



Πρακτικές και μέθοδοι συστημάτων βελτιστοποίησης διαχειριστικών μέτρων

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Presentation Outline

- What is Operations Research?
- Why is it (Optimization) needed?
- Optimization in Environmental Management
- Approaches / Procedures / Models
- Types of Results to be expected
- Current Status
- Next Steps



Jargon, jargon, and more jargon...

- Operations Research
- Optimization
- Mathematical Programming
- Systems Analysis



What is Operations Research?

- “Operations Research is the application of advanced analytical methods to help make better decisions.”
- Alternative ‘Definition’
 - “The science of decision making.”



A brief history lesson...

(born out of necessity)

- **World War II problems**
 - Deployment of radar, management of convoys, bombing, mining, training schedules, resupplying the front lines, ...
- **World War II solutions**
 - Scientists and Engineers were called in to apply mathematics and the scientific method to these Military Operations problems
- **What since then?**
 - Transportation Industry
 - Telecommunications
 - Industrial Production
 - And finally...

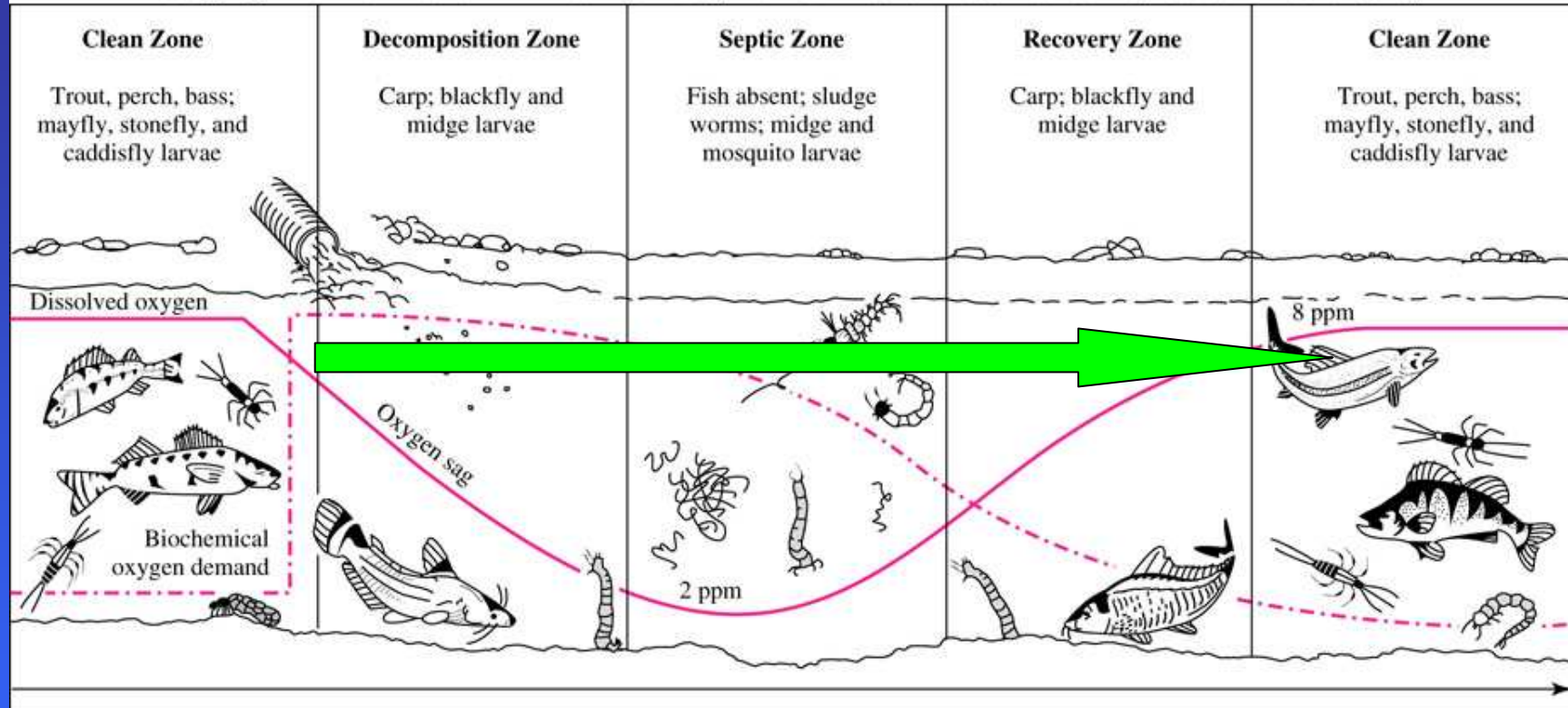


Optimization in Environmental Management



Descriptive models

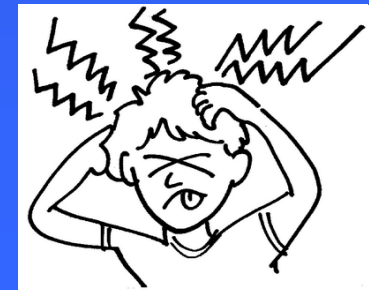
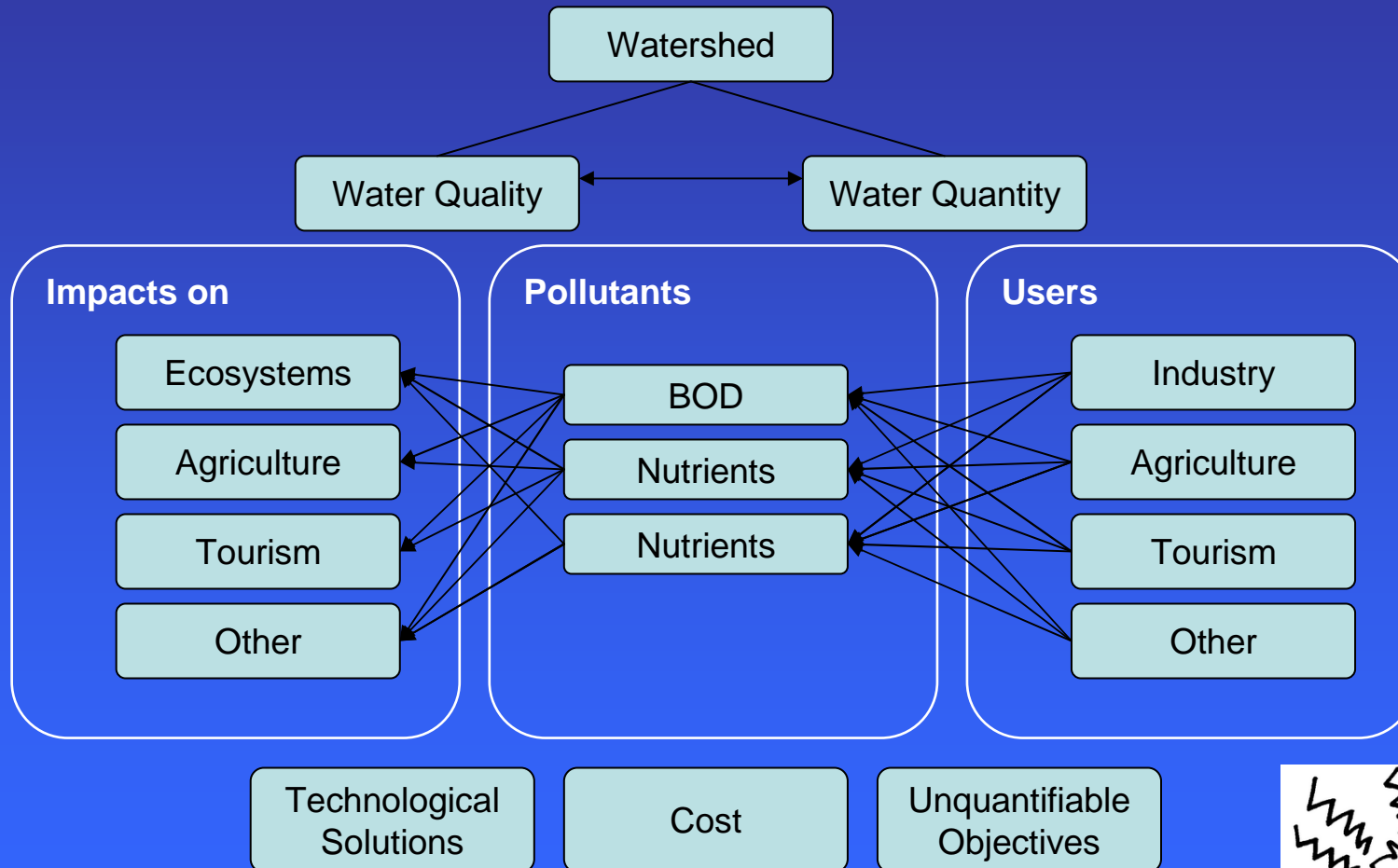
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- **Descriptive model** of the system as a hypothesis of how the system could work, or try to estimate how an unforeseeable event could affect the system.

