Introduction

The SECA Investment Tool presents two structural analysis: the **dynamic approach** (left-hand side) and the **static approach** (right-hand side), presented respectively in the left-hand side table and the right-hand side table of the official tool's page as shown in the following screenshot:



The dynamic and the static analysis approaches are powered based on whether the fuel prices (HFO versus MGO) are considered dynamic (i.e. high prices' volatility) or constant (i.e. static with insignificant volatility of prices) over the investment lifespan.

Based on the imputed predefined OpEx and CapEx models, the static analysis approach (righthand side) gives the manager, the possibility to assess and predict the magnitude of the operating and capital expenditures related to the investment, as far as the power of the engine is predefined.

However, to have a state-of-art identification method, the tool will support only the dynamic approach (left-hand side), as it is the most realistic approach. The user can always predict OpEx and CapEx by the static approach and then switch the dynamic analysis method to continue the calculations.

Tool Presentation

The tool is organised in four windows: Input data; DCF Analysis; VaR Analysis and Fuel prices.

<u>1)</u> Input data: In this first window, the user needs to list all the key input variables required to start the financial evaluation of the project. The tool displays the required data in four levels/blocks of inputs: (i) the project characteristics (ii) the financial data (iii) the fuel prices and (iv) the operational data. Once these variables are inputted (in the corresponding boxes), the user need to validate the data by clicking the button '*Input*' to pass to the next steps. Below is a screenshot of the input data window:



<u>2</u>) **DCF Analysis**: The second window process and present the results of the Discounted Cash Flow analysis. The DCF method is a plausible and robust approach to quantify the complex and large-scale investment in single parameters and gives the decision maker the clues to take the appropriate decision.

In this phase, the user will be asked to defined the '*Discount Rate*' and the period '*Year to apply*' of interest before launching the calculation process automatically. In this same window, the results provide for the decision maker the main conventional investment evaluation indicators and indexes: NPV, IRR, MIRR, Payback period and so on. These statistics are presented in four tables:

- Discounted Payback (cash-flows, the **blue tale**)
- Indexes and Ratios (the **purple** table)
- HFO Indexes, Risk analysis and NPV Statistics (the green table)

Besides these statistics, the tool offers four diagrams that display the results graphically and develop risky scenarios:

- IRR and Payback
- Cash flow diagram
- NPV diagram

• Monte Carlo simulation histogram that quantifies risk and uncertainty associated with the feasibility of the investment

Definitions of all variables are presented in the tool to help the user to understand and analyse the results quickly. The following screenshot shows all these aspects of this second window:

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Cash flow diagram NPV diagram			Monte Carlo simulation histogram 0				
	Cash flow (FV)	Ending balance			CDF NPV Frequency		
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0.8		0.8					
0.6		0.6					
0.4		0.4					
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-0.2		-02					
-0.4		-04					
-0.5							
1.0							
	Year	Year			NPV		

<u>3) VaR analysis</u>: In this window, the user will have more insights about the *Risk analysis*. Concerning the fuel prices, the tool displays graphically the results of the primary risk indicator used in the industry (i.e. the parametric Value-at-Risk–VaR).

The tool uses MGO versus HFO spread prices to estimate the Profit and loss (P&L) derived from the VaR risk analysis. Three different VaR specifications are used: VaR at percentile 1% level; VaR at percentile 5% level and VaR at percentile 10% level. The user has to define the period of interest. Below, a screenshot of this window:

SECA INVESTMENT TOOL							
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VaR Analysis							
MGO vs HFO Spread VaR Analysis							
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<u>4</u>) Fuel prices. The window presents historical bunker fuel prices. It gives the user the possibility to compare and combine the variations of different fuels Similarly, the user needs to define the period of interest. The available data starts from 01 January 2015.



Practical case

In what follows, the user will find the application of the tool to a maritime investment project. The study addresses an investment project of scrubber abatement and its evaluation. Possible results are illustrated in the following screenshots:







