



# Total Cost Assessment Method and Applications

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# Collaborator Motivation

**“The FULL monetary costs and benefits  
of EH&S issues  
historically have NOT been presented  
in an economic format to business leadership  
for decision making.”**

- Duane Koch,  
Dow Chemical

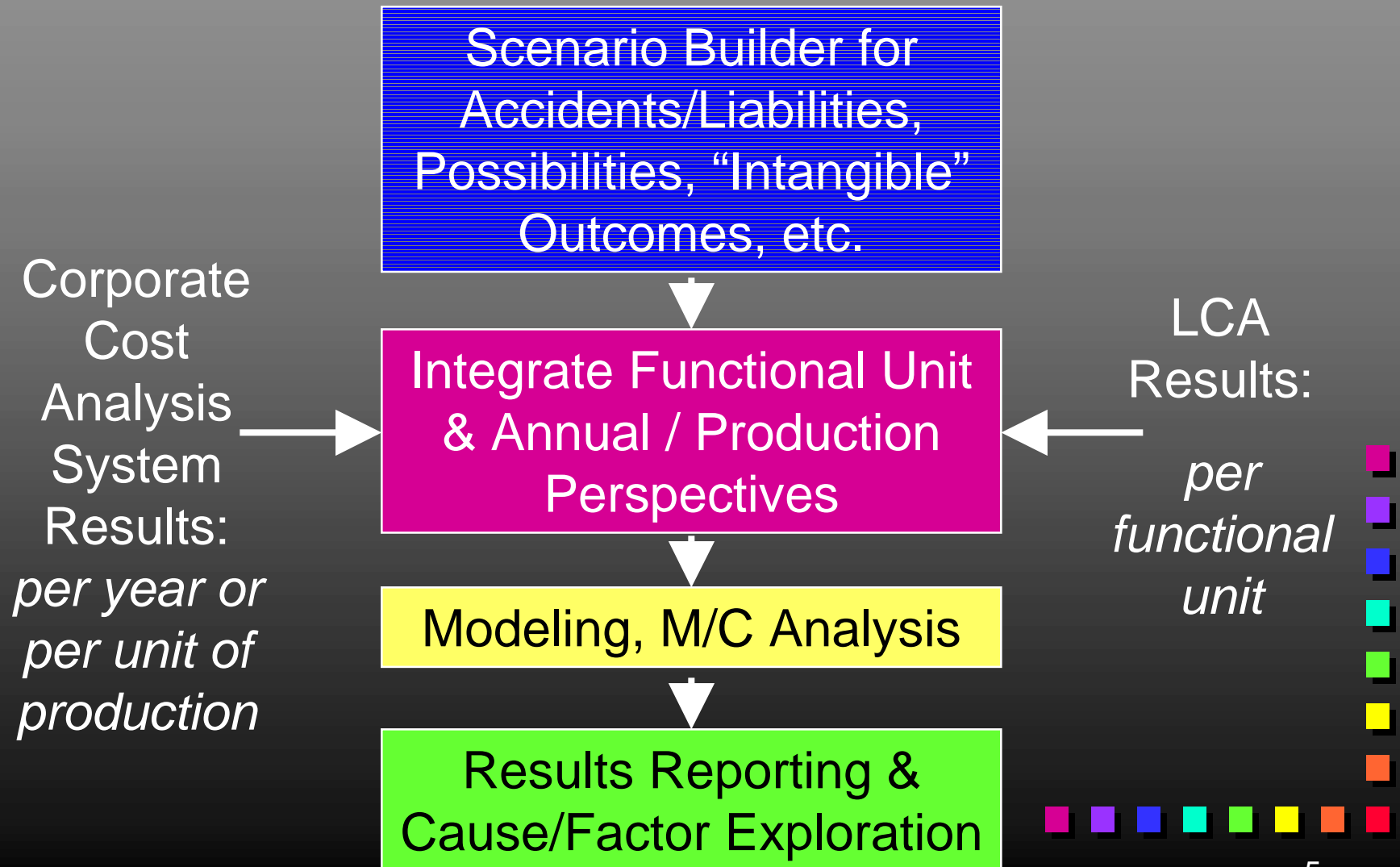


# TCA Approach to Non-Conventional Costs: Match Company Conventional Approach

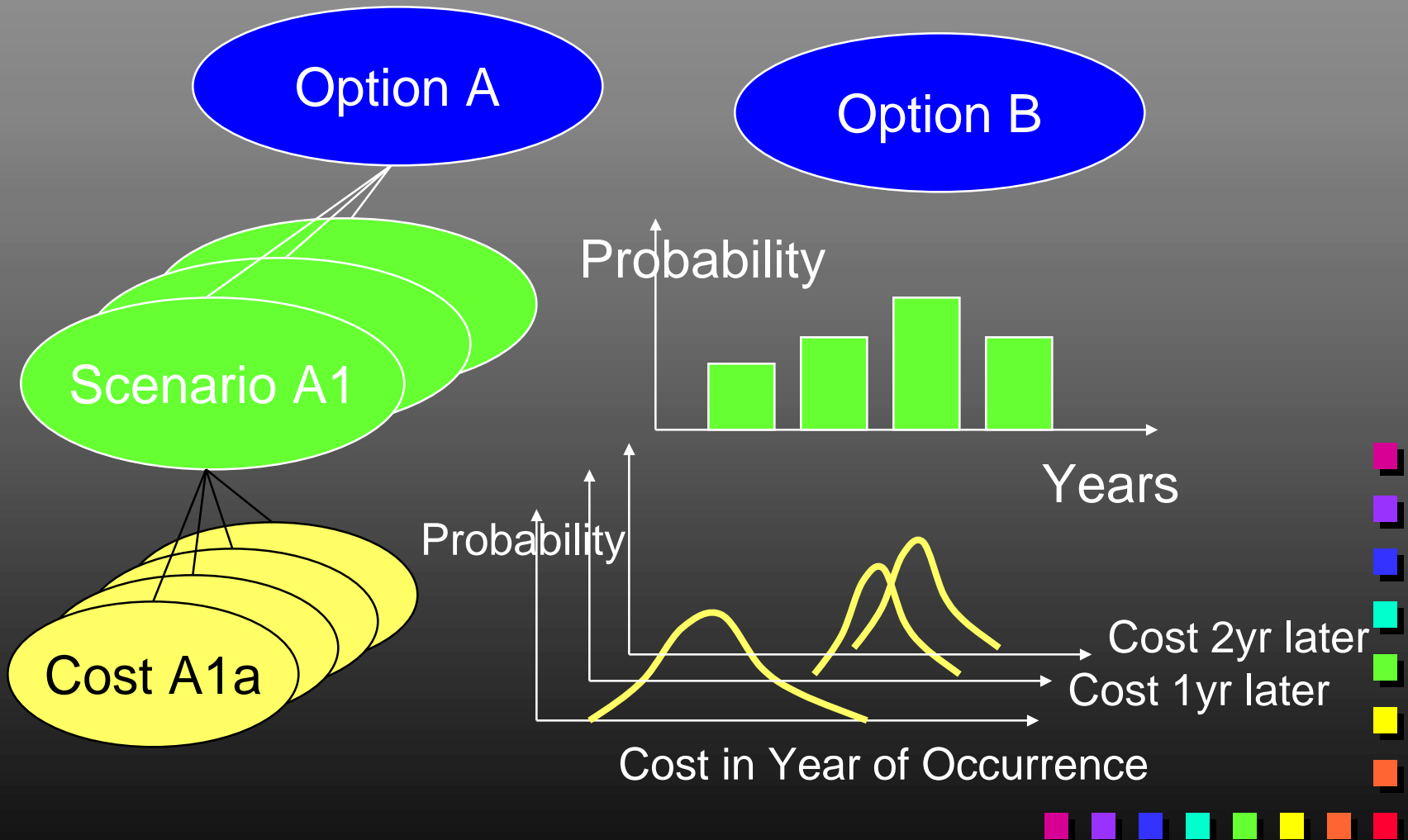
- Follow & Adapt to General and Company-Specific Accounting Conventions
  - Investment costs
  - Depreciation, salvage values
  - Impacts before- or after-tax
  - Discounting
  - Time Horizon



