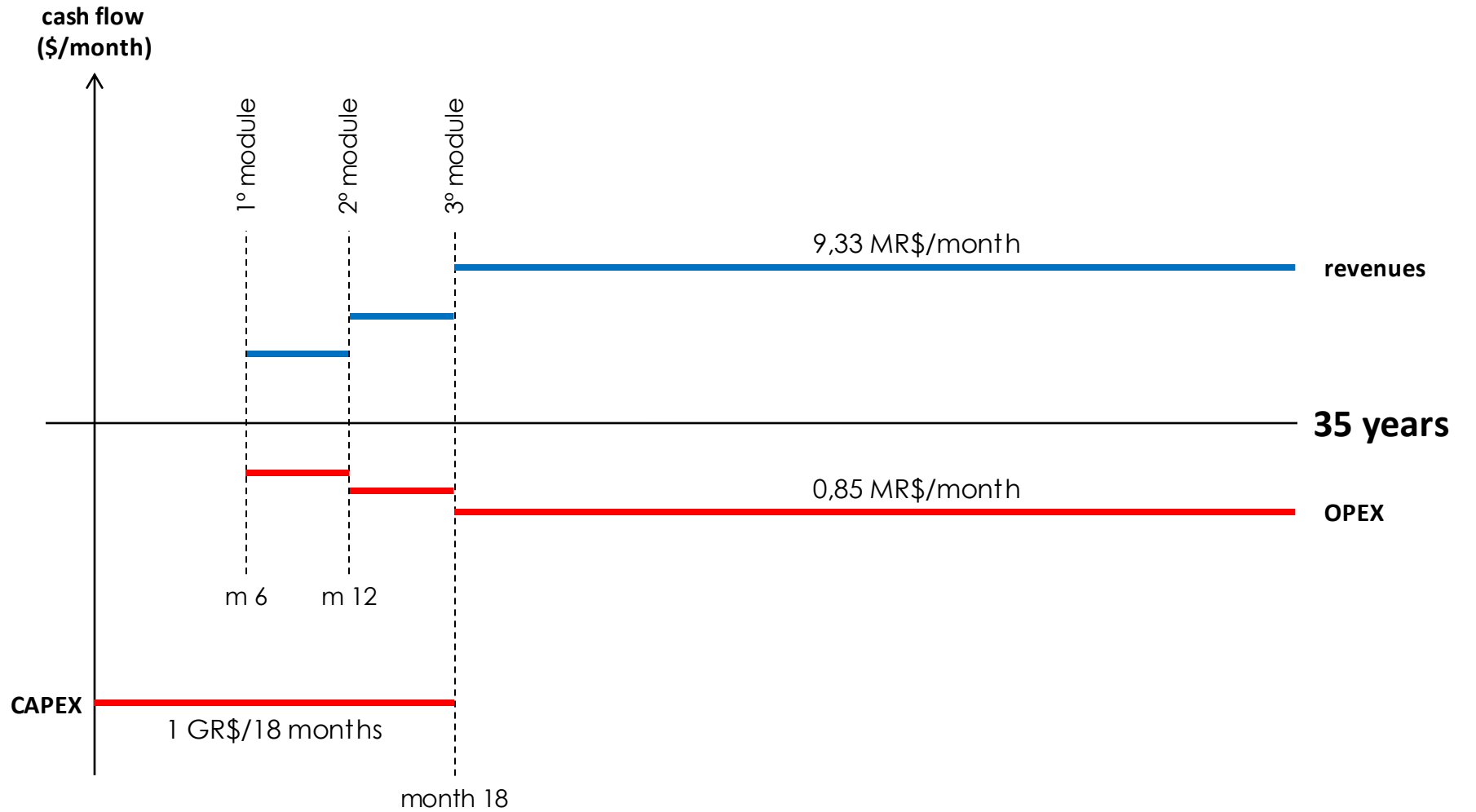
310 GWp $\xrightarrow{35\%}$ 108 MW

108 MW $\rightarrow$ 0,85 MR\$/month

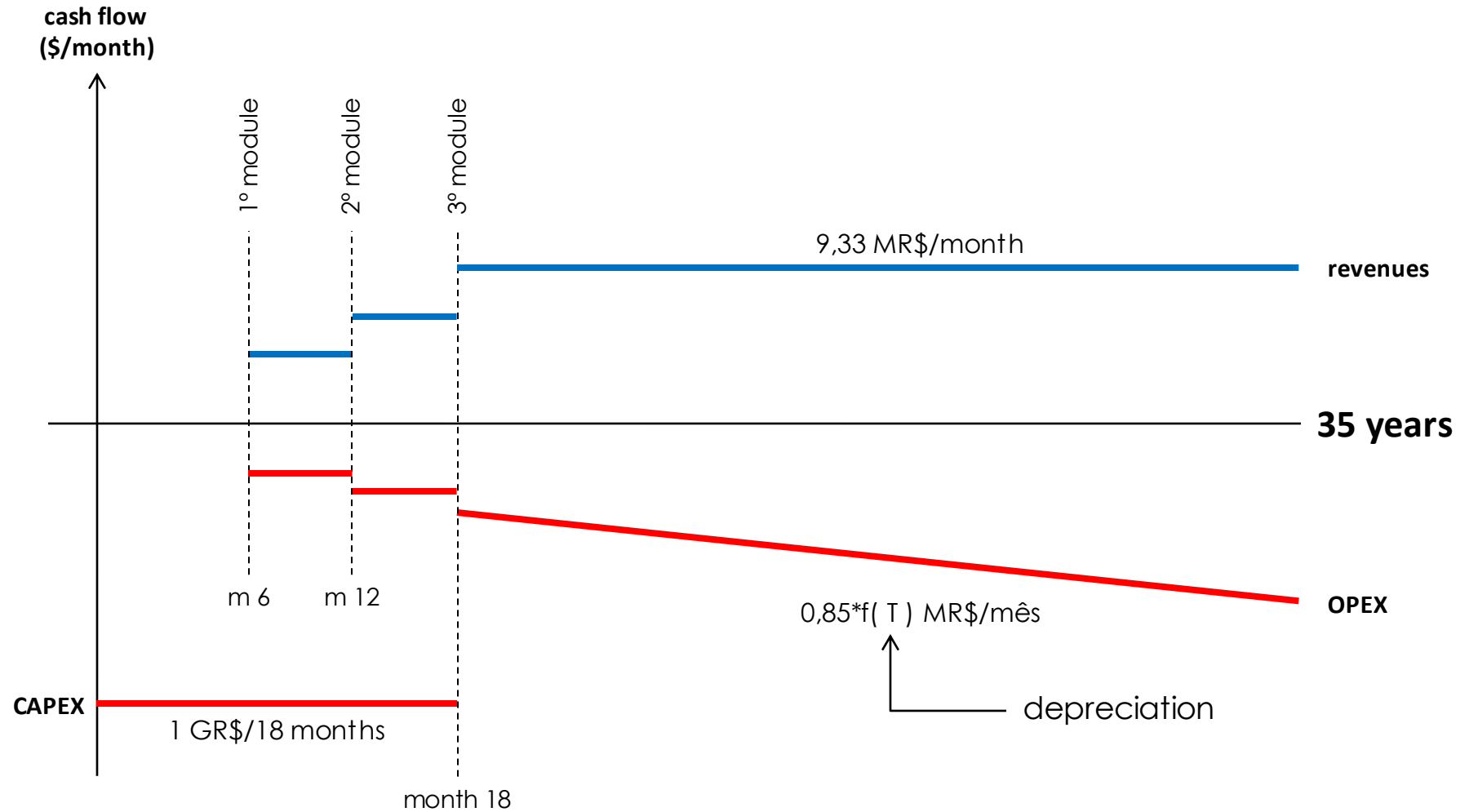
108 MW $\rightarrow$ 9,33 MR\$/month

