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# **Estimating for Lifecycle and Product Line Affordability**

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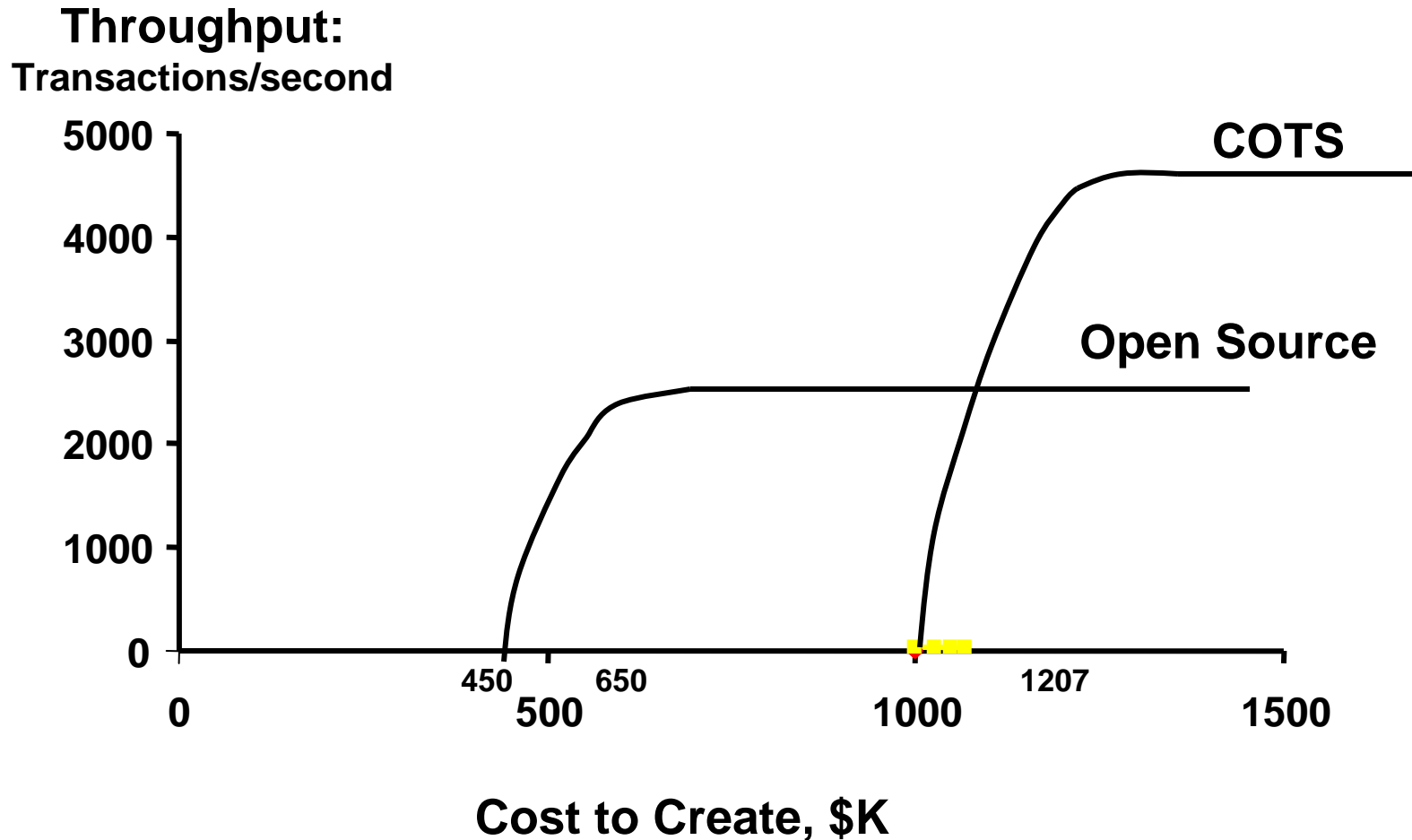