# Total Cost Assessment Method



# At the Heart: Scenario Analysis

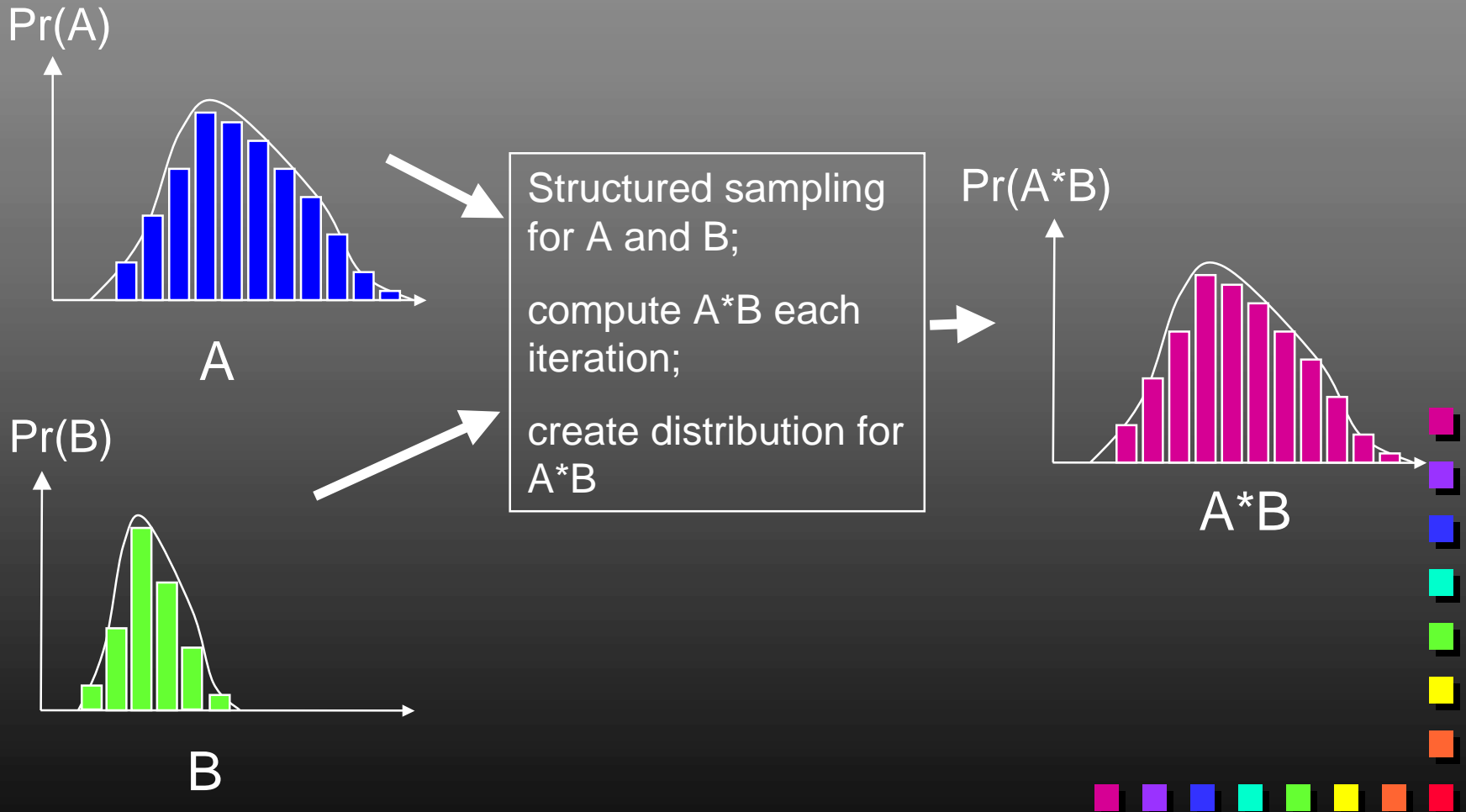


# Approach to Uncertainty

- Take blinders off; acknowledge
- Ask subject experts what they know
- Brainstorm
- Model systematically
- Test for possible importance
- Refine if necessary