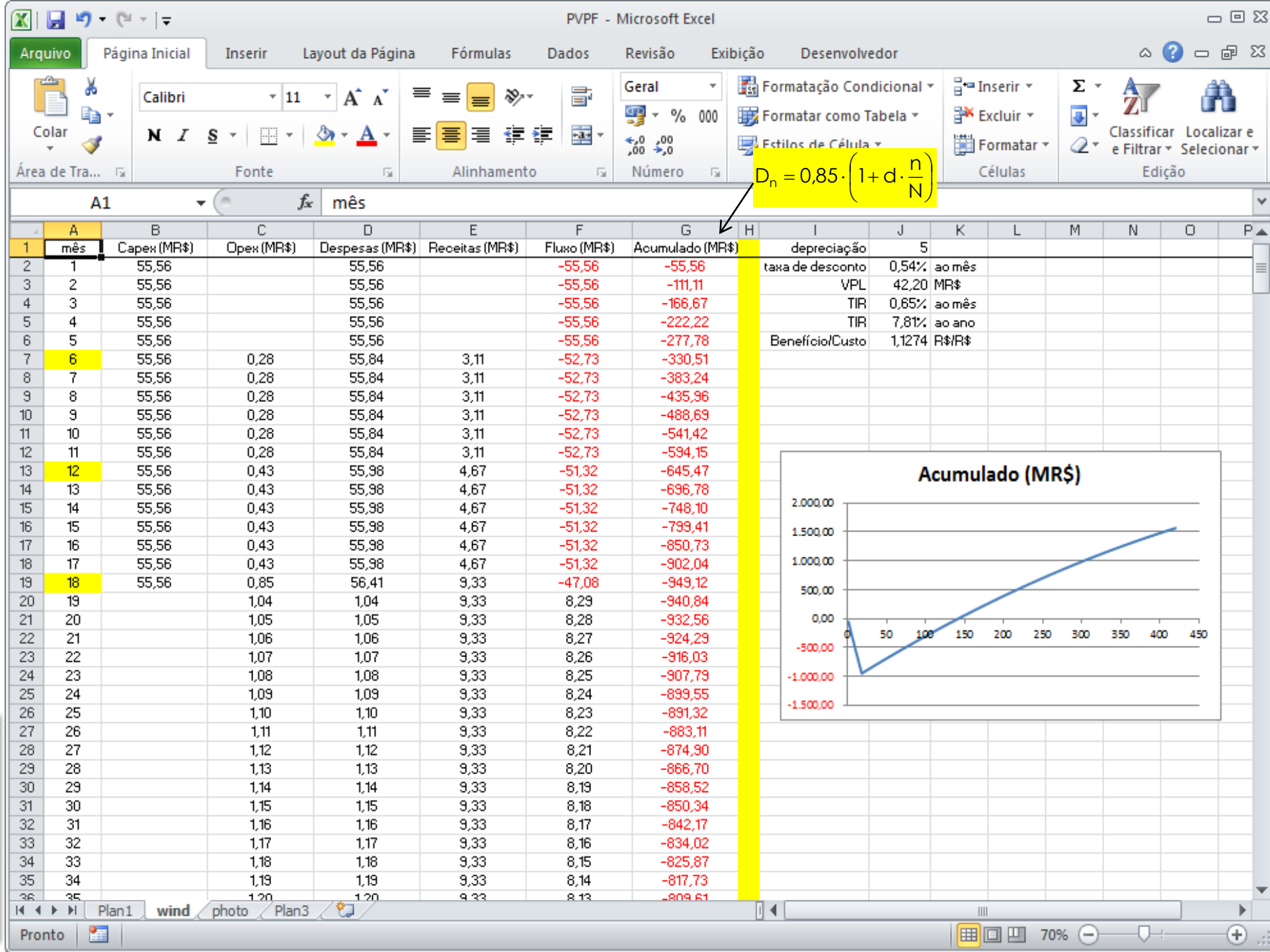
$$108\cancel{\text{MW}} \cdot 120 \cdot \frac{\cancel{\text{R\$}}}{\cancel{\text{MWh}}} \cdot \frac{24 \cdot 30 \cdot \cancel{\text{h}}}{\text{month}} = 9,33 \text{ MR\$/month}$$