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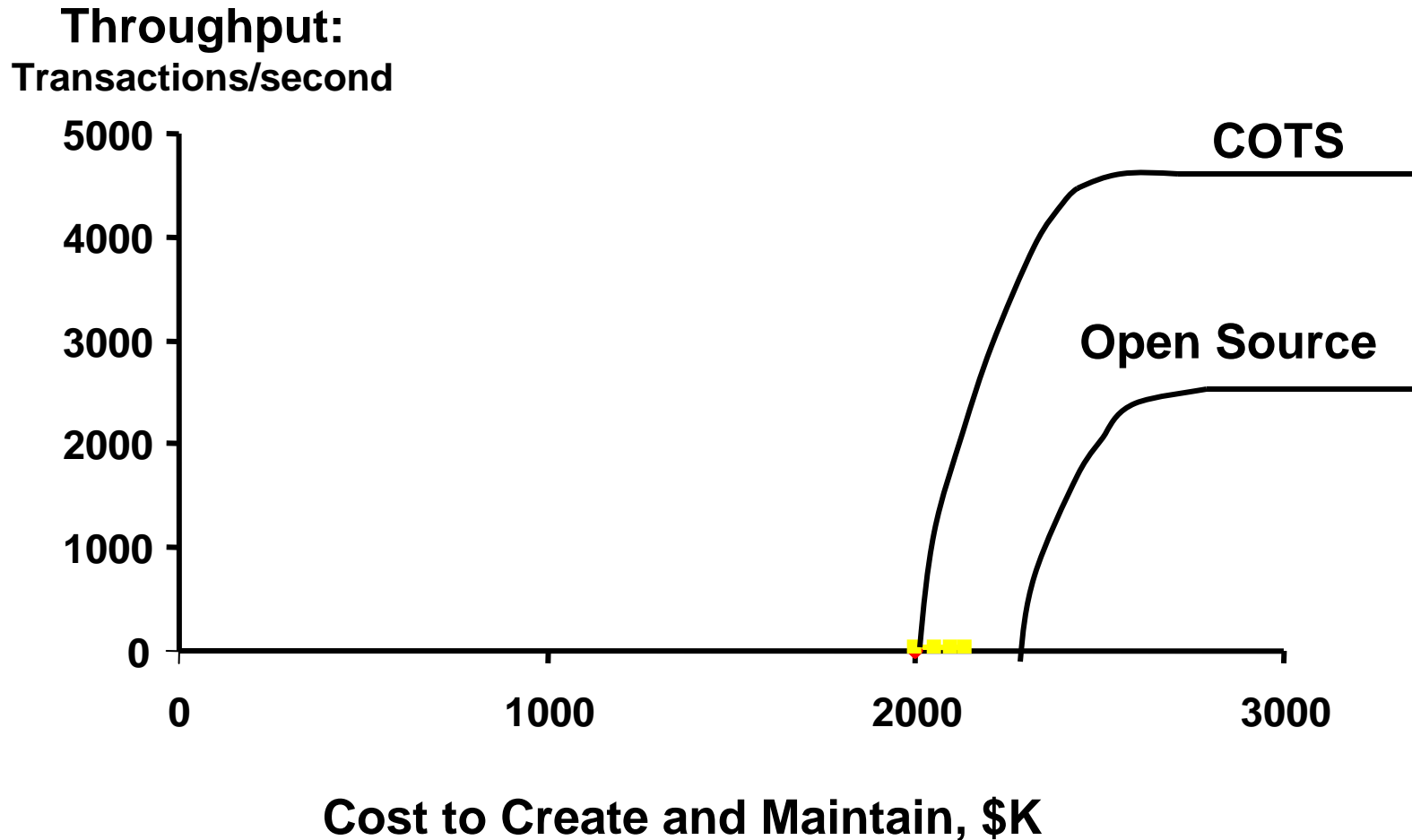
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# Which Is More Affordable?

## Important to consider total ownership cost





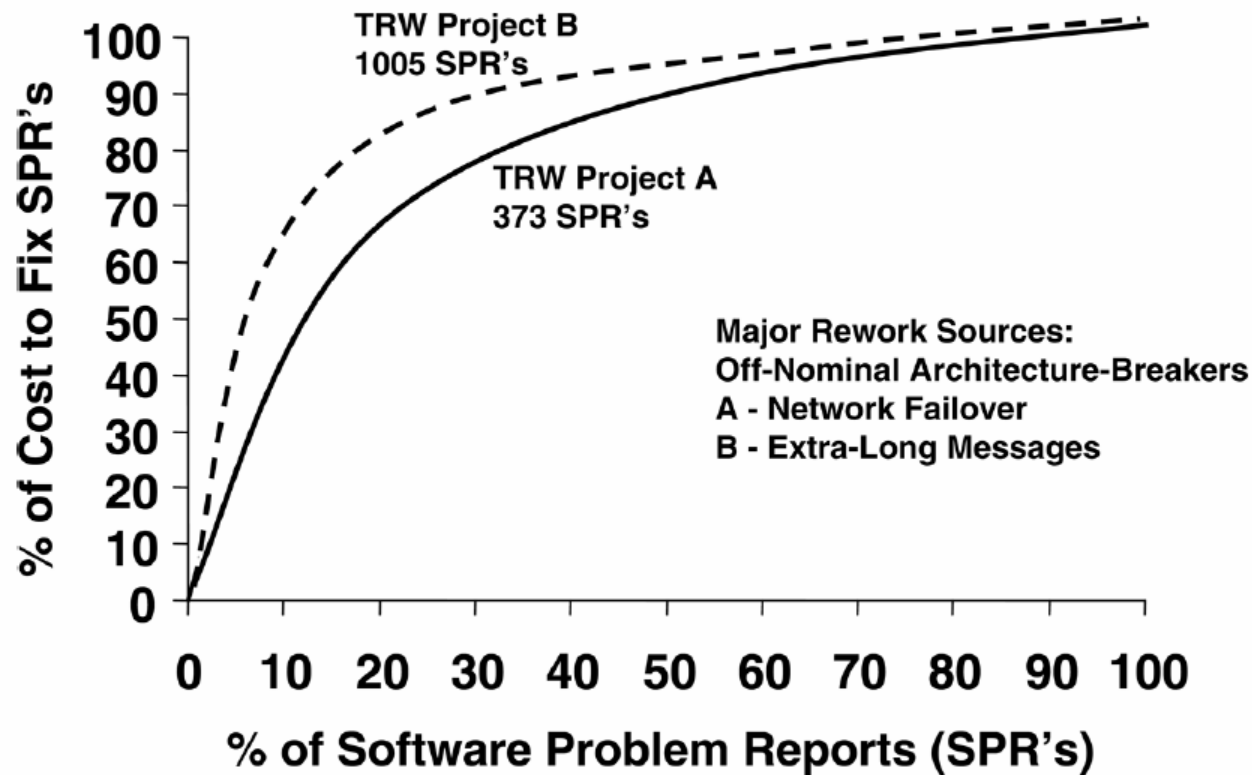
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# Overfocus on Acquisition Cost

C4ISR Contracts: Nominal-case requirements; 90 days to PDR





# Rework Sources Analysis: Projects A and B

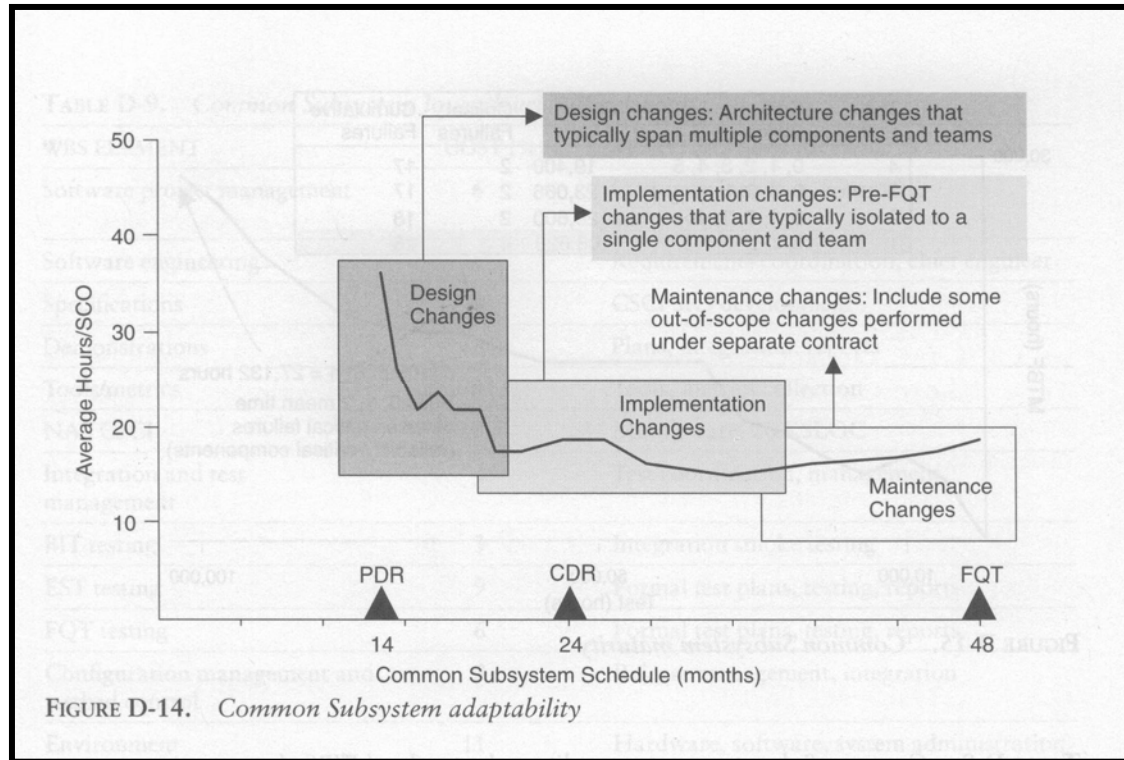
- Change processing over 1 person-month = 152 person-hours