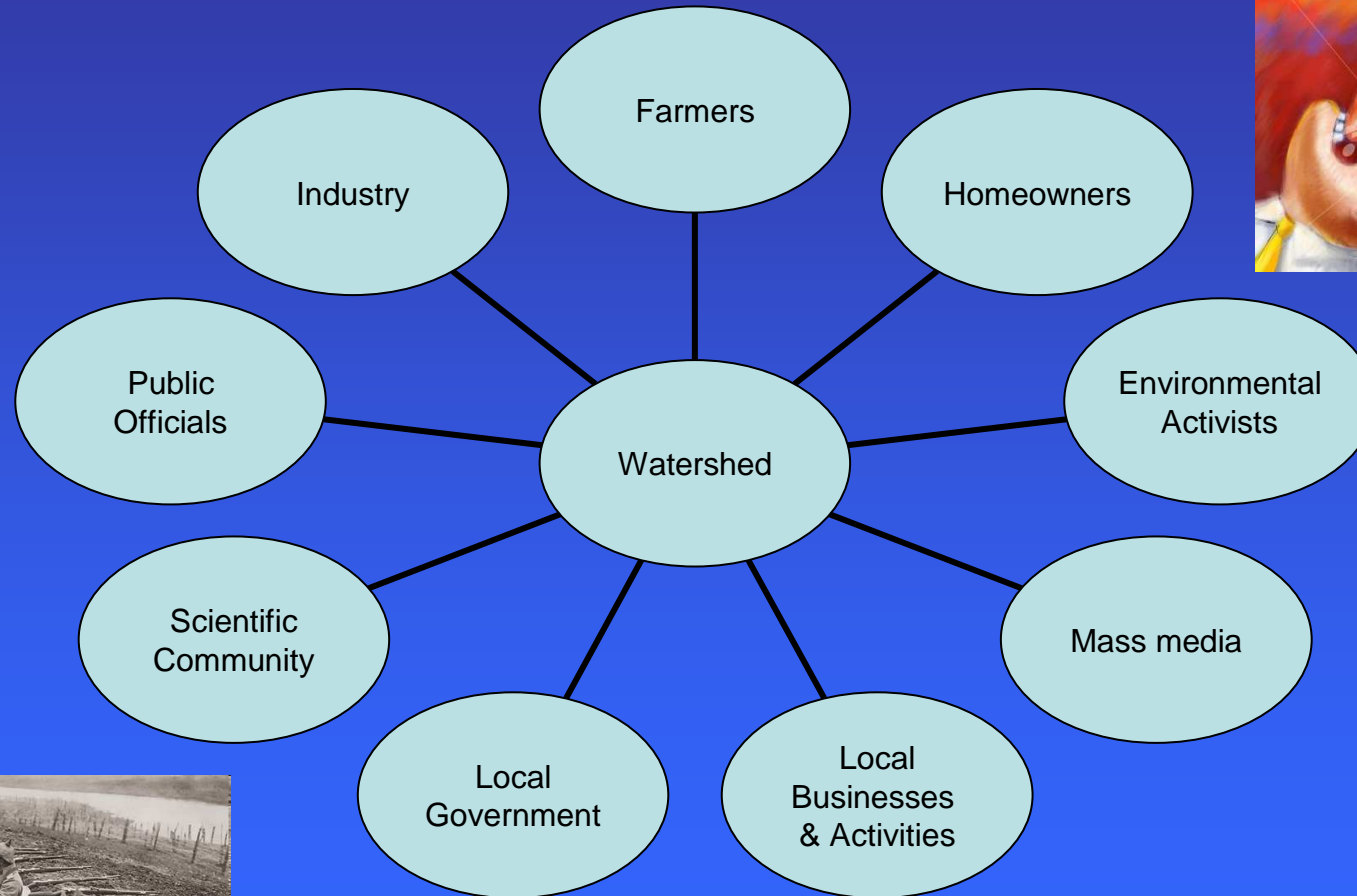


Water Management Issues (a world of complexity)





Water Management Stakeholders (a world of conflict)

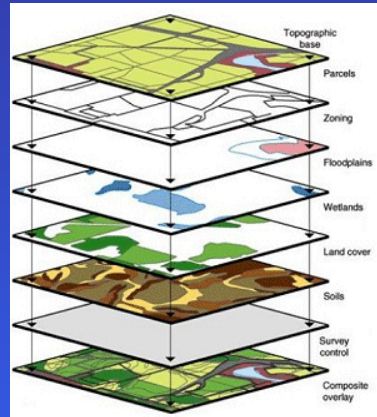




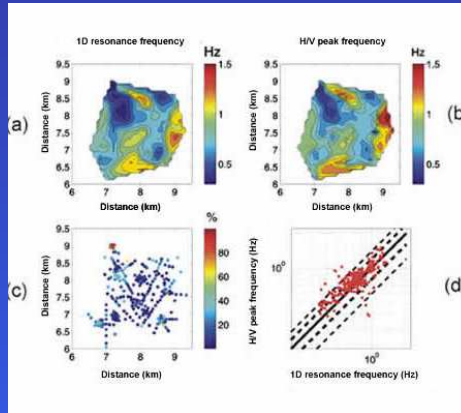
How it all ties together...

(the architecture of a DSS applied to an environmental system)

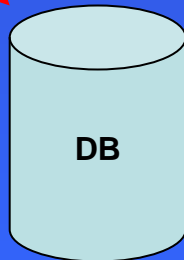
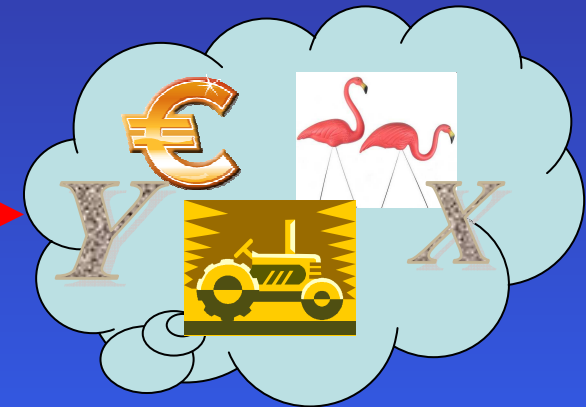
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Simulation Modules



