

What do Coin Tosses, Decision Making under Uncertainty, The VTRA 2010 and Average Return Time Uncertainty have in common?



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- 1. Imagine we have a coin and we flip it repeatedly
- 2. When heads turns up you "win" when tails turns up you "lose"

Suppose we flip the coin four times, how many times do you expect to win? 2 times

Suppose we flip the coin ten times, how many times do you expect to win? 5 times

### WHAT ASSUMPTION(S) DID YOU MAKE?







### **Conclusion:** you made **reasonable assumptions** –

- 1. The coin has two different sides
- 2. When flipping it, each side turns up 50% of the time "on average".

Would it have made sense to assume the coin had only one face **NO** i.e. both sides show heads (or tails)?

Assuming both sides show heads or tails is equivalent to making a **worst case** or **best case** assumption.



Suppose you actually flip the "fair" coin ten times How many times will "heads" turn up?

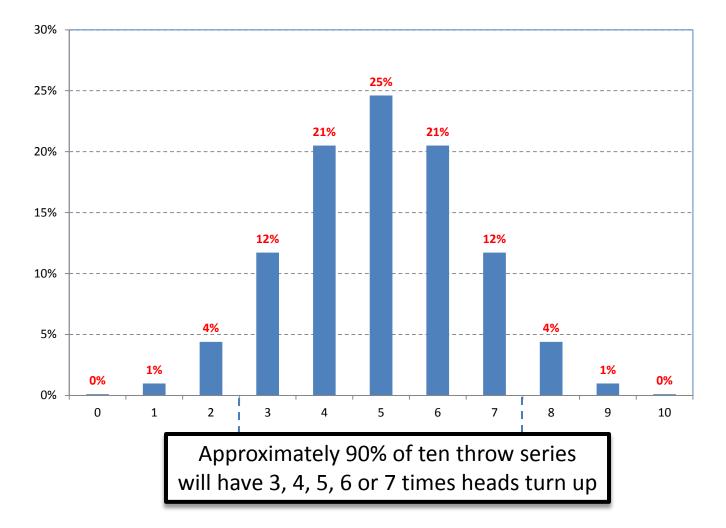
Answer could vary from 0 to 10 times, for example,

First ten times: 3 times heads turns upSecond ten times: 7 times heads turns upThird ten times: 6 times heads turns upFourth ten times: 4 times heads turns up

etc.

We say "on average" 5 out of ten times heads turns up





**Conclusion:** While we expect 5 times heads to turn up, the actual number is uncertain!

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 Imagine we have two coins: Coin 1 shows heads 50% of the time Coin 2 shows heads 75% of the time



2. When heads turns up, you win a pot of money. When tails turns up, you do not get anything.

You have to choose between Coin 1 and Coin 2 Which one would you choose? Coin 2

WHAT ASSUMPTION DID YOU MAKE? You assumed that the pot of money you win is the same regardless of the coin you chose!

1. Imagine we have two coins:

Coin 1 shows heads 50% of the time Coin 2 shows heads 75% of the time

 Each time heads turns up, you win the same pot of money. When tails turns up you do not get anything, regardless of the coin you throw.

> You have to choose between two alternatives Alternative 1: Throwing ten times with Coin 1 Alternative 2: Throwing five times with Coin 2

### Which alternative would you choose?

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Alternative 1 you expect to win 5 times and Alternative 2 you expect to win 3.75 times

CHOOSE ALTERNATIVE 1



Coin 2



Coin 1

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1. Imagine we have two coins:

Coin 1 shows heads 50% of the time Coin 2 shows heads 75% of the time

 Each time heads turns up with Coin 1 you win \$2. Each time heads turns up with Coin 2 you win \$4. When tails turns up you do not get anything.