Wind power plants: cash flow

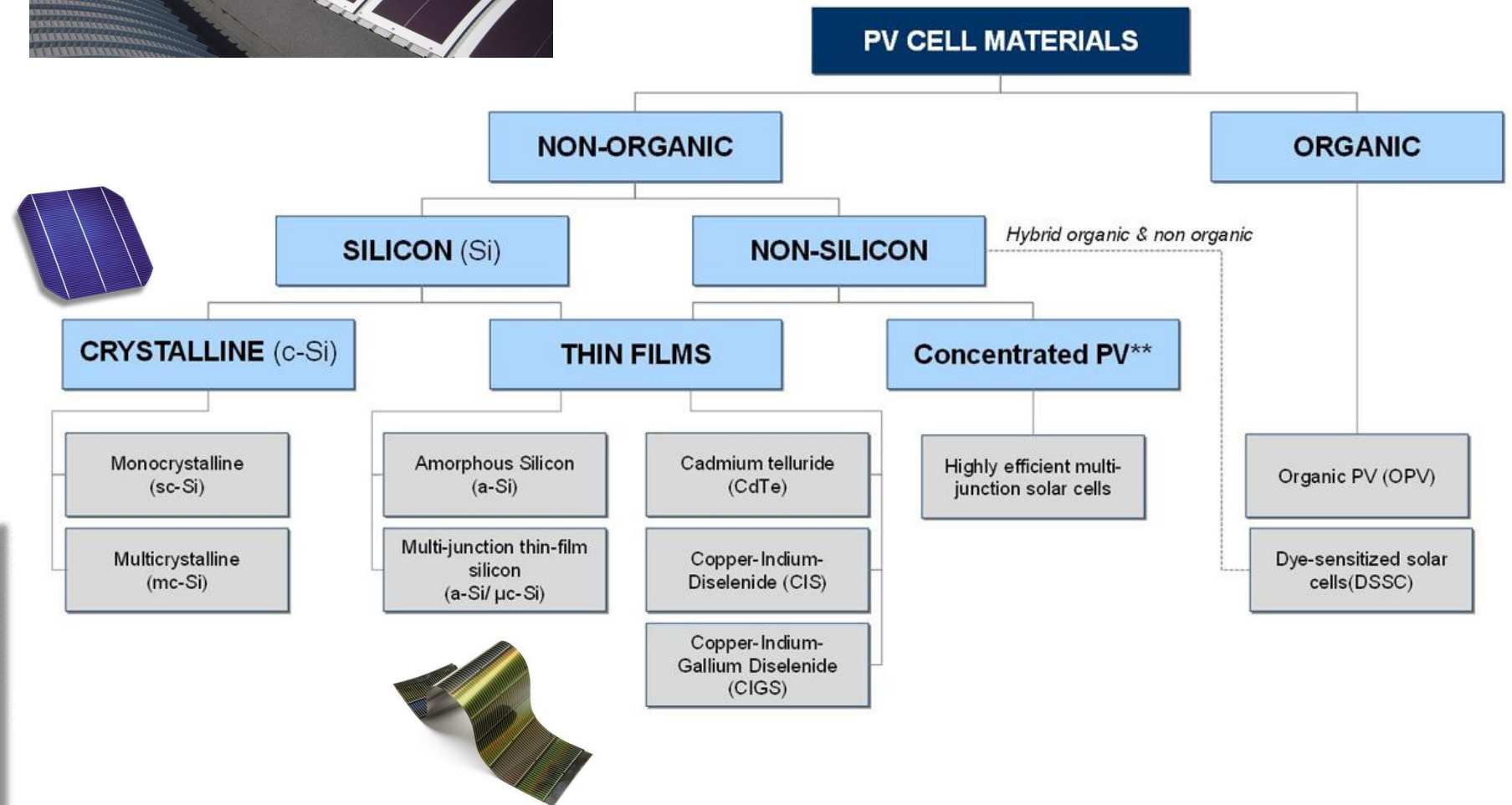


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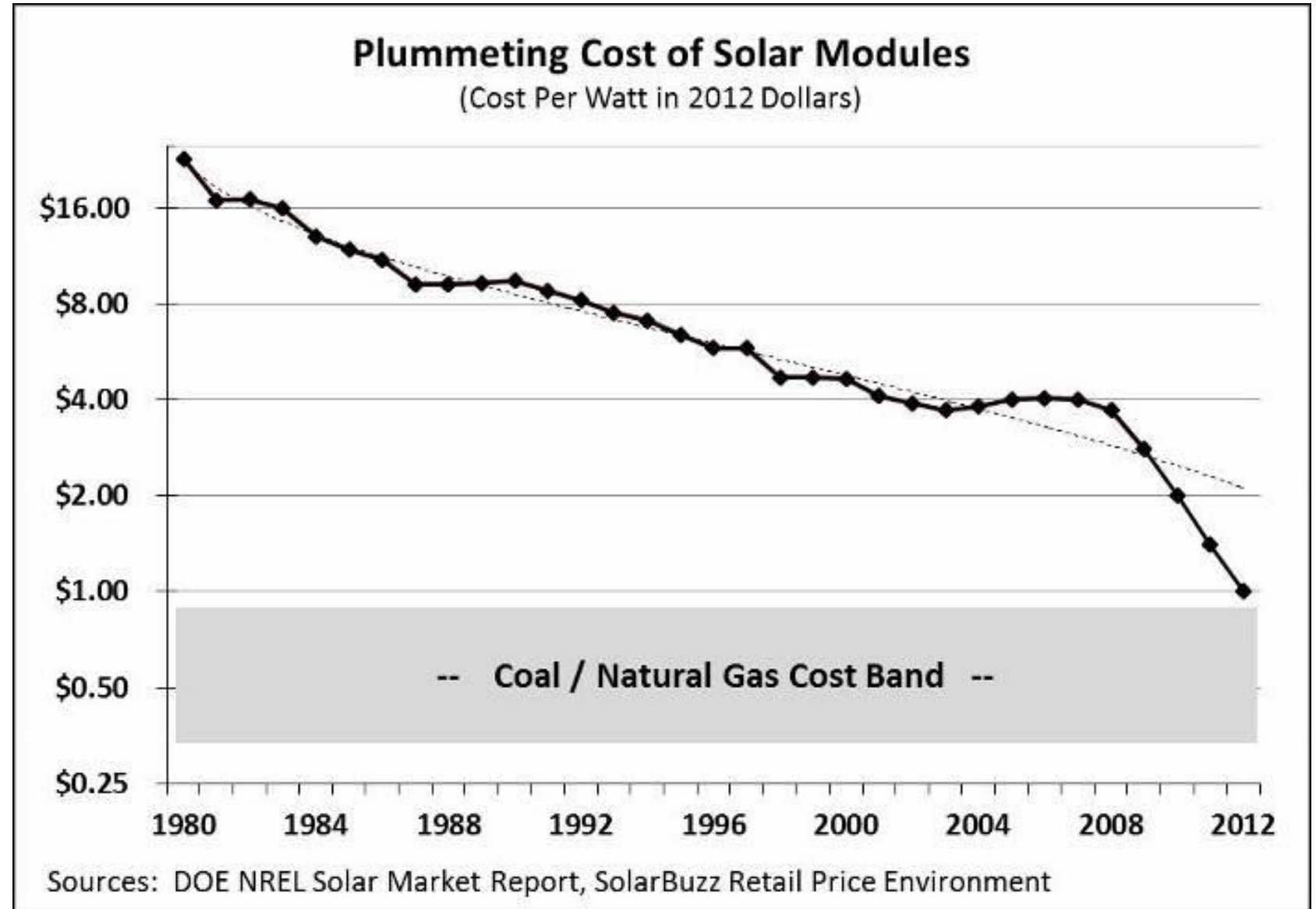