Optimization Modules



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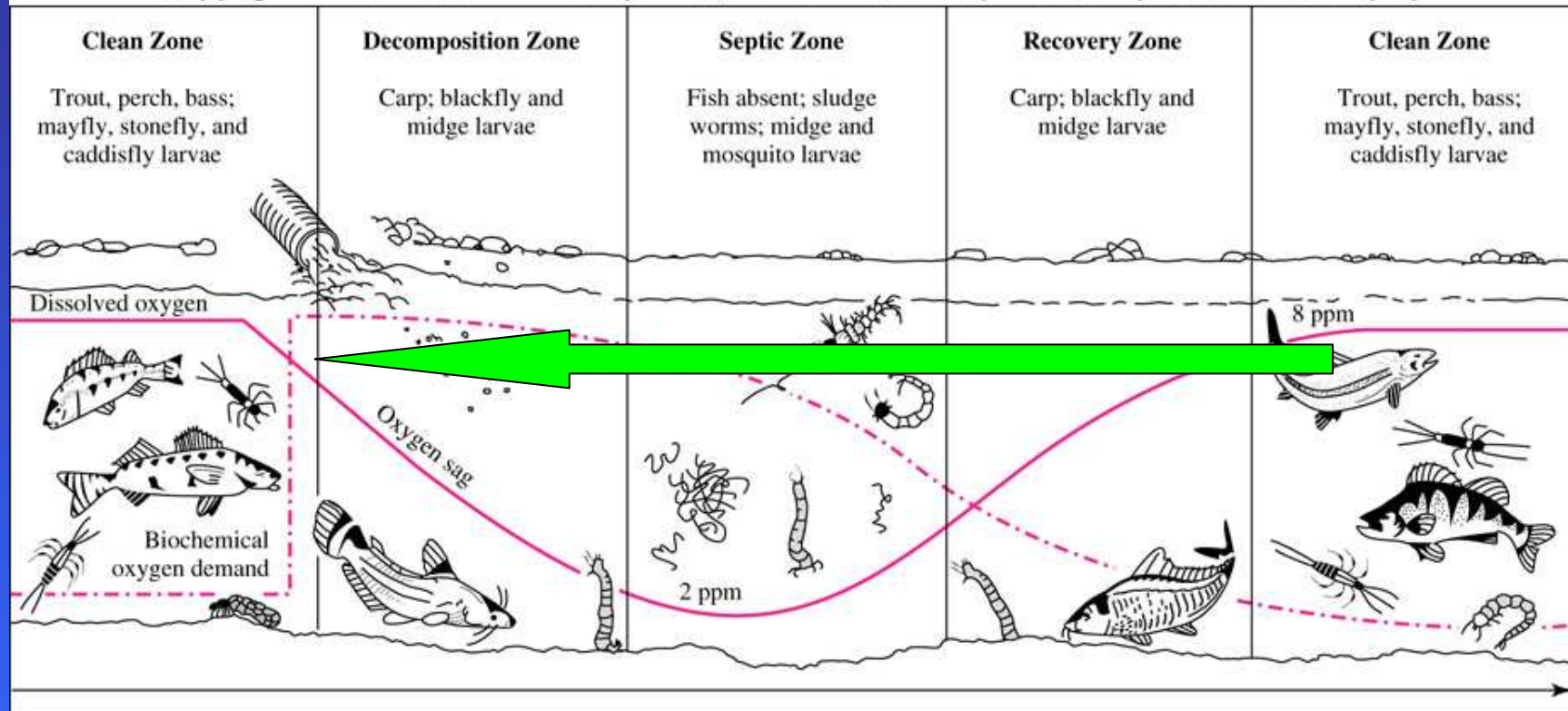
- Hydraulic Model
- Hydrologic Model
- Water Quality Model
- Black Box Models
- Ecological Models
- Etc ...

- Decision Variables
- Objectives
- Constraints
- Economic, social, legislative & environmental aspects



Decision models

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- **Decision model** for the decision maker to develop insight into the decision and determine a clear course of action



How does an Optimization Model look like?

The following is a mathematical formulation of a decision model:

Minimize:
$$\sum_{f=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^n C_{f,t} X_{f,t} \quad (1)$$

Subject to:

$$\sum_{t=1}^n X_{f,t} = 1 \quad \forall f \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_{f=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^n [X_{f,t} (100\% - R_t^p) W_f^p] \leq T^p \quad \forall p \quad (3)$$