Category	Project A	Project B
Extra long messages		$3404+626+443+328+244= 5045$
Network failover	$2050+470+360+160= 3040$	
Hardware-software interface	$620+200= 820$	$1629+513+289+232+166= 2832$
Encryption algorithms		$1247+368= 1615$
Subcontractor interface	$1100+760+200= 2060$	
GUI revision	$980+730+420+240+180 =2550$	
Data compression algorithm		910
External applications interface	$770+330+200+160= 1460$	
COTS upgrades	$540+380+190= 1110$	$741+302+221+197= 1461$
Database restructure	$690+480+310+210+170= 1860$	
Routing algorithms		$494+198= 692$
Diagnostic aids	360	$477+318+184= 979$
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>13620</b>	<b>13531</b>



# C4ISR Project C: Architecting for Change

## USAF/ESC-TRW CCPDS-R Project\*



*When investments made in architecture, average time for change order becomes relatively stable over time...*

\* Walker Royce, *Software Project Management: A Unified Framework*. Addison-Wesley, 1998.





# Current TOC-Single System Model

The simple initial TOC-SS model has the following inputs:

**%D:** The % of development cost invested in Design for Flexibility

**System Size:** For software, the equivalent KSLOC (thousands of source lines of code)

- For hardware, the COSYSMO size parameter: complexity-weighted numbers of requirements, interfaces, operational scenarios, and algorithms [Valerdi, 2005].

**#F:** The number of years that the system undergoes field changes

**%FC:** The percentage of the fielded system size undergoing change

The TOC-SS model has the following outputs:

**TOC (Devel):** The TOC for development

**TOC (Devel + K):**  $\text{TOC (Devel)} + \text{TOC (K years of fielding)}$ ,  $K = 1, \dots, \#F$



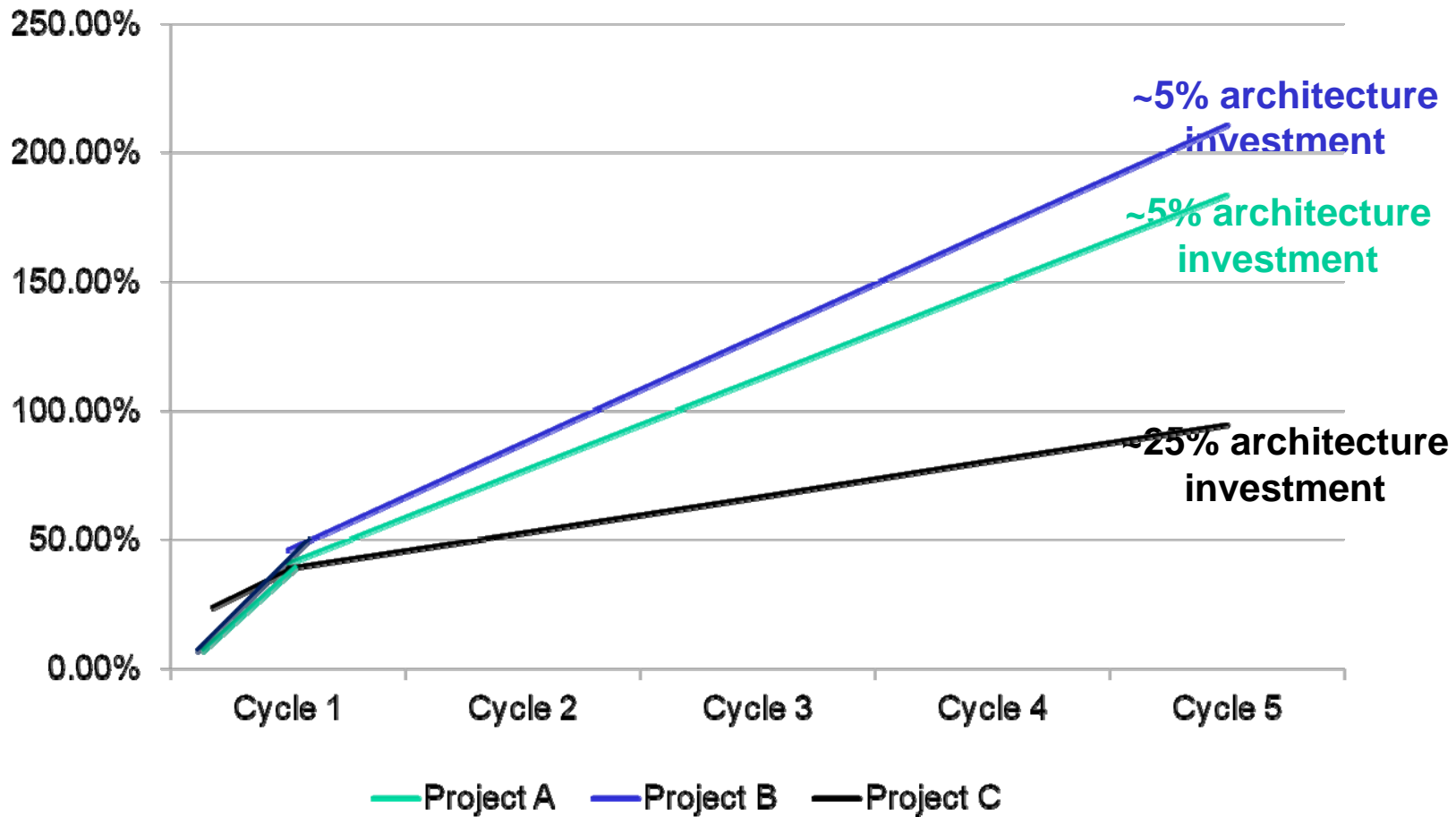
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# Single-System TOC Model Example

	A	B	C	D	E
1	<b>Input Parameters</b>	<b>System</b>			
2		<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	
3	Software Size (KSLOC)	100	100	355	
4	# Change Requests/Release	373	1005	1600	
5	# Change Requests (I&T only)				
6	# I&T Change Requests/Release/ > 1 PM	27	22		
7	# Total Change Requests/Release/ > 1 PM			16	
8	Change Request Fix Time (See assumption #2)	261	356	263	
9	Total Effort (Person Months)	731	865	1900	
10	% Arch, RESL	5%	5%	25%	
11	% Rework, RVOL	35.70%	41.16%	13.85%	
12					
13	<b>Cumulative Total Cost of Ownership</b>	<b>Project A</b>	<b>Project B</b>	<b>Project C</b>	
14	Cycle 1	40.70%	46.16%	38.85%	
15	Cycle 2	76.41%	87.31%	52.70%	
16	Cycle 3	112.11%	128.47%	66.55%	
17	Cycle 4	147.82%	169.62%	80.40%	
18	Cycle 5	183.52%	210.78%	94.25%	



## Relative\* Total Ownership Cost (TOC)



\* Cumulative architecting and rework effort relative to initial development effort



## Use of life cycle cost ratios (%O&M)

- **Hardware [Redman 2008]**
  - 12% -- Missiles (average)
  - 60% -- Ships (average)
  - 78% -- Aircraft (F-16)
  - 84% -- Ground vehicles (Bradley)
- **Software [Koskinen 2010]**
  - 75-90% -- Business, Command-Control
  - 50-80% -- Complex platforms as above
  - 10-30% -- Simple embedded software
- **Apply lack-of-flexibility factor to O&M component**