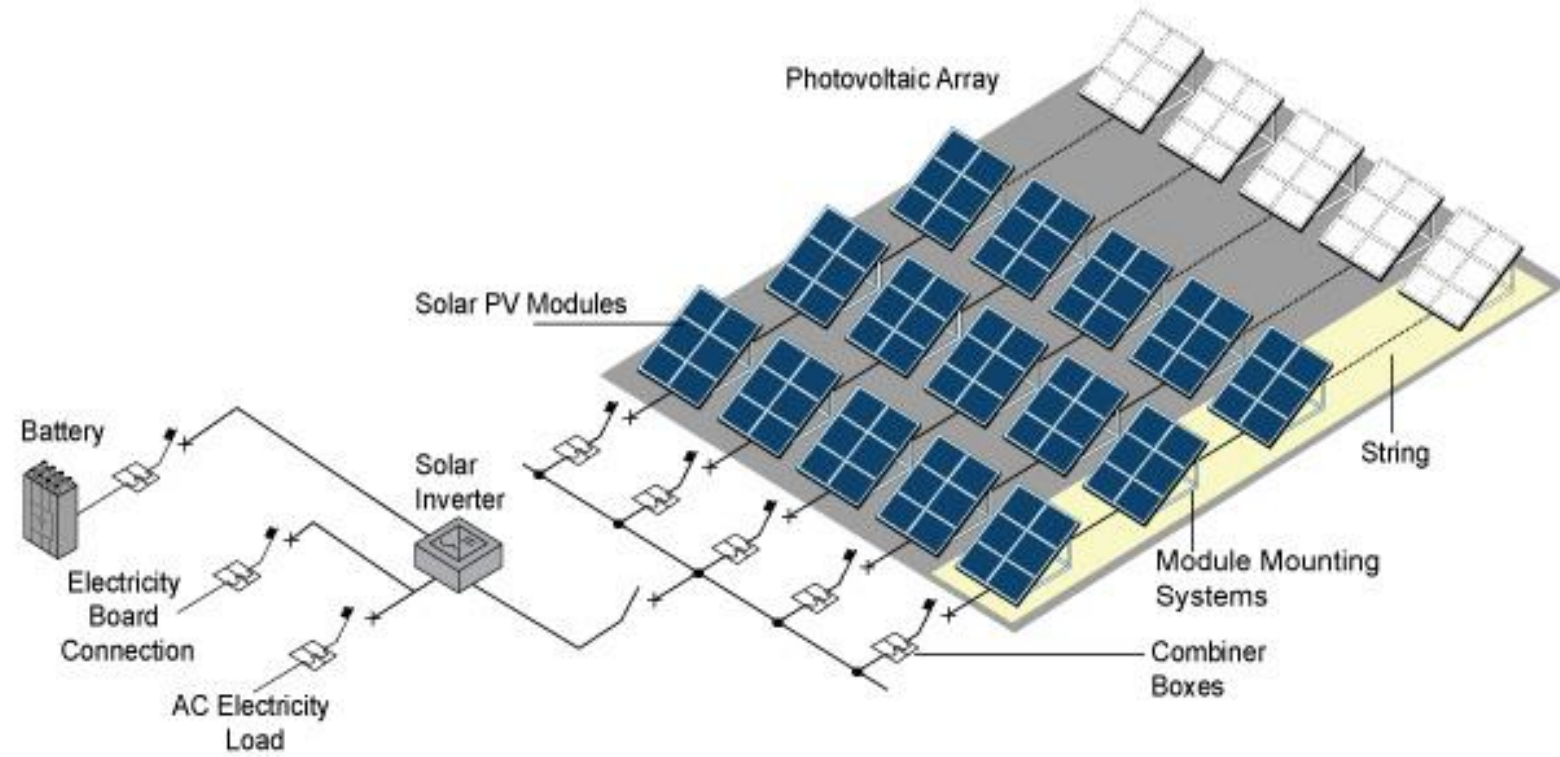
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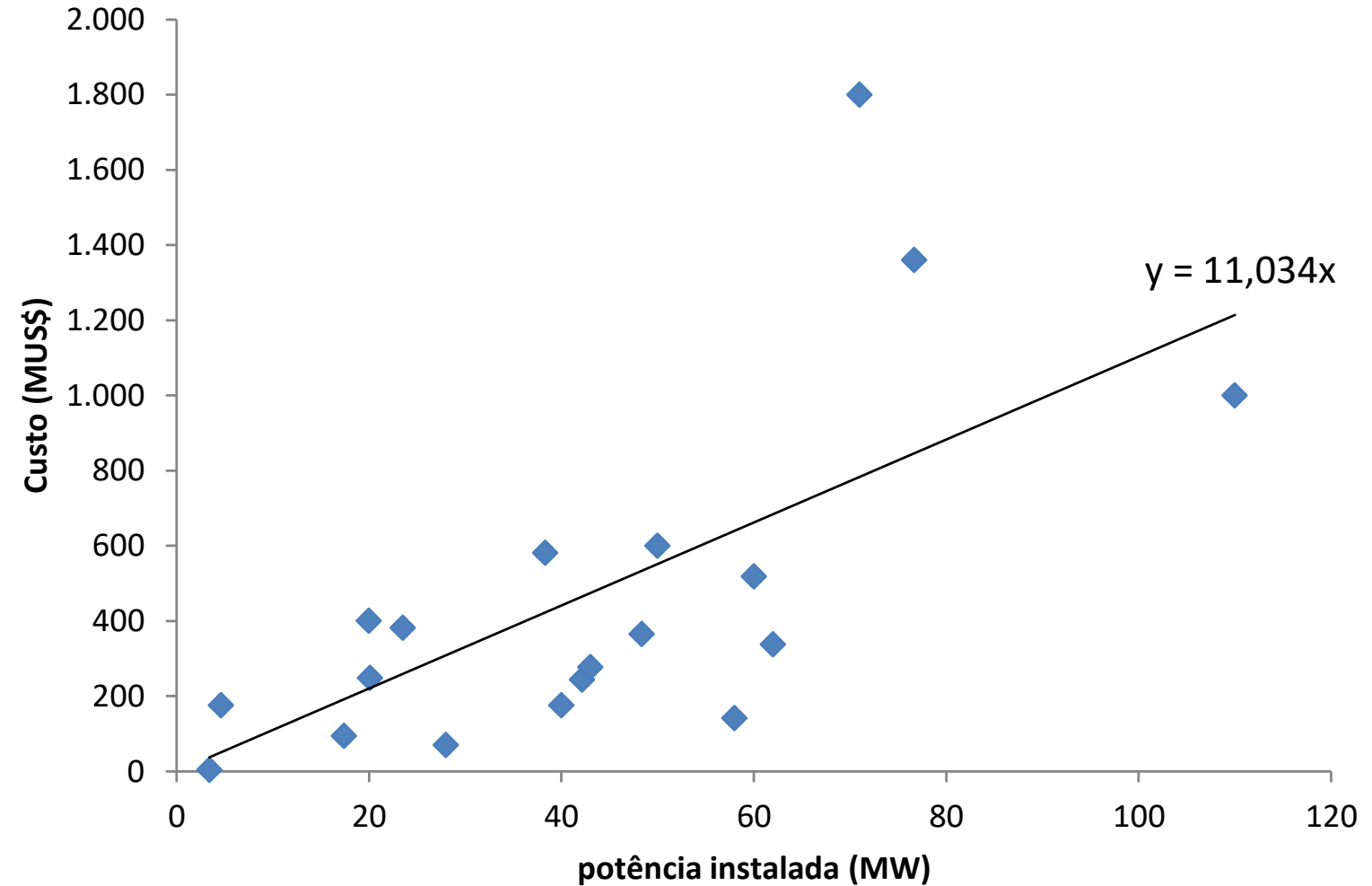
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insumo energético primário	luz solar	-
capacidade instalada típica	40,00	MWp
FECC Nordeste (5)	30,00	%
Tempo médio de implantação	36	meses
utilização de mão de obra	baixa	-
Qualificação da mão de obra	alta	-
característica de operação	intermitente	-
custo dos insumos	baixo	-
custo operacional	médio	-
emissão GEE	baixa	-
grau de maturidade tecnológica	TRL8	-
parâmetros	valor	unidade
custo capital (30MW) (1) (2) (3)	13,31	kR\$/kW
custo capital (300MW) (1) (2) (3)	11,25	kR\$/kW
custo capital (60MW) (1) (2) (3)	13,08	kR\$/kW
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Photovoltaic power plants: CAPEX/OPEX