$$X_{f,t} \in \{0,1\} \quad \forall f, \forall t \quad (4)$$



Types of results to be expected from Optimization Procedure

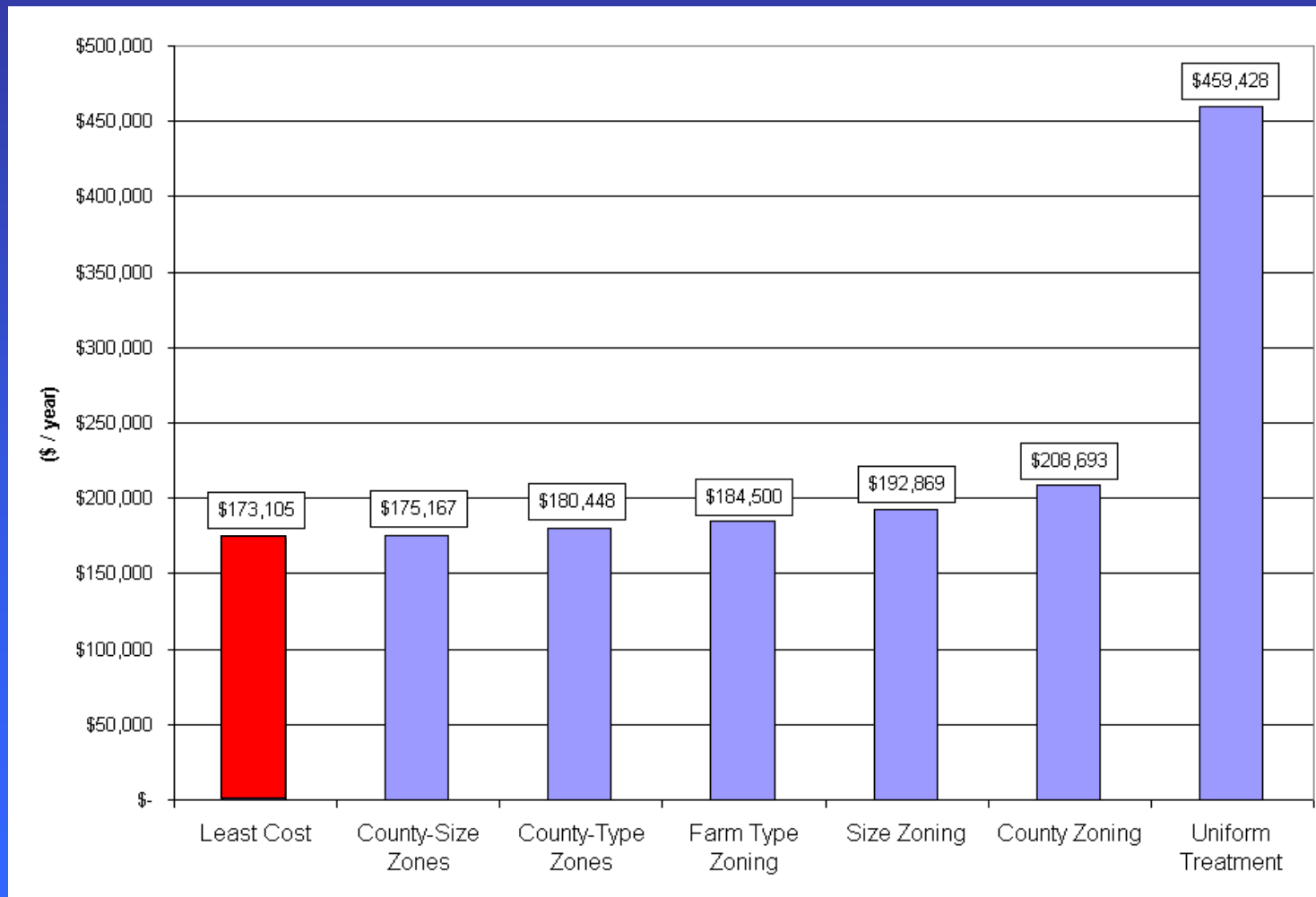


A bunch of numbers...

15% cost deviation from initial least cost		LEAST COST SOLUTION (Basic)				LEAST COST SOLUTION (Alt#1: 70-26)				LEAST COST SOLUTION (Alt#2: 96-36.5)			
Operation Type	Number of pigs	AL	D (AL)	CW (AL)	SBR(AL)	AL	D (AL)	CW (AL)	SBR(AL)	AL	D (AL)	CW (AL)	SBR(AL)
Farrow-to-Finish	100	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Farrow-to-Finish	250	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Farrow-to-Feeder	350	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Farrow-to-Feeder	525	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Farrow-to-Finish	560	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Farrow-to-Finish	1200	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Feeder-to-Finish	1200	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Farrow-to-Feeder	1220	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Farrow-to-Finish	1250	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Farrow-to-Feeder	1250	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
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Feeder-to-Finish	1340	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
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Feeder-to-Finish	1440	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Farrow-to-Finish	1450	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Feeder-to-Finish	1490	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Feeder-to-Finish	1650	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Boar-Stud	1700	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Farrow-to-Feeder	2000	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Farrow-to-Weanling	2000	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Feeder-to-Finish	2000	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Feeder-to-Finish	2000	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Farrow-to-Finish	2000	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Feeder-to-Finish	2160	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Feeder-to-Finish	2400	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Farrow-to-Weanling	2400	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