> You have to choose between two ALTERNATIVES Alternative 1: Throwing ten times with Coin 1 Alternative 2: Throwing five times with Coin 2

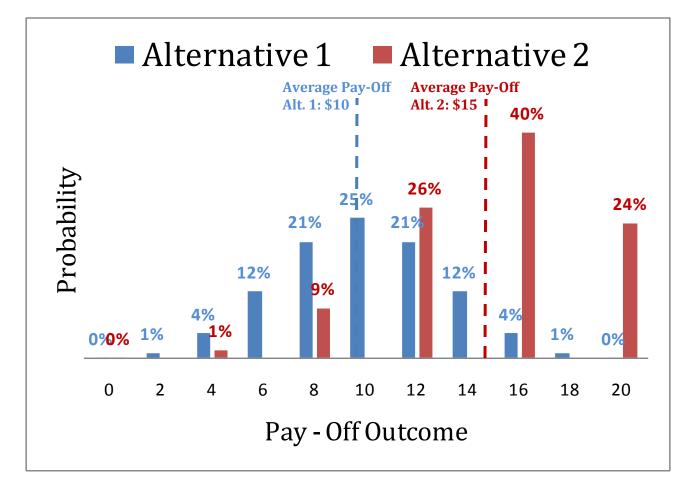
## Which alternative would you choose?

Alternative 1 you average5 \* \$2 = \$10**CHOOSE**Alternative 2 you average 3.75 \* \$4 = \$15**ALTERNATIVE 2** 









Our objective is to **maximize pay-off.** So **faced with uncertainty** of **pay-off outcomes** we choose the alternative with largest average pay-off.



## Conclusion?

When choosing between **two alternatives** entailing a series of trials, the following comes into play:1. The number of trials *N* in each alternative

- 2. The probability of success *P* per trial
- 3. The pay-off amount *W* per trial

### AVERAGE PAY-OFF = N × P × W Is it required to know the absolute value of N, P and W to choose between these two alternatives?



- Imagine we have two coins: Coin 2 shows heads 1.5 times more than Coin 1
- 2. When heads turns up with Coin 2 **you win 2 times the amount** when heads turns up with Coin 1.

You have to choose between **Two Alternatives** Alternative 1: Throwing **2\*N times** with Coin 1 Alternative 2: Throwing **N times** with Coin 2

> P = % Heads turns up with Coin 1, W = \$ amount you win with Coin 1.

Average Pay - Off Alternative 2 : $\mathbb{N} \times 1.5 \times \mathbb{P} \times \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{W}$ Average Pay - Off Alternative 1 : $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{N}$  $\times \mathbb{P}$  $\times \mathbb{P}$  $\times \mathbb{W}$ 

Average Pay-Off Alt. 2/Average Pay-Off Alt. 1 = 1.5



# **Conclusion?**

When choosing between **two alternatives** entailing a series of trials, we can make a choice if we know **the multiplier between the average pay-offs**, even when the absolute pay-off values over the two alternative series are unknown/uncertain



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### What was The Objective in Coin Toss Example? Maximize Average Pay-Off

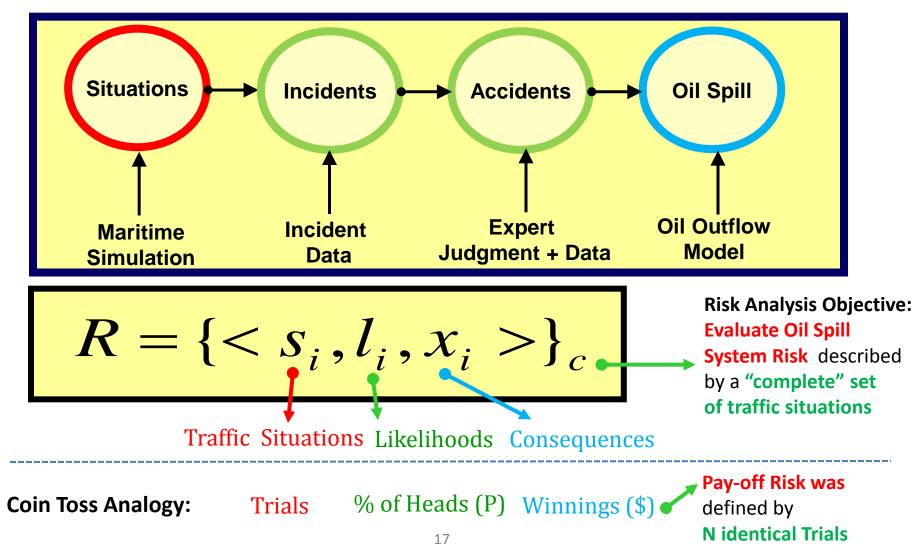
What is the Objective in a Maritime Risk Assesment? Minimize Average Potential Oil Loss

Truth be told, for some the objective is to Maximize Average Pay-Off, for some it is to Minimize Average Potential Oil Loss and for others it is to Achieve Both.