R\$ 1 billion $\rightarrow$ 89 MWp

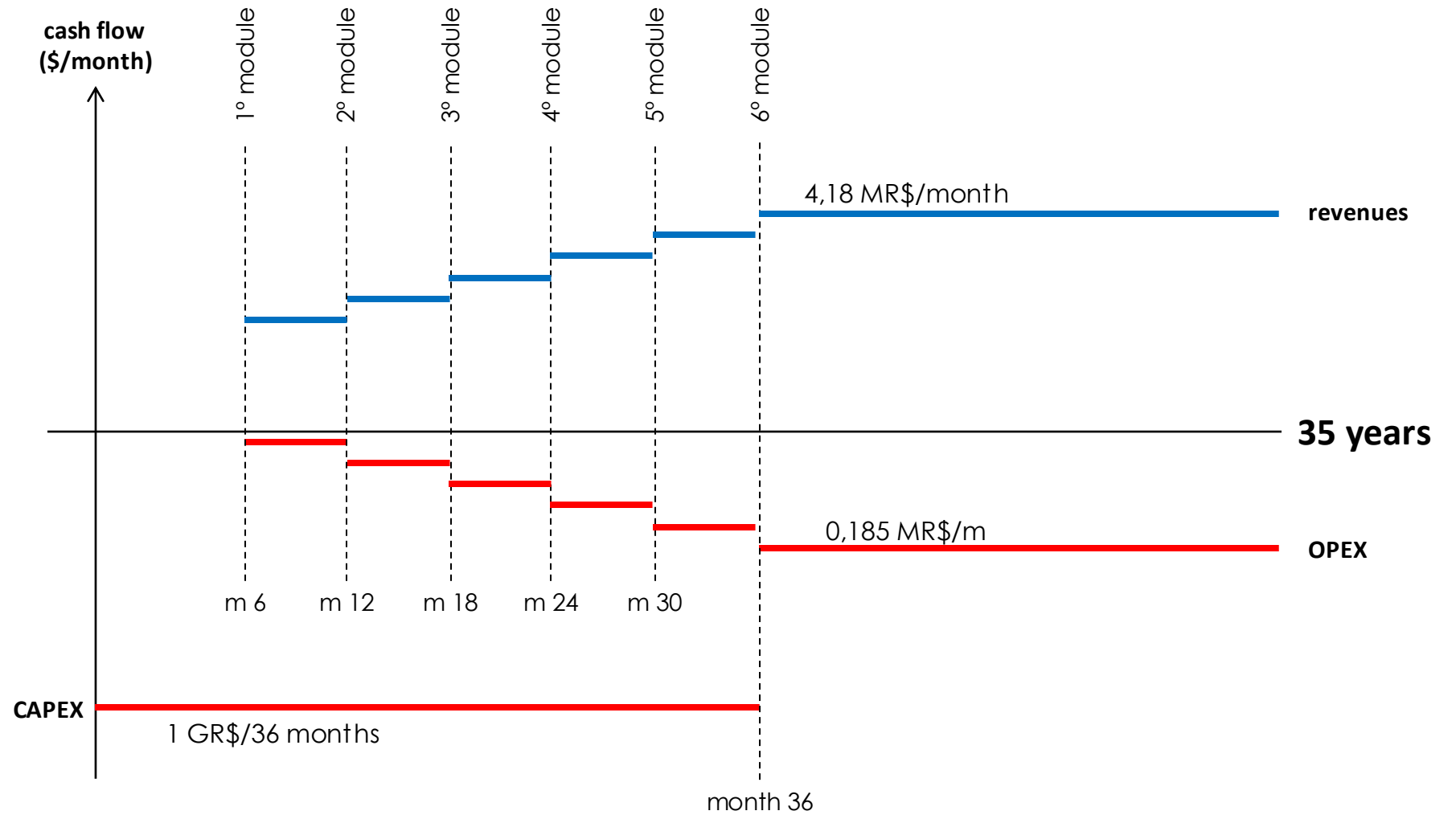
89 GWp $\xrightarrow{30\%}$ 27 MW

27 MW $\rightarrow$ 0,185 MR\$/month

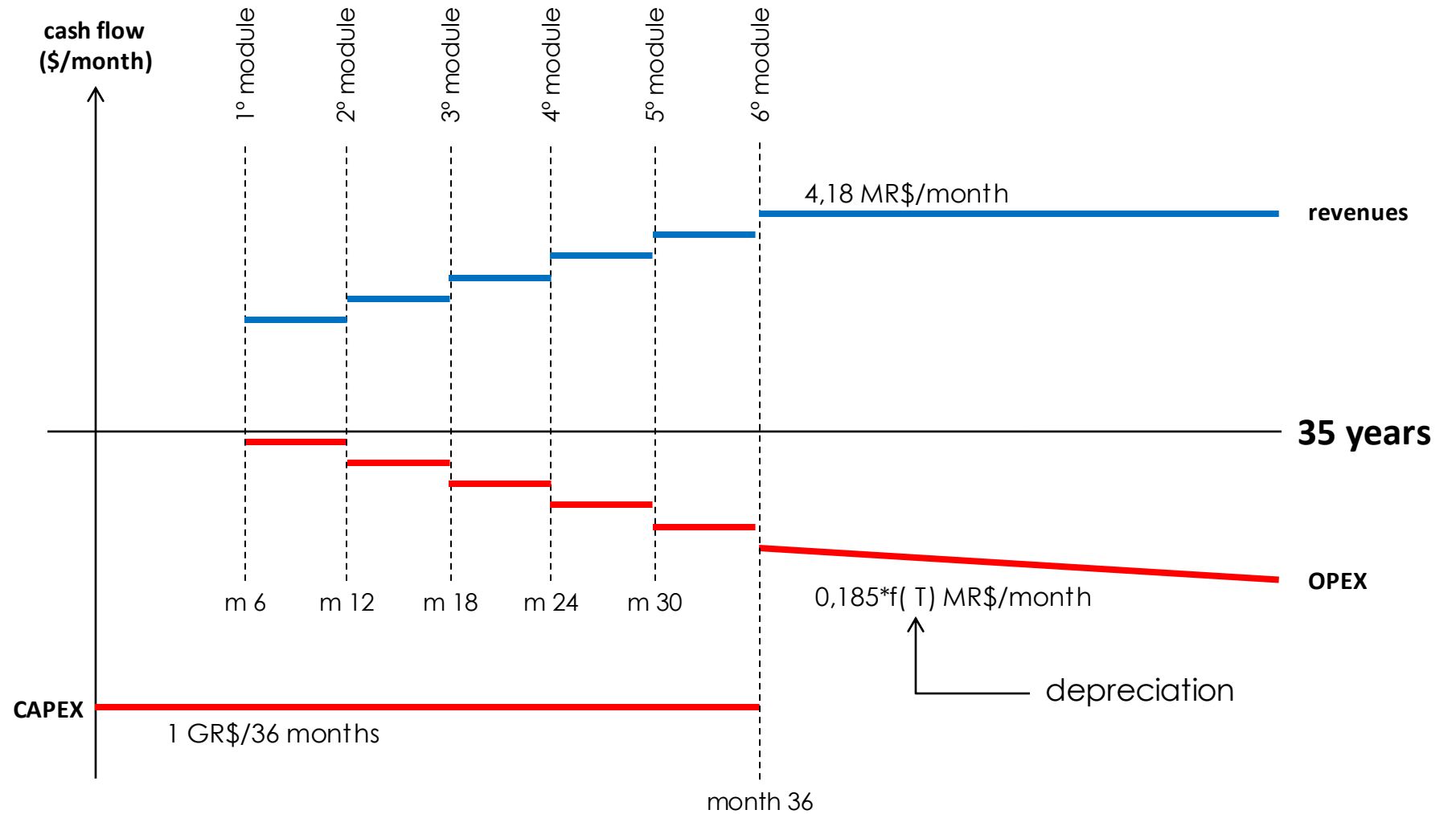
27 MW $\rightarrow$ 4,18 MR\$/month

