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Simplified M&V + Quality Assurance Instruments for Energy, Water and CO₂ Savings. Methodologies and Examples

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 - ➡ Electricity and thermal saving measures
 - ⇒ Opel, Austria with very actual and astonishing results
 - \Rightarrow (CO₂-compensation in Switzerland)

6. Conclusions and discussion

Motivation: From 'NWh' to saving cash flows. How to simplify?

M&V is a prerequisite to:

- 1. assess the quantitative outcomes of saving measures,
- 2. translate physical savings into **cash flows**, e.g. for **financing**

But in reality, M&V is

- 1. (perceived as) **complicated**: lack of data, ressources and comparability between baseline and reporting periods ...
- 2. a full scale M&V plan is not suitable, e.g. for smaller projects
- 3. often not done at all (particularly with in-house projects)
- not applied for individual saving measures (IPMVP options A&B) in ESCo markets (e.g. Germany, Austria)

Proposed solution: Simplified M&V + QAI

A compromise between 'no M&V at all' and the effort and (perceived) accuracy of a 'full scale IPMVP' approach:

- Simplified M&V approaches for individual measures, e.g. measurement of key performance parameter (= IPMVP Option A) or savings calculations + backed by
- Quality assurance instruments (QAI) to verify the functionality and quality of a particular measure

Simplified M&V + QAI approaches are proposed as additional **M&V options**, e.g. for **in-house** or **smaller ESCo projects**

- not against utility meter or other options where suitable + desired

Research questions

- ? What approaches are available to compromise between no M&V at all (as is common practice in many in-house implemented projects) and the (perceived) accuracy of a full scale M&V effort?
- ? How can efforts for M&V be reduced but a sufficient level of verification maintained?
- ? How can performance-based energy services be made better accessible for smaller projects through simplified M&V approaches?
- ? And last but not least: What is an understandable and sufficient level of M&V for a facility owners needs?

Basic Concept: Indirect appraisal only => Savings can only be calculated/estimated

Basic Concept Behind All Types of M&V

A comparison between the actual consumption and the expected consumption if no changes had been made.

🗖 baseline or business-as-usual 🛛 📰 actual data



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M&V options (overview)

Scope of application		Calculation method (M) and Calculation formula (F)	Examples of use Notes & IPMVP options
ı. Whole	M I- 1	Suppliers invoices or utility meter	Standard EPC method in Europe
Facility (or		readings before and after saving measures	Corresponds to IPMVP Option C
site sections with utility meters)	M I- 2	Computer simulation	Corresponds to IPMVP Option D
⊪ Individual, isolated	M II- 1	Sub-meter	Submeters for the boiler room or air conditioning system
measures			Corresponds to IPMVP Option B
(or sections/ systems) that	M II- 2	Measurements of all key parameters	Metering of power savings and operating hours of ventilator
can be metered		-	Corresponds to IPMVP Option B
separately)	M II-3	Measurement of 1 key parameter +	Power saving of new light system
,		computational factors	Corresponds to IPMVP Option A
Simplified	M II- 4	Accepted computational	Pump simulation programme
M&V approaches		verifications	Not covered or compliant with IPMVP ('lack of measurement')
	M II-5	Feed-in sub-meter (electricity or heat)	For on-site generation e.g. solar or CHP systems, heat recovery

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Savings calculations + QAI: 2 examples

- Savings of a thermal insulation measure are quantified through a (static or dynamic) heat-demand calculation before and after retrofit and factored into a flat-rate cash flow.
 QAIs: Implementation quality is verified using a blower-doortest + a thermographic analysis of the building after retrofit.
- 2. Street or indoor re-lighting project: Power demand is measured in representative once-off tests before and after retrofit. (Average) reduction in power demand is multiplied by previously measured or deemed operating hours and factored into a flat-rate remuneration.

QAIs: Proof of function of new system & compliance with the **illuminance specifications** is measured.