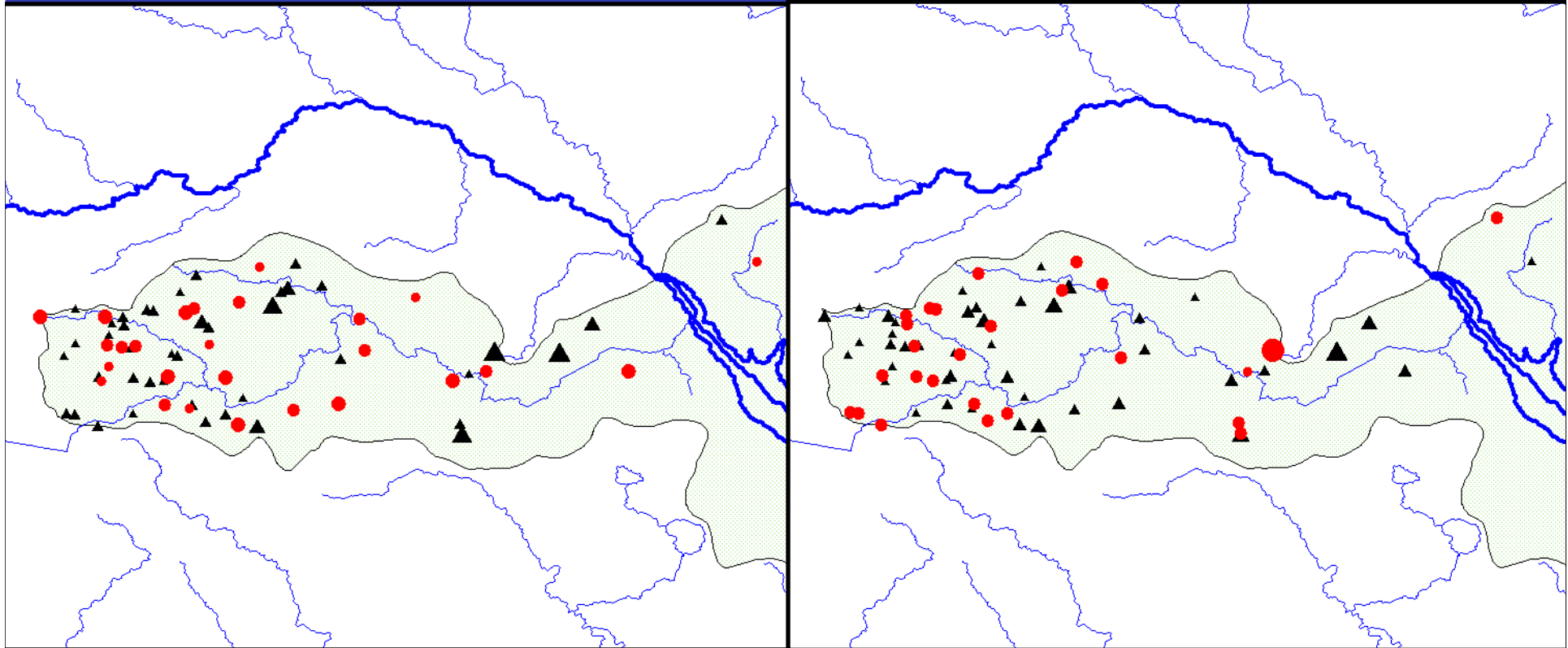


Benefits of Optimization (the Objective Space)



