Competitiveness benefits of energy efficiency: a conceptual framework



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I. Background

Energy-efficiency gap in for-profit companies: Why profitable energy-efficiency investments are not being chosen?

Research finding 1:

•Financial logic not decisive

•Strategic logic (i.e. contribution to competiveness) is more important

in businesses' investment choices

STRATEGIC LEVEL	CEO				
Top management	FIN/ D				
OPERATIONAL LEVEL Middle & front-line management	ENERGY MGT	PRODUCTION			

- Energy is considered non-core business, non-strategic, thus a secondary issue.
- Energy manager has difficulty of access and communication with top management and production.



- To get access to top management, make energy-efficiency investments strategic
- To get access to production management, link operations & energy analyses
- A triple integrated approach is needed: energy-operational-strategic



IEA report, Capturing the multiple benefits of energy-efficiency, Paris, Septembre 2014:

- Macro-economic impacts
- public budget impacts
- Health & well-being impacts
- Industrial sector impacts
- Energy delivery impacts

Non-energy / multiple benefits :

- Can make energy issues strategic
 but
- •they have to be analyzed ex ante (i.e. before projects start)
- •They have to be communicated in a convincing way to stakeholders

II. Competitiveness



Strategy:

a balance between internal resources and external factors in order to build a durable competitive advantage, through resources allocation. (Johnson & Scholes, 1999)



The 3 dimensions of strategy

Strategy:

a balance between internal resources and external factors in order to build a durable competitive advantage, through resources allocation. (Johnson & Scholes, 1999) An investment is strategic if it contributes to create, maintain or develop a sustainable competitive advantage (Cooremans, 2011).

This definition implies that an investment, or an investment decision, is not simply strategic or non-strategic. Strategic decisionmaking is a continuum, where decisions can be non-strategic, weakly strategic, strongly strategic or totally strategic.

Therefore the "strategicity" of an investment can be assessed. The more strategic an investment the more chances it has to win the competition.

Competitive advantage:

Value proposition first !



"a set of benefits that a product (or a service) promises to deliver" Kotler, 1999





advantage - Cooremans, 2011

III. Value process mapping

The activitybased approach to competitive advantage

At a firm's level



The Generic Value Chain (Porter, 1985)

"The **value chain** disaggregates a firm into its strategically relevant activities in order to understand the behavior of costs and the existing and potential sources of differentiation" (Porter, 1985:37)

At operational level



Process mapping (George et al., 2005:40)

Aluminum foil production process map



"Safety is always the priority issue. Secondly, product quality, reliability and energy are other important criteria. For instance, energy is very important in furnaces while on a milling machine, quality and reliability will be favored ".

Mr Germanier, Novelis Switzerland, energy & project manager, 18 mars 2015



"ancillary" energy services equipment

Production machinery and equipment

process energy services

"ancillary" energy services equipment

The classical "energy commodity approach":

- •Focus on KWh saving
- •Focus on equipment and not on energy services
- •Energy analysis often relegated to "ancillary" equipment

In order to assess an energy-efficiency performance measure taking into account operational, energy and strategic dimensions, the following elements have to be analyzed:

- •Security
- •Products (goods & services quantity & quality)
- •Time (speed of production process)
- •Flexibility
- •Consumables (energy carriers, lubricants, etc.)
- •energy services
- •Waste and emissions (by-products)

Aluminium foil production process mapping + energy services



Aluminium foil production process mapping + energy services

Air conditioning	Air conditioning	Air conditioning
Automation	Automation	Automation
Compressed air	Compressed air	Compressed air
High temp. heat	Lighting	Medium temp. heat

Energy services key contributions to process: security (critical values) - quality, quantity

- Air conditioning Automation Compressed air Medium temp. heat Lighting Mobile motive power Refrigeration positive c. Ventilation
- Air conditioning Automation Compressed air Lighting Fixed motive power Mobile motive power Refrigeration positive c. Ventilation

Integrating energy & operations approaches erases the line between process energy services and ancillary energy services and opens the door to strategic analysis

IV. Contribution of energy performance measures to competitiveness



IV. Translating competitiveness benefits into financial calculations

Once identified, strategic benefits of energyefficiency projects have to be translated into financial calculations, including NEB

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY		Proj.	Proj.	Proj.	Proj.	Proj.
Lighting project	Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
		(% or thousand of USDOL)			USDOL)	
Revenues						
Energy benefits - Financial savings from energy consumption reduction	۱	11'169	11'169	11'169	11'169	11'169
Non-energy benefits 1 - Impact on maintenance		2'366	2'366	2'366	2'366	2'366
Non-energy benefits 2		0	0	0	0	0
Non-energy benefits 3		0	0	0	0	0
Total gross revenues		13'535	13'535	13'535	13'535	13'535
Lamps furniture		2'700	2'700	2'700	2'700	2'700
Depreciation		850	850	850	0	0
Net income before taxes		9'985	9'985	9'985	10'835	10'835
Taxes		2'396	2'396	2'396	2'600	2'600
Net income after taxes		7'589	7'589	7'589	8'235	8'235
Depreciation		850	850	850	0	0
Net income		8'439	8'439	8'439	8'235	8'235

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Lighting project		Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
			(% or thousand of USDOL)					
Net income			8'439	8'439	8'439	8'235	8'235	
Capital expenditure		2'550	0	0	0	0	0	
Terminal value before taxes			0	0	0	0	0	
Terminal value after taxes			0	0	0	0	0	
Free Cash-Flows		-2'550	8'439	8'439	8'439	8'235	8'235	
NPV (NET PRESENT VALUE)								
15%	11'169							
9%	29'996							
5%	33'657							
IRR (INTERNAL RATE OF RETURN)	311%							
PAY-BACK TIME	0.30							

Conclusion

A comprehensive analysis to build up the business case of energy-efficiency investment projects by integrating the multiple benefits of energy-efficiency



Conclusion

an analytical tool capable of:

- Translating any technical investment project into strategic terms
- Bridging and unifying the languages of strategy and finance
- Being applied to any industry or company

Thank you for your attention

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