# Monte Carlo Analysis





# Optional Spreadsheet Tracking/Recording of Input

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	
1	Use this sheet to store and summarize information about Type 3 and 4 scenarios and costs.				Cost risk data					
2		Major spill	New Env. Reg.	Green shift	Depreciation Method	Salvage Value (\$)	Yrs After Occurrence			
3	Scenario Types	1. Annual Probs, Repeatable	1	0	0					
4		2. Ann Probs, Non-repeatable	0	1	0					
5		3. Overall & Relative Probs	0	0	1					
6	Overall Probability (For Type-3 Scenarios)		0	0	0.2		0	1	2	
7	Tie Scenarios to Costs	Cleanup, fines, penalties	1	0	0	0	0	Uniform(200000,400000)	50000	0
8		Install control equipment	0	1	0	10sl	10000	1000000	0	0
9		Control equipment O&M	0	1	0	0	0	0	100000	100000
10		Brand value loss	1	0	1	0	0	1000000	-5000000	-3000000
11	Tie Scenarios to Options	Business-as-usual	1	1	1					
12		Green substitute	0	0	0					
13	Annual Probabilities	2003	0.05	0	0					
14		2004	0.05	0	1					
15		2005	0.05	0.05	1					
16		2006	0.05	0.1	2					
17		2007	0.05	0.15	2					
18		2008	0.05	0.2	3					
19		2009	0.05	0.2	3					
20		2010	0.05	0.2	3					
21										
22										
23	Key:	Scenario names								
24		Scenario cost names								
25		Option names								
26		Scenario horizon years								
27		Years after occurrence								



## The Total Cost Assessment Tool

TCA Options Select Baseline Select Cost Tax Basis Discount Rate Scenario Horizon Years (Marginal) Tax Rate 

## Expected Value Results

Scenario Results	Calculated Annual Scenario Probabilities	<input type="button" value="Calc"/> mid
	Expected ScenCosts (Risks * Scen Probabilities)	<input type="button" value="Calc"/> $\mu$
All-Cost Results	Expected Costs, by Cost	<input type="button" value="Calc"/> $\mu$
	Expected Costs by Cost Type	<input type="button" value="Calc"/> $\mu$
Option Evaluations	Exp After Tax Net Cash Flow wrt Base	<input type="button" value="Calc"/> $\mu$
	Expected Net Present Value wrt Baseline	<input type="button" value="Calc"/> $\mu$
	Expected NPV Total wrt Baseline	<input type="button" value="Calc"/> $\mu$
External Costs	External Cost Results as Sensitivity Analysis	<input type="button" value="Calc"/> mid