For sake of argument, lets take in Maritime Risk Assessment a focus towards Minimizing Average Potential Oil Loss, while recognizing the Maximize Average Pay-Off Objective is also at play.



#### An Oil Spill is a series of cascading events referred to as a Causal Chain





- In light of uncertainties inherent to any risk analysis, we choose <u>not to focus</u> on;
- absolute evaluations of risk levels, but to focus on
- relative risk changes from a base case scenario by adding or removing traffic to or from that base case.

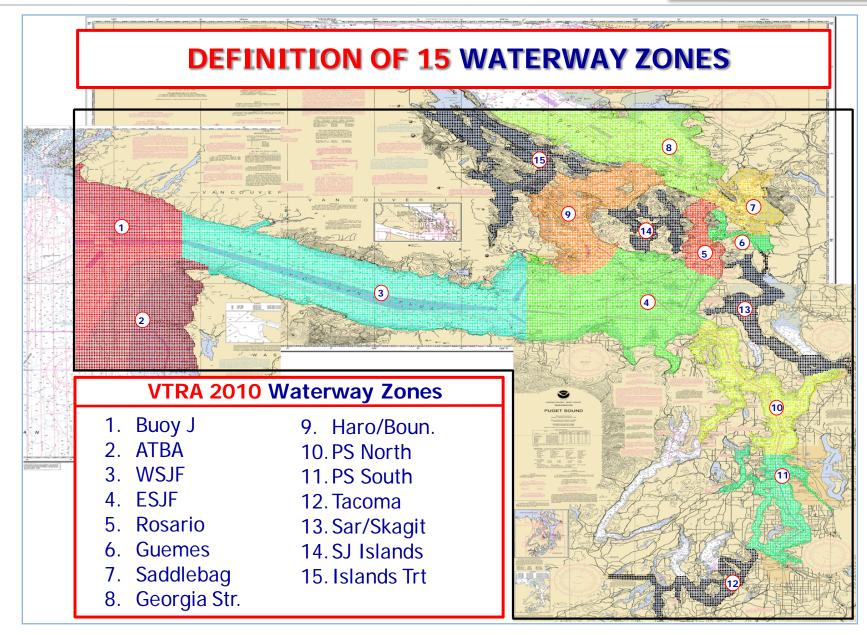


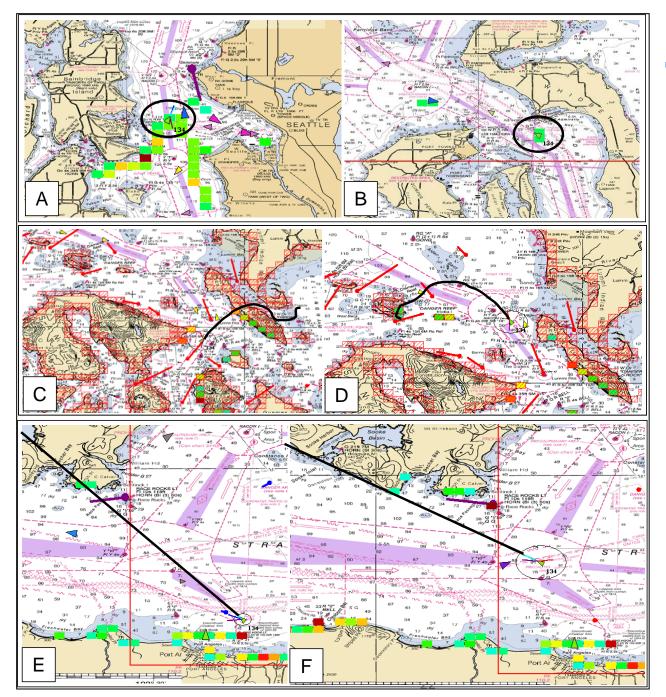
- A Base Case (BC) Analysis Framework is constructed while;
- making reasonable assumptions (not worst or best case), and
- What-if (WI), Bench-Mark (BM) and Risk Mitigation Measure (RMM) cases are analyzed within that framework.