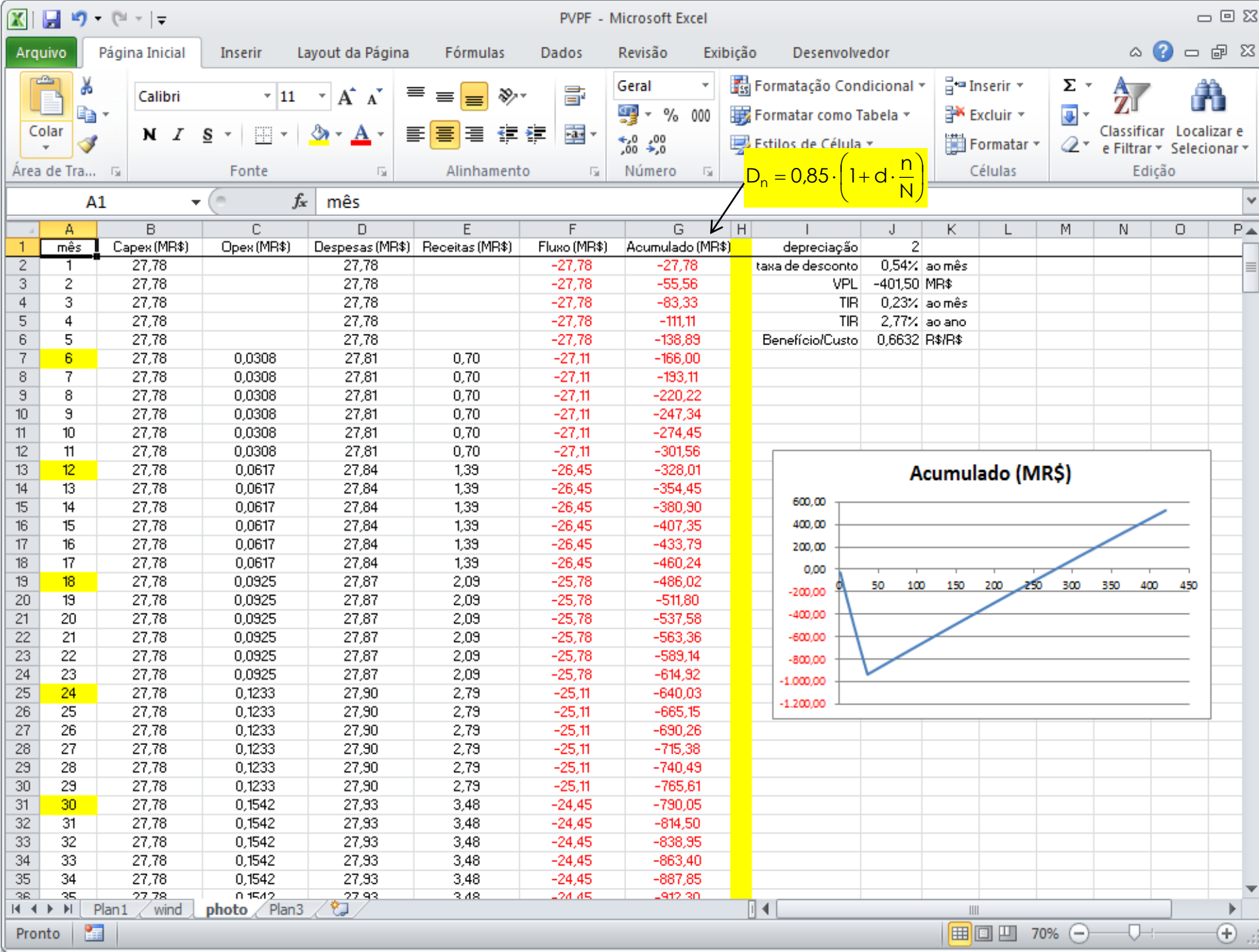
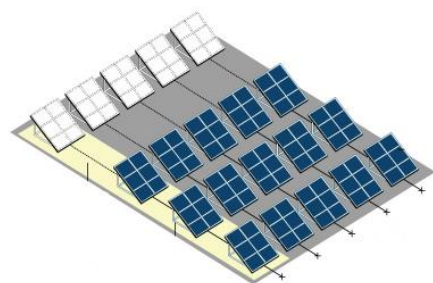
$$27\text{MW} \cdot 215,12 \cdot \frac{\text{R\$}}{\text{MWh}} \cdot \frac{24 \cdot 30 \cdot \text{h}}{\text{month}} = 4,18\text{MR\$/month}$$