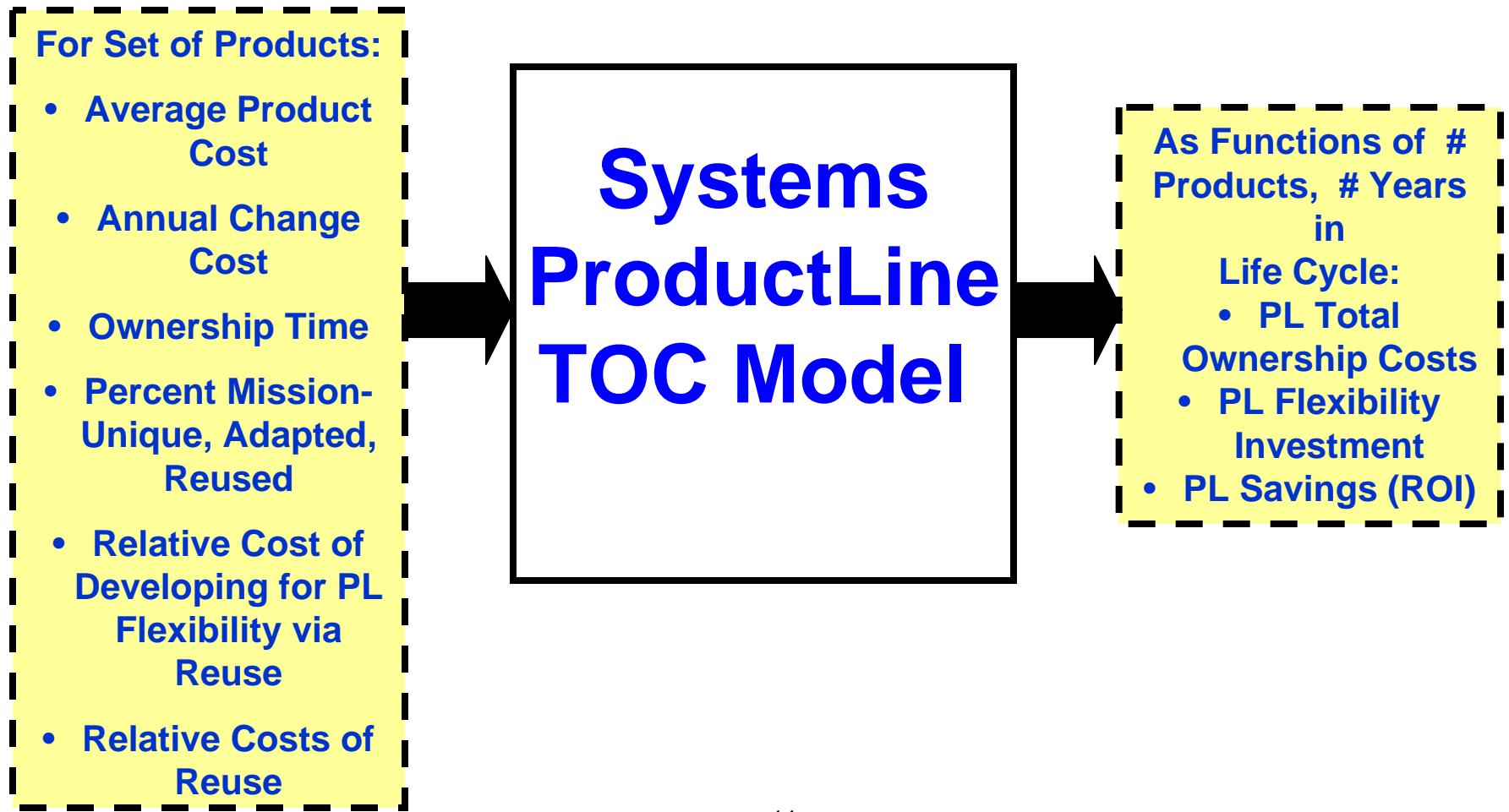


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# Systems Product Line TOC Model





# Product Line Engineering and Management



## Systems Product Line Flexibility Value Model

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### System Costs

Average Product Development Cost (Burdened \$M)  Ownership Time (Years)

Annual Change Cost (% of Development Cost)  Interest Rate (Annual %)