- Base Case (BC) system wide risk levels are set at 100%, and
- System wide % changes <u>up or down</u> are evaluated for What-if (WI), Bench-Mark (BM) and Risk Mitigation Measure (RMM), moreover
- Location-Specific Multipliers are evaluated for 15 Waterway Zones.







### Generating Traffic Situations:

#### Counting Collision Accident Scenario's

#### Counting Drift Grounding Accident Scenario's

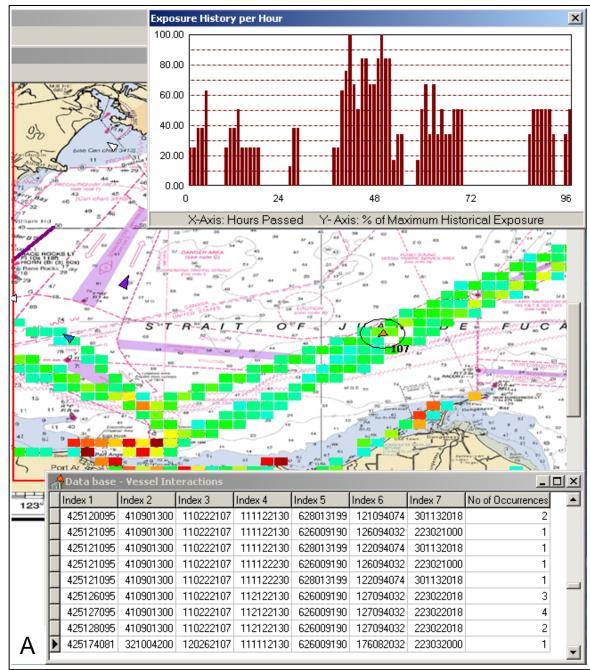
Counting Powered Grounding Accident Scenario's



• Map is divided in squares of grid cells with dimension half nautical mile by half nautical mile and The VTRA 2010

# Evaluates per Grid Cell!

- # of traffic situations per year
- potential accident frequency per year
- potential oil loss per year

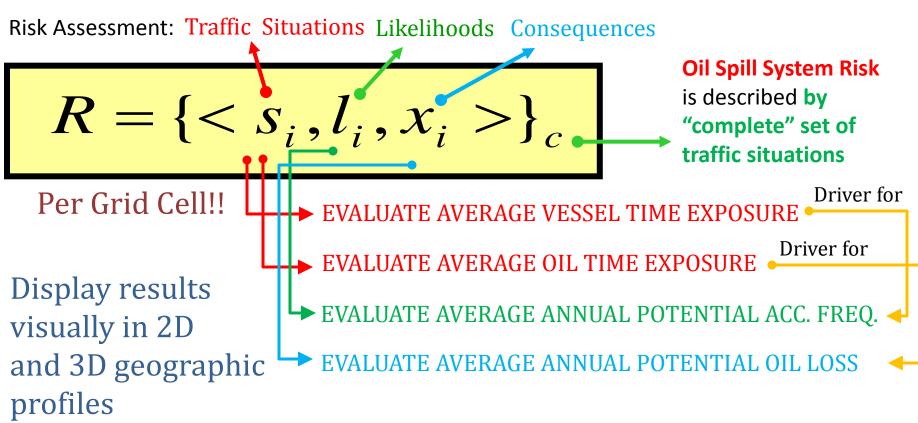


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Recall Coin Toss Analogy: Trials (N) % of Heads (P) Winnings (W)

EVALUATE AVERAGE PAY-OFF =  $\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{W}$ 





- **Collision System Exposure in Base Case:**
- Approximately **10,000 grid cells of 0.5 x 0.5 mile** in VTRA study area with Vessel to Vessel traffic situations.
- Approximately **1.8 Million Vessel to Vessel Traffic Situations per year** generated by VTRA 2010 Model.
- Vessel to Vessel Traffic Situations per cell per year range from 1 – 7,000 (or on average about 0 – 20 per day per cell).