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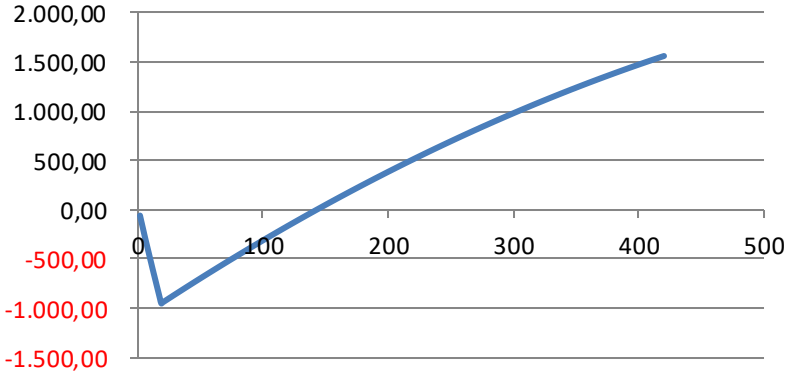




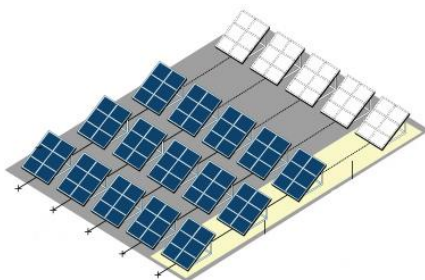
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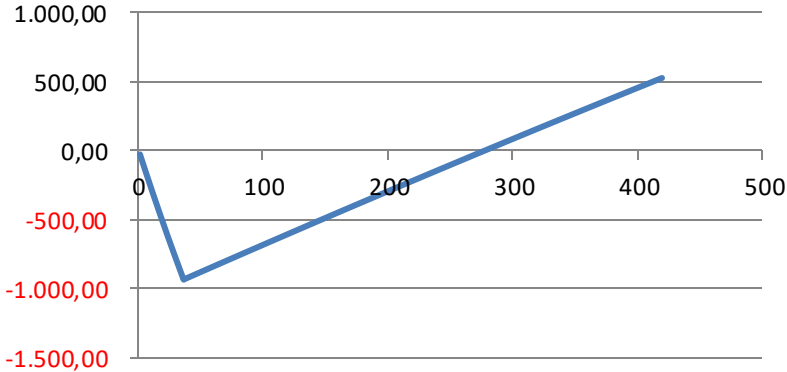
Acumulado (MR\$)



