# **Techno-Economic Analysis**



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Design, Process, and Cost Engineering at NETL

- **NETIONAL ENERGY** TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY

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#### Existing FECM/NETL Research Portfolio

- Intramural and extramural R&D, spanning the technology readiness spectrum, from new concepts to commercial technologies.
- Provide bases for the evaluation of external techno-economic analyses, technology maturation plans, technology readiness assessments, etc.
- Support quantitative R&D goal setting, strategic planning, portfolio analysis, and program evaluation efforts.
- Provide public performance and cost data for use in energy system models.



#### **Direct DOE-FECM Support**

- Provide rapid response analyses on an ad hoc basis for NETL and the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management.
- Periodic stakeholder progress and product briefings.

#### Future FECM/NETL Research Portfolio

- Support the future research portfolio through the identification of new energy conversion concepts and development of insight on the potential of new technology ideas.
- Assist in the establishment of new FECM programmatic thrusts (i.e. R&D opportunity, performance/cost metric establishment)
- Direct input into programmatic Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA) and other extramural funding opportunities.
- Multi-laboratory initiative and consortium participation.





## Outline



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- Why Techno-Economic Analysis?
- Connecting with Life Cycle Analysis
- Basic Methodology for Conducting Techno-Economic Analysis
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## Introduction



#### What is Techno-Economic Analysis?

- Techno-Economic Analysis (TEA) provides a methodology for systematically assessing technology states against a fixed reference case
  - It is a method of analyzing the economic performance of an industrial process, product, or service including carbon-derived products.
  - <u>Objectives</u>:
    - Guiding investment pathways for technology development
    - Quantification of R&D performance targets and priority
    - Identification of critical data gaps
    - Present summary results in an organized, concise, and visually coherent form



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#### Why Techno-Economic Analysis?

- What Techno-Economic Analysis Does:
  - TEA informs the discovery, design, and operation of processes that benefit from systematic decision-making techniques **for the often-competing** goals of maximizing profits, minimizing costs, addressing market and policy drivers, and meeting environmental and technical constraints.
  - Provides a transparent and verifiable cost/performance comparison to business-as-usual production methodologies when following established methodologies for critical review
  - Provides uncertainty quantification
  - Provides an ideal performance/cost operating configuration to serve as a target for lower TRL technologies



# Introduction



#### Connection with Life Cycle Analysis (LCA)

- Techno-Economic Analysis focuses on the in-development technology, required balance-of-plant, and cost/energy state of incoming and outgoing resources and waste streams
  - Results are fed into or developed in parallel with Life Cycle Analysis (LCA), which derives the impacts of the technology from cradle-to-grave

### • Example:

- TEA may consider the cost, pressure, temperature, and composition of an incoming H<sub>2</sub> or CO<sub>2</sub> stream, but LCA would be needed to assess the environmental impact of how it was generated.
- TEA doesn't consider how process components manufacturing or end-of-life disposition.
- TEA doesn't typically consider the end use of the product.





Quality Guidelines for Energy System Studies

- The methodology applied to TEA development involves the following four-step process:
  - 1. Development of a Technology Analysis Plan
  - 2. Creation of a Performance Model
  - 3. Cost Estimation
  - 4. Reporting







### Step One: Technology Analysis Plan

### 1. Technology Analysis Plan

- A technology analysis plan (TAP) is a roadmap for executing a TEA
- Discusses the approach and methodology required to conduct the TEA
- Develops a basic process flow diagram (PFD)
- Should be discussed with end-users prior to initiating the analysis
- Updated as the TEA is performed

### The Technology Analysis Plan should address the following:

- Analysis Objective
- Reference Case/Scenario
- Novel Cases/Scenarios to be Evaluated
- Novel Design Basis (performance, cost, sensitivity analysis, etc.)
- Execution Timeline





#### Step Two: Performance Model

### 2. Create a Performance Model

- Utilize available tools/software (ASPEN, ChemCAD, Thermoflow, etc.)
- Hold product amount constant (i.e. chemical product rate, etc.)
- Understand how balance-of-plant equipment will be affected
- Develop a detailed process flow diagram
- Include feed purity specifications, conversion rates, heat duties, rate constants, emissions potential, etc.

### • Generating Useful Information:

- Develop material and energy balances consistent with baseline procedure
- Generate similar performance/output results from model
- Supply additional detail for modeling <u>novel</u> equipment
  - Design equations, scaling methodology, design basis



# 3. Cost Estimation • Understand accuracy of cost estimation. NETL relies of AACE

- Concept Screening (-20%/+100% Accuracy)
  - 0-2% Project Definition, based on technical analogs/engineering judgment
- Feasibility Study (-15%/+50% Accuracy)

**Step Three: Cost Estimation** 

Estimate Class

- 1-15% Project Definition, based on preliminary mass and energy balances
- Budget Estimate (-10%/+30% Accuracy)
  - 10-40% Project Definition, based on detailed process and economic modeling
- Capital cost estimation, capital charge factors, contingencies, global economic assumptions, etc., should be considered
- Detailed cost estimation guidelines are provided by NETL

NETL Techno-Economic Analysis Methodology



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QUALITY GUIDELINES FOR ENERGY SYSTEM STUDIES

Cost Estimation Methodology for NETL Assessments of Power Plant Performance



NETL Cost Estimation Methodology Report Link



### **Step Four: Reporting**



### 4. Reporting Methodology

- Summary of Technology Analysis Plan and discussion with end users
- <u>Performance Model</u>
  - Block Flow Diagram
  - Detailed Simulation Model
  - Material and Energy Balance
- <u>Cost Estimation</u>
  - Detailed cost based on comparison metric (allowable cost of CO<sub>2</sub>, cost of product generated, etc.)
  - Detailed total overnight capital cost estimates
  - Sensitivity studies

### Report Deliverable

- Summarize the above and include enough detail to reproduce stated results
- Should follow prescribed guidelines/template (may be provided by DOE)
- Detail any assumptions made during the analysis!



# Additional Resources



#### Cost and Performance Baseline and Other TEA Examples

- NETL has conducted a wide variety of TEA of energy systems in addition to carbon conversion technologies to draw comparison from
- Available Analyses to serve as examples:
  - Combustion Systems (natural gas, biomass, and coal)
  - Gasification Systems (dry and slurry feed, coal and biomass)
  - Oxy-combustion Systems (atmospheric and elevated pressure)
  - Chemical Looping
  - Solid Oxide Fuel Cells/Solid Oxide Electrolysis Cells
  - Fuels and Chemicals(e.g., H<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, methanol, etc.) Production from Fossil Fuels
  - Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Power Cycles (direct and indirect)
  - Process Water Treatment/ Zero Liquid Discharge Systems

- Bulk Energy Storage
- CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Systems (solvent, sorbent, membrane, cryogenic)
- Direct Air Capture
- CO<sub>2</sub> Purification and Compression
- Air Separation Units (cryogenic, ion transport membrane)
- Hydrogen Production / Recovery
- Combustion Turbines
- Steam Turbines (subcritical through adv. Ultrasupercritical steam conditions)
- CO<sub>2</sub> Conversion Technologies (EOR, Cements, Algal, EC, Microwave)
- Direct Power Extraction/ Magnetohydrodynamics



COST AND PERFORMANCE BASELINE FOR FOSSIL ENERGY PLANTS VOLUME 1: BITUMINOUS COAL AND NATURAL GAS TO ELECTRICITY





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#### NETL Energy Analysis Library Link



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# Questions/ Comments

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