### Recall Coin Toss – Traffic Situation Analogy: "1.8 Million Coin Tosses with <u>very small probability</u> of Tails"



Grounding System Risk in Base Case:

- Approximately **4,000 grid cells of 0.5 x 0.5 mile** in VTRA study area with Vessel to Shore traffic situations.
- Approximately **10 Million Vessel to Shore Traffic Situations per year** generated by VTRA 2010 Model.
- Vessel to Shore Traffic Situations <u>per cell</u> per year range from 1 – 55,000 (or on average about 0 – 150 per day).

### Recall Coin Toss – Traffic Situation Analogy: "10 Million Coin Tosses with <u>very small probability</u> of Tails"

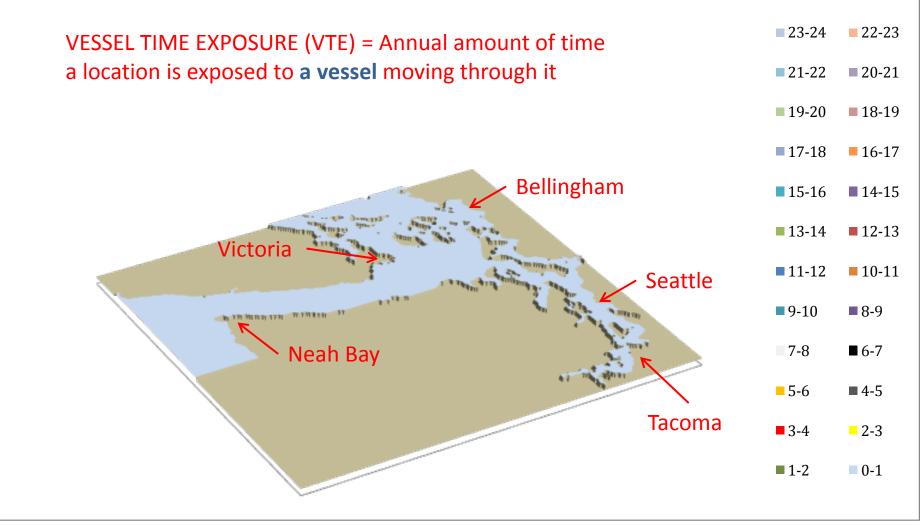


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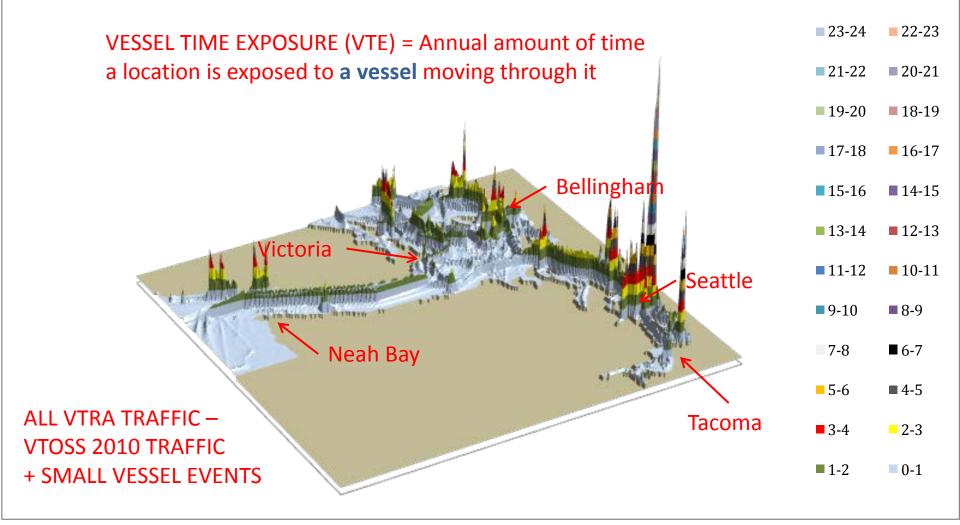