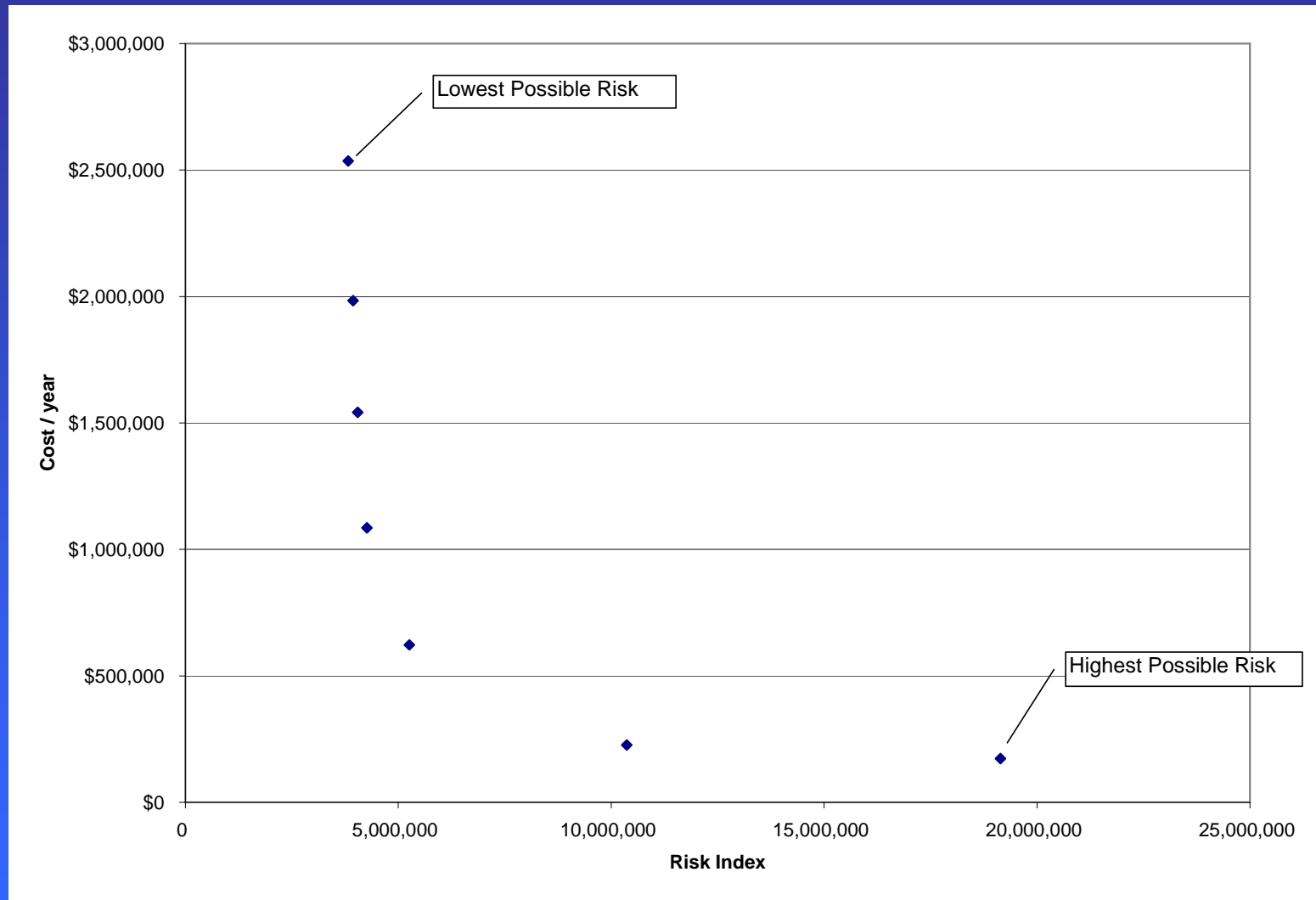


Benefits of Optimization (the Decision Space)