### Product Line Percentages Relative Costs of Reuse (%)

Unique %  Relative Cost of Reuse for Adapted

Adapted %  Relative Cost of Reuse for Reused

Reused %

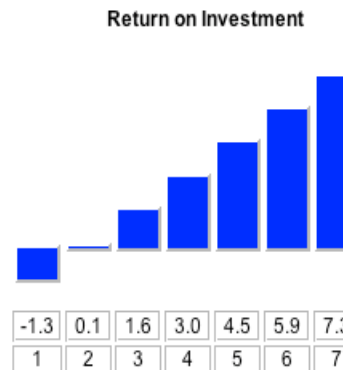
### Investment Cost

Relative Cost of Developing for PL Flexibility via Reuse

Calculate

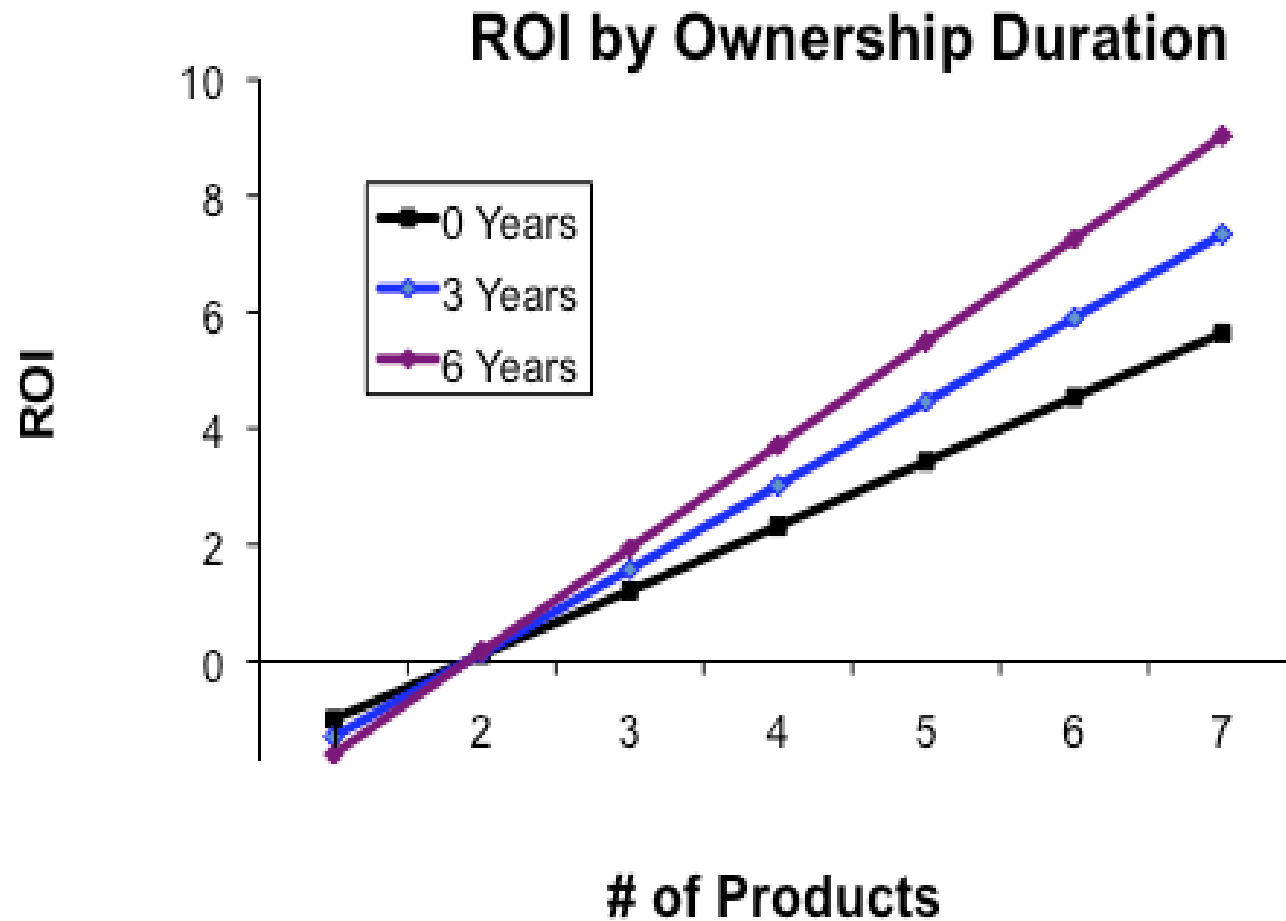
### Results

# of Products	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Development Cost (\$M)	\$7.1	\$2.7	\$2.7	\$2.7	\$2.7	\$2.7	\$2.7
Ownership Cost (\$M)	\$2.1	\$0.8	\$0.8	\$0.8	\$0.8	\$0.8	\$0.8
Cum. PL Cost (\$M)	\$9.2	\$12.7	\$16.2	\$19.7	\$23.1	\$26.6	\$30.1
PL Flexibility Investment (\$M)	\$2.1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
PL Effort Savings	(\$2.7)	\$0.3	\$3.3	\$6.3	\$9.4	\$12.4	\$15.4
Return on Investment	-1.30	0.14	1.58	3.02	4.46	5.90	7.34