# Result - Expected Costs by Cost Type

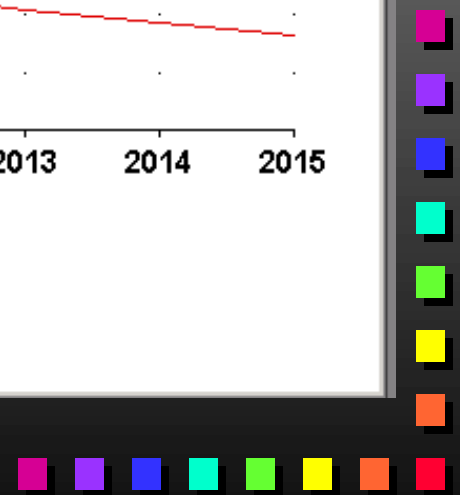
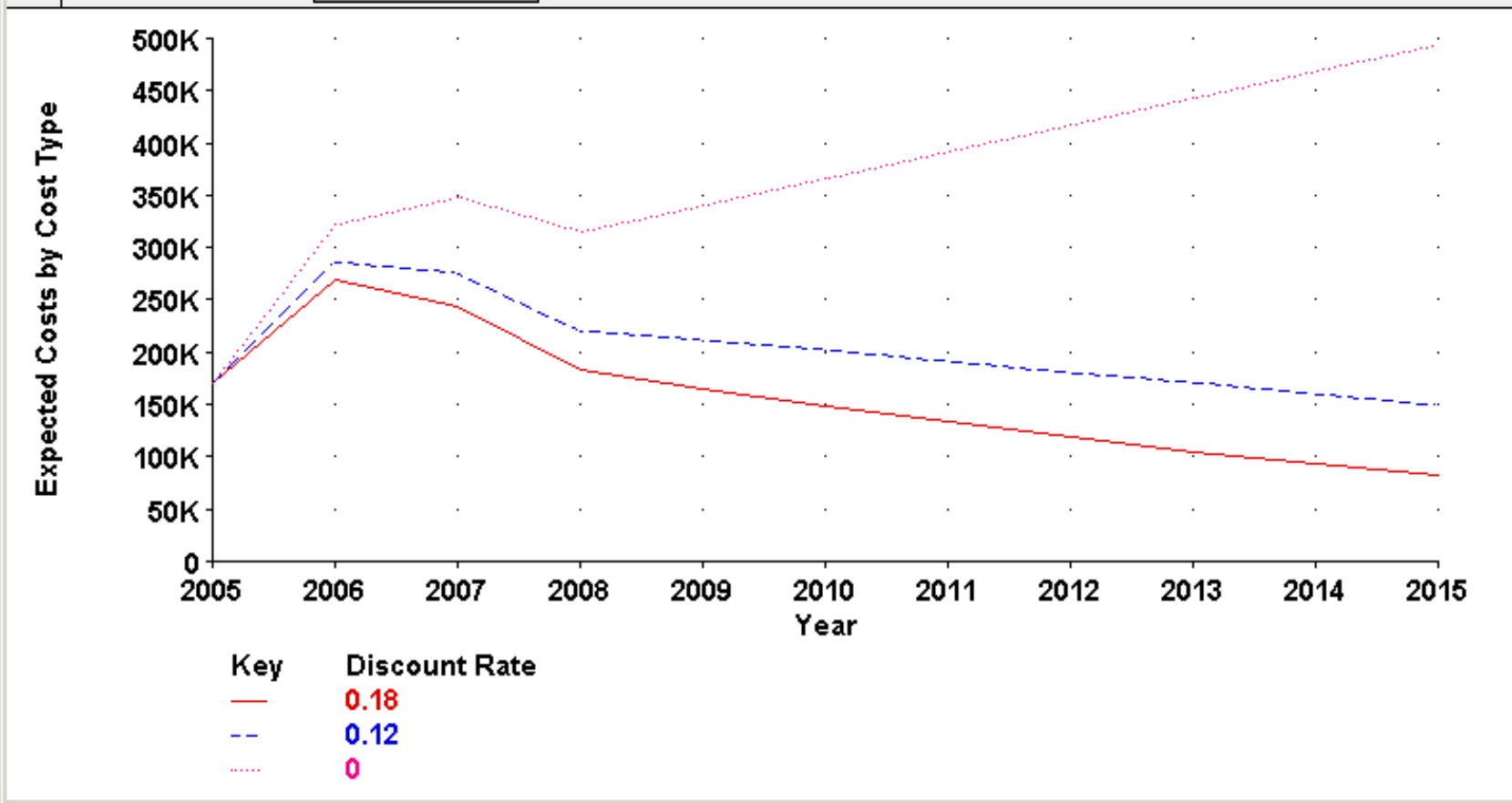
Mean Value of Expected Costs by Cost Type