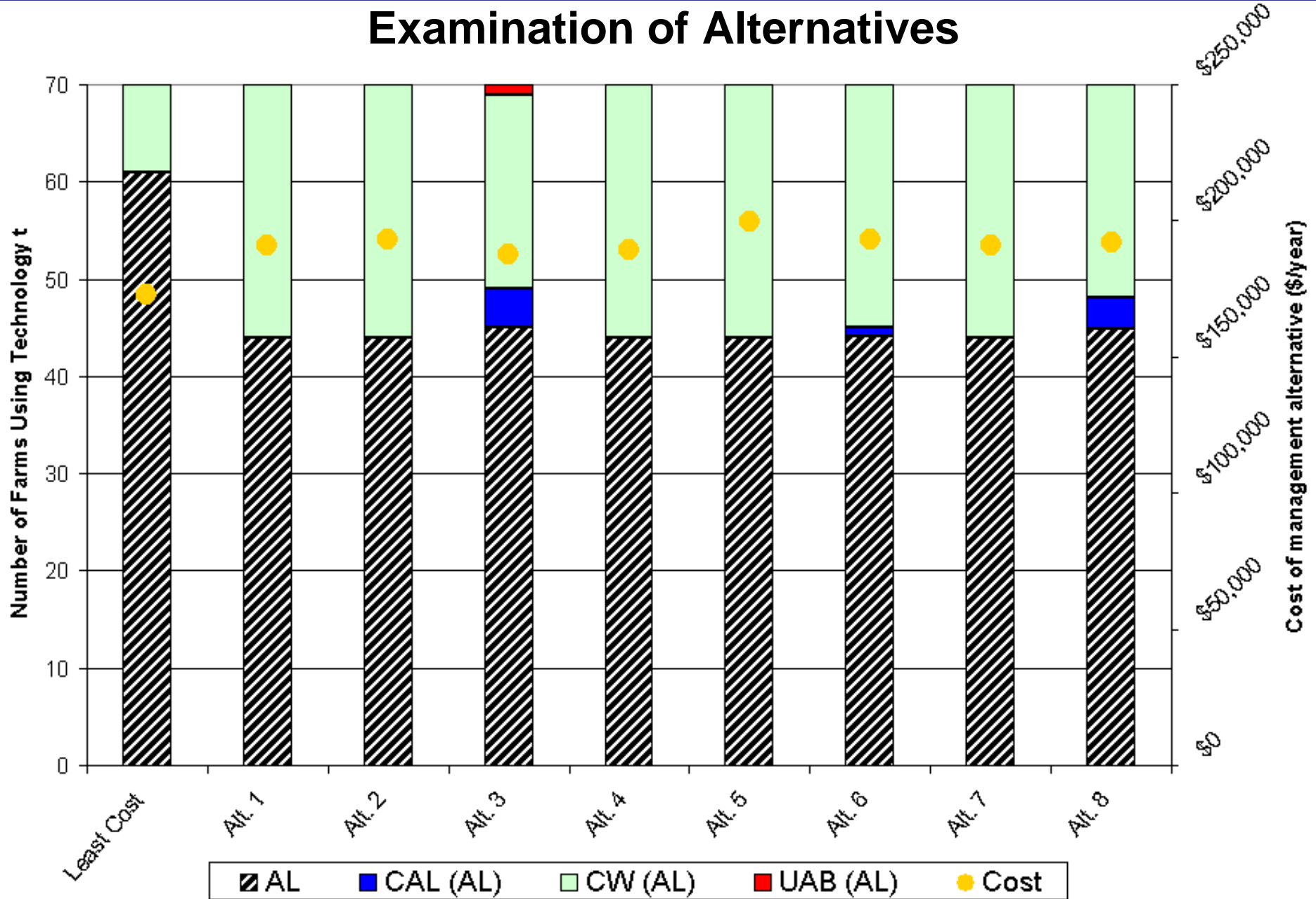


The Tradeoff Curves



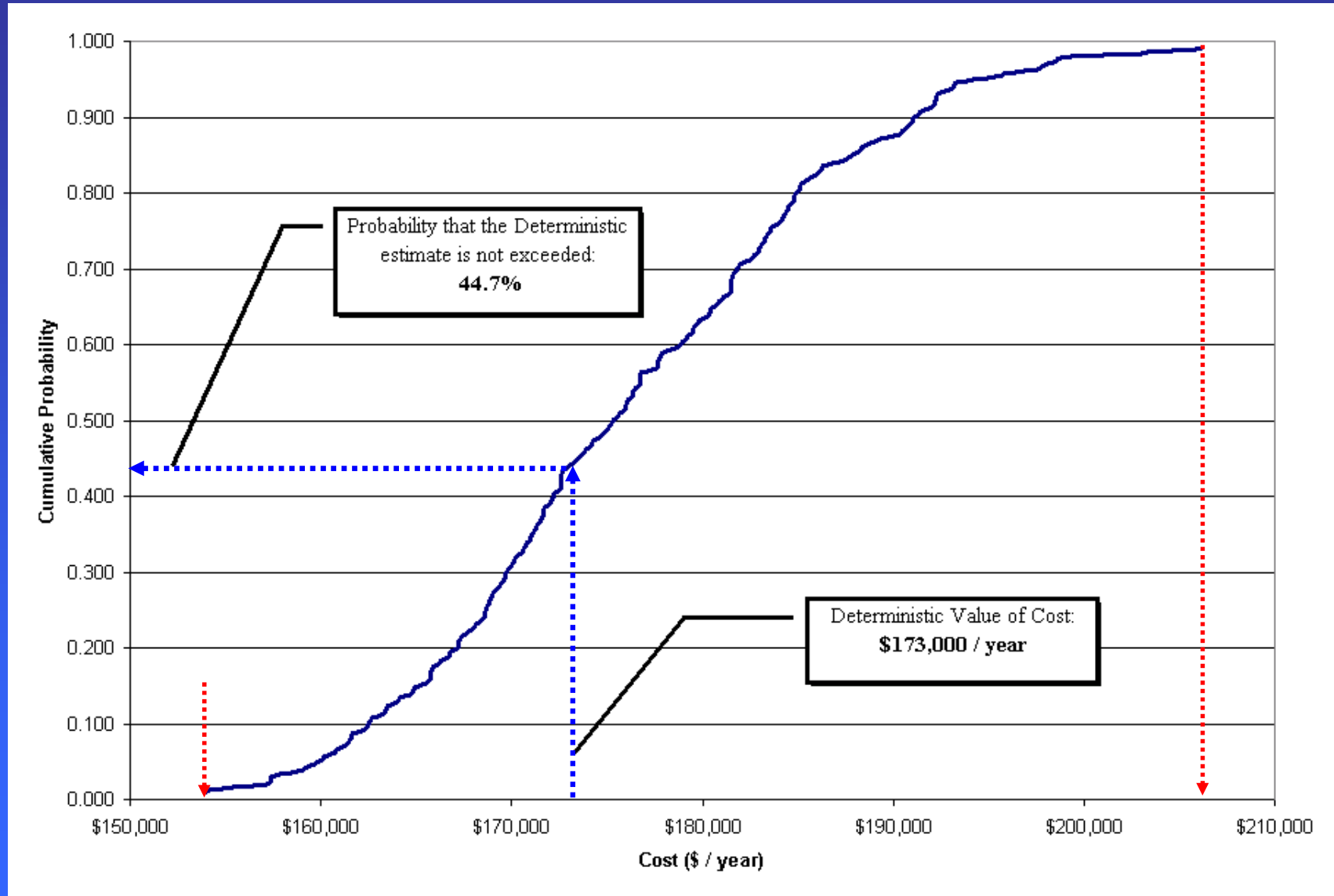


Examination of Alternatives





Uncertainty Analysis





Optimization Work Task; Current status

- A working dilemma:
 - A new model?
 - Probably a Mixed Integer Programming Procedure
 - Not a DSS (especially as GUIs are concerned)
 - An existing model / DSS (appropriately modified)
 - WEAP (Stockholm Environmental Institute)
 - WSM300 (German university group)
 - Elbe-DSS (U. of Osnabruck)
 - ...
 - USEPA's Framework for Identifying Optimal TMDL Allocations
- Questionnaire - information from stakeholders



Optimization Work Task; Future Steps (we've only just began)

- Reinforcement of research team
- Conceptual model finalization



I need you!!

(Importance of Stakeholder input in model definition)

- Objectives
 - Minimization of costs
 - Maximization of benefits
 - ...
- Constraints
 - Environmental regulations and TMDLs
 - Other “Red-lines”
 - ...
- Parameters & coefficients of decision variables
 - Unit costs
 - Correlations between pollutants and functions of ecosystems
 - ...
- Management Scenarios Definition



Questions?

Comments?

Insults?