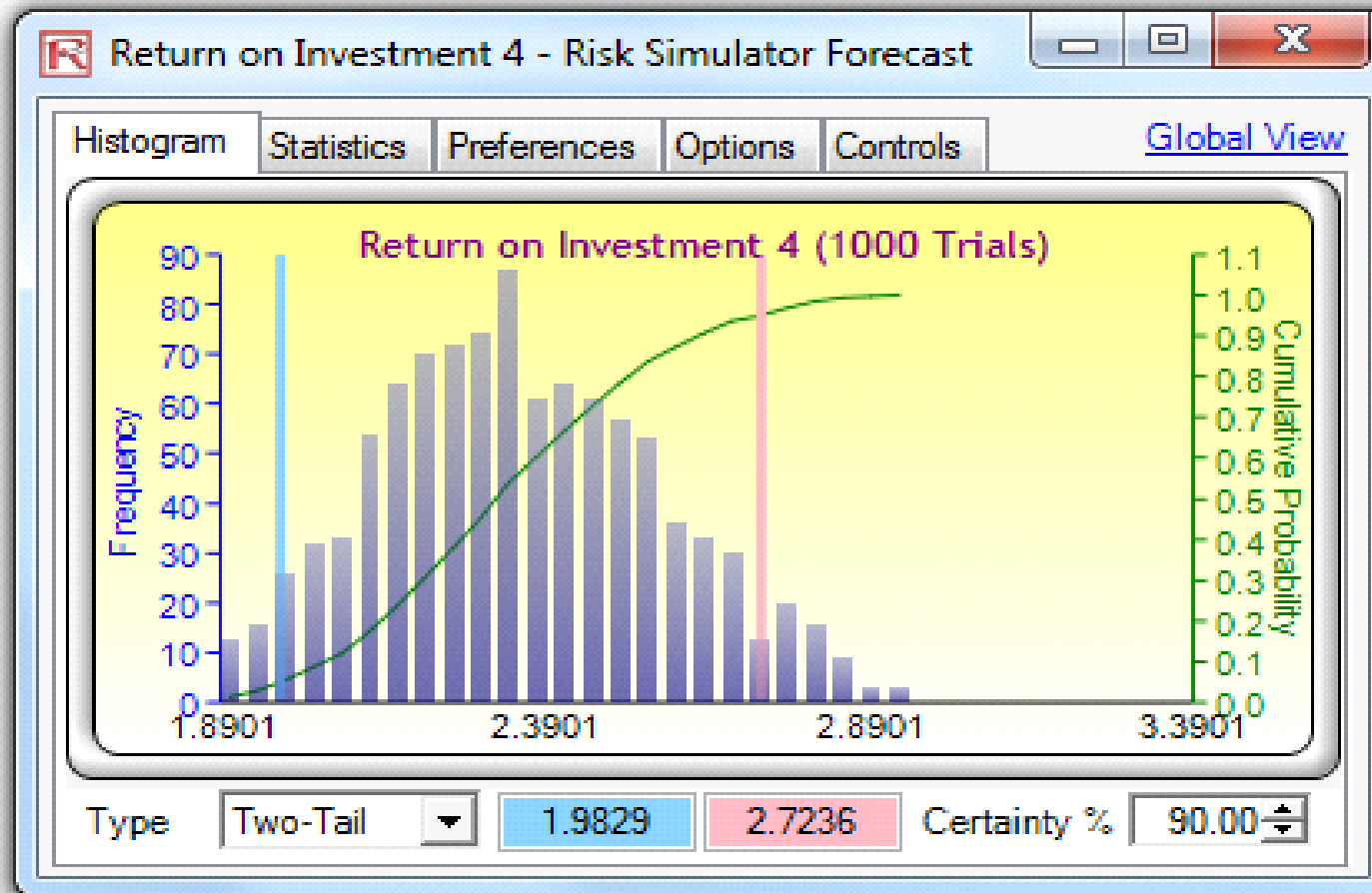
# Product Line Payoff Increases with Lifetime







# Extension with NPS KVA Capabilities





# Conclusions

- **Affordability increasingly competition-critical**
  - Need to balance cost, schedule, performance, functionality
- **Some improvement avenues available**
  - **Total Ownership Cost Analysis of Alternatives**
    - Identify and architect to encapsulate sources of change
  - **Product Line Engineering and Management**
  - **Concurrent vs. Sequential Engineering**
    - Using cost-effectiveness, evidence-based decision points
  - **Value-Based Engineering**
    - Vs. assuming equal-value requirements, tests, defects
- **No one-size-fits-all solution**