Electricity saving measures: Simplified M&V + QAI examples

Electricity saving measure	Verification method and calculation examples	Quality assurance (QAI) <i>Comments</i>
Lighting retrofit	Power demand reduction of lights com- bined with computational factors + QAI $\Delta E_{RP} = (P_{Base} - P^*_{RP}) \times t^*_{RP} \times Number \text{ of lights}$ - Measure demand of three representative lights before and after replacement => average per light - Estimate 1,800 hours of operation per year	Lux measurement before and after replacement + proof of replacement of all lights + annual audit <i>Alternative: manufacturer data for</i> <i>power demand (\approx M II-4a)</i>
Equip fan with variable- frequency drive	Measurement of electricity demand com- bined with computational parameter + QAI $\Delta E_{RP} = P_{Base} \times t_{Base} - E^*_{RP}$ - Representative measurement before replacement- 1,500 full load hours (based on operating records)- New sub-meter for fan	Visual inspection + operational verification of equipment
Pump opti- mization in boiler room	Metered difference in electricity use + QAI $\Delta E_{RP} = E_{Base} - E_{RP}$ - Measurement of E_{Base} , E_{RP} from sub-meter	Annual audit with functional tests

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Quality assurance from an operational perspective

In practice with industrial companies two types of quality assurance criteria are required for each energy saving measure to be realised.

- 1. First in many cases you have to assure and convince the people, that the functionality of the system to be changed according to the needs of the company will not be worse after the savings measure
- Second and this is the core of the paper an approach for quantifying the energy savings is needed for controlling the set modification



best practice example

Company goal is to make the compressor system more energy efficient and parallel take advantage of the potential heat recovery

- two new compressors and a flexible over all controlling system were installed in 2013
- parallel a heat recovery system was implemented to the compressors





Experiences with simplified M&V + QAI

- 1. Determination of the energetic baseline of the compressed air system using the energy monitoring system
- 2. Development of energy performance indicators for the compressed air system kWh/Nm³ (over all)
- 3. Verifying the effect with measurements of the energy demand and the produced compressed air after implementing the two new compressors;
- 4. Result:
- Measured air-flow data showed a very strongly reduced consumption, assumed to be due to demand side measures by the employees,
- electricity should be reduced due to the change in compressor system, but did not take place!
- → increase of EnPI which means that the measure did not work! In fact we measured an degradation of energy efficiency !



Experiences with simplified M&V +QAI

Two main influences occurred, after **detailed analysis/measurement**:

- I. Soiling of the hot-wire anemometers \rightarrow shows too little volume flow
- II. Electricity saving could not be measured in the overall system!

What to do?

- I. cleaning of the Sensors to get correct air flow Data
- II. More detailled analysis of electricity consumption showed: Another big compressor with decreased efficiency running for Baseload has more additional consumption than the savings by our system change!
- III. This fact could not be detected by measuring the entire compressed air system.

Fact : with the planned settings for Simplified M&V method our energy savings could not be detected!

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Experiences with simplified M&V +QAI

- by estimating the result of our changed 2 compressors by the way of Run-Time data of control system and nominal efficiency of the new system leads us back to a simplified M&V System, which - as well as the detailled measurement - delivers a correct result!
- 2. By being forced to make an detailled measurement and Verification we were able to find another new Measure:

the Replacement of another inefficient compressor is planned now!

3. What we will do in this step as **simplified M&V+QAI** is

a) Still measure the over all efficiency of the compressed air system

b) force the provider to a witnessed test of the new compressor after installation in the site

c) Additionally control the run time of the new machine



This lead us to



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General requirements for CO₂ compensation projects in Switzerland

Conclusions

- 1. M&V is a prerequisite for all **performance-based projects** and to **assess savings cash flows**, e.g. **for EE financing**
- Simplified M&V + QAI approach provides additional options
 e.g. for performance-based in-house or smaller EPC projects
- 3. The **QAI concept** is also applicable for other M&V methods
- 4. Many industrial examples but also public funding programs (CO₂ Switzerland) use savings calculations + QAI
- Also experience from about 10 real world Integrated Energy Contracting projects in Austria is successful
- 6. dena (German Energy Agency) has decided to promote the concept and is preparing a guidebook

Discussion and Outlook

- 1. Are simplified M&V approach sufficient for **finance institutes**?
- 2. How much M&V do facility owners want, understand and want to spend money and time with?
- Simplified M&V + Quality assurance vs. savings guarantee:
 => Is e.g. a class "A" building certificate, a thermographic analyses or a key performance measurement enough?
- 4. How to better evaluate the trade-off between (perceived) accuracy vs. simplified M&V (margin of error vs. effort)?
- 5. Why are M&V requirements on **ESCo** projects much higher than on in-house implementation?
- 6. NEBs are often more important project drivers than savings



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