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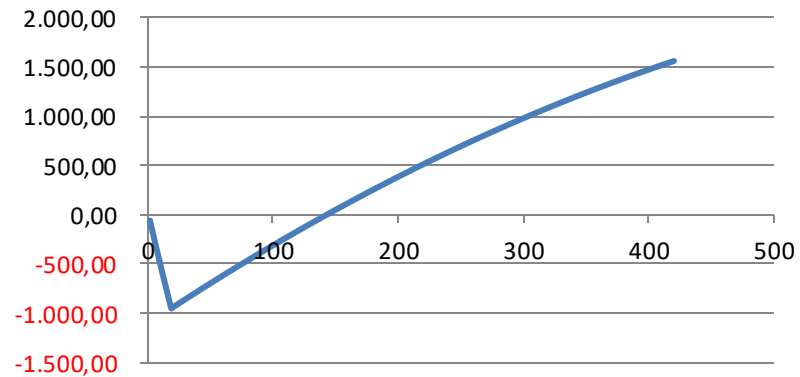
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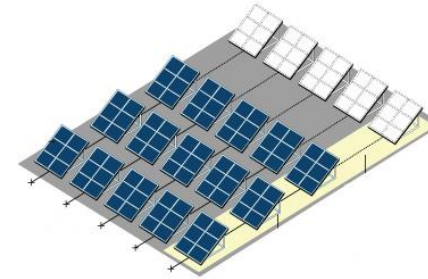
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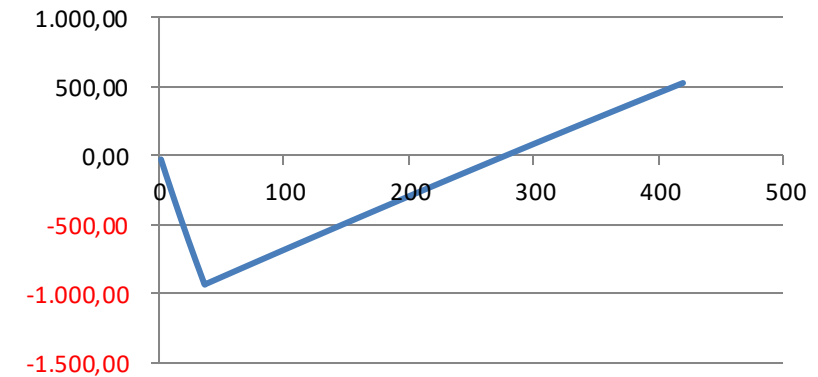
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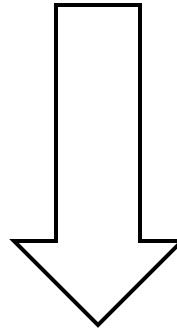


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DECISION: WIND. However...

Photovoltaics at the 10/2014 bid: 202 MWp @ R\$ 215,12 / MWh

× R\$ 100 / MWh



diversification of
energy sources

Installed capacity in MW

Fonte	2015	2016	Δ 16/15
Hidrelétrica	91.650	96.925	5,8%
Térmica ²	39.580	41.276	4,3%
Nuclear	1.990	1.990	0,0%
Eólica	7.633	10.124	32,6%
Solar	21	24	13,1%
Capacidade disponível	140.874	150.338	6,7%

Tax incentives,
exemption from taxes
for equipment,
differentiated tariffs,
etc.

Streaming = www.youtube.com/c/pseleghim/live

The screenshot shows the YouTube Live Dashboard for a user named Paulo Seleglim. The browser address bar displays https://www.youtube.com/live_dashboard. The dashboard is divided into several sections:

- Left Sidebar (Creator Studio):** Includes links for DASHBOARD, VIDEO MANAGER, LIVE STREAMING (highlighted in red), COMMUNITY, CHANNEL, ANALYTICS, and CREATE. A 'Stream now BETA' button is visible under LIVE STREAMING.
- Top Header:** Welcomes the user back, 'Welcome back, Paulo Seleglim!', and includes a 'BETA' badge.
- Main Content Area:** Shows a large 'OFFLINE' status with a background image of wind turbines. Text on the screen reads '5933 ENERGIAS RENOVÁVEIS E PLANEJAMENTO ENERGÉTICO' and 'Prof. Paulo Seleglim Jr. Universidade de São Paulo'. Below this, there are buttons for 'Play ad', 'Create highlight', and 'Change thumbnail'.
- Right Sidebar:** Features a 'CHAT' section with a 'Say something...' input field and a 'Hide chat' button. Below the chat, there are tabs for 'ANALYTICS' and 'STREAM HEALTH'.
- Bottom Section:** Contains a 'BASIC INFO' tab with details about the live stream, including the title 'Ao Vivo: Energias Renováveis e Planejamento Energético' and the description 'Palestras do curso de "Energias Renováveis e Planejamento Energético" do Programa de Pós Graduação em Bioenergia da USP Prof. Paulo Seleglim Jr. Programação:'.

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 7:54 PM on 8/16/2016, along with various system icons and open applications.

Next class: conversion of thermal energy

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Information received since the Federal Open Market Committee met in April suggests that economic activity has been expanding moderately after having changed little during the first quarter. The pace of job gains picked up while the unemployment rate remained steady. On balance, a range of labor market indicators suggests that underutilization of labor resources diminished somewhat. Growth in household spending has been moderate and the housing sector has shown some improvement; however, business fixed investment and net exports stayed soft. Inflation continued to run below the Committee's longer-run objective, partly reflecting earlier declines in energy prices and decreasing prices of non-energy imports; energy prices appear to have stabilized. Market-based measures of inflation compensation remain low; survey-based measures of longer-term inflation expectations have remained stable.

Consistent with its statutory mandate, the Committee seeks to foster maximum employment and price stability. The Committee expects that, with appropriate policy accommodation, economic activity will expand at a moderate pace, with labor market indicators continuing to move toward levels the Committee judges consistent with its dual mandate. The Committee continues to see the risks to the outlook for economic activity and the labor market as nearly balanced. Inflation is anticipated to remain near its recent low level in the near term, but the Committee expects inflation to rise gradually toward 2 percent over the medium term as the labor market improves further and the

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