TCA Options: Shutdown

Cost Type: Scenario Costs

Key: Discount Rate

X Axis: Year



# Result - Expected Costs by Cost Type

Probability Bands of Expected Costs by Cost Type

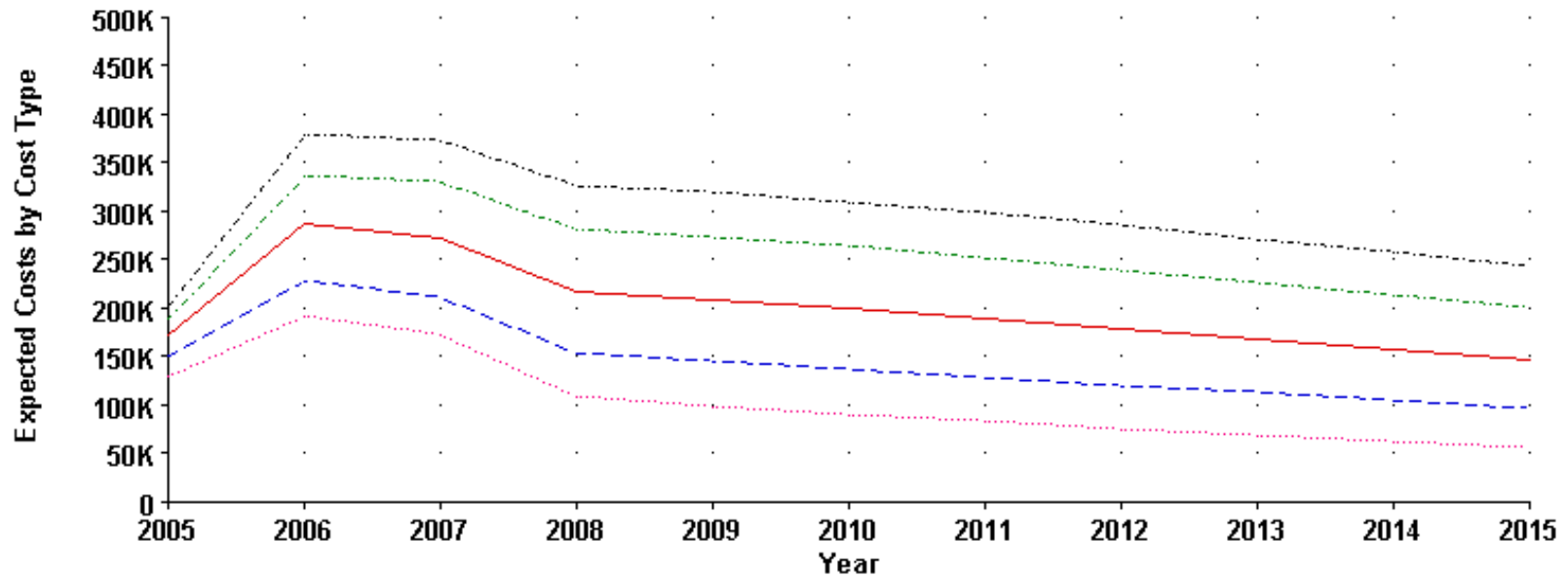
TCA Options: Shutdown

Cost Type: Scenario Costs

Discount Rate: 0.12

Key: Probability

X Axis: Year



Key	Probability
.....	0.05
-----	0.25
-----	0.5
-----	0.75
-----	0.95



# Mechanics: “Workshop” Approach

- Workshops configured for 1-2 days - Key business and project people needed for data/analysis have only limited time (current paradigm)
- Highly disciplined process with total focus on TBCA - due to limited time
- Scenarios used to clearly document key issues, data, judgements and decisions



# Dow Application Examples

- Report that use of method has lead to decisions “estimated to save/earn hundreds of millions of dollars”
  - > Dozen business examples
  - Evaluate 2005 EH&S Objectives established in 1995
  - “TBCA” = Total *Business* Cost Analysis



# Completed Eight TBCA Workshops for Dow EH&S 2005 Goals

- Emissions - Priority and Chemical
- Waste - TTU's and Kilns
- Waste - Landfills
- Wastewater ( BOD and Hydraulic)
- Energy
- Loss of Primary Containment + Process Safety
- Personal Injury - Illness/Motor Vehicle
- Transportation



# Business Application Examples

- EDC/Vinyl Expansion Alternatives
- Chlor-Alkali Cell Technology Evaluation
- Polycarbonate Technology Route
- New Sustainable Product (Agrifiber)
- Water Systems Optimization
- Compliance Issues
- Integrated Health





# Summary

- Total Cost Assessment Method:
  - Multi-national companies incorporating intangibles and externalities into financial evaluations of:
    - Environmental, Health & Safety decisions
    - Capital Investments
    - Corporate Strategy
- Dow applications: Impacting Decisions with benefits estimated ~ \$100M's