#### P: Base Case 3D Risk Profile MAP TO DISPLAY - Vessel Time Exposure



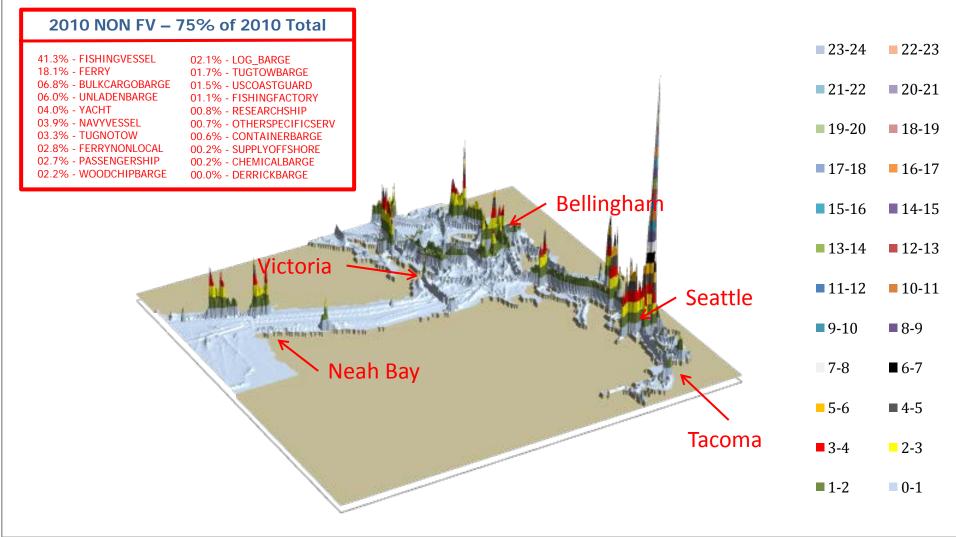


#### P: Base Case 3D Risk Profile ALL TRAFFIC - Vessel Time Exposure: 100%Total VTE





# NON - FV TRAFFICP: Base Case3D Risk ProfileNON FV- Vessel Time Exposure: 75%Total VTE



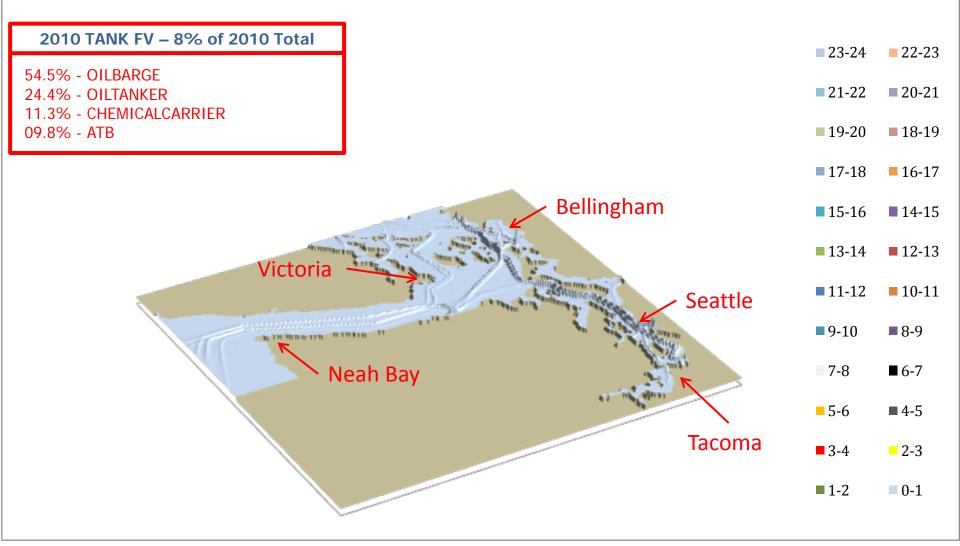


#### P: Base Case 3D Risk Profile Cargo FV - Vessel Time Exposure: 17% of Base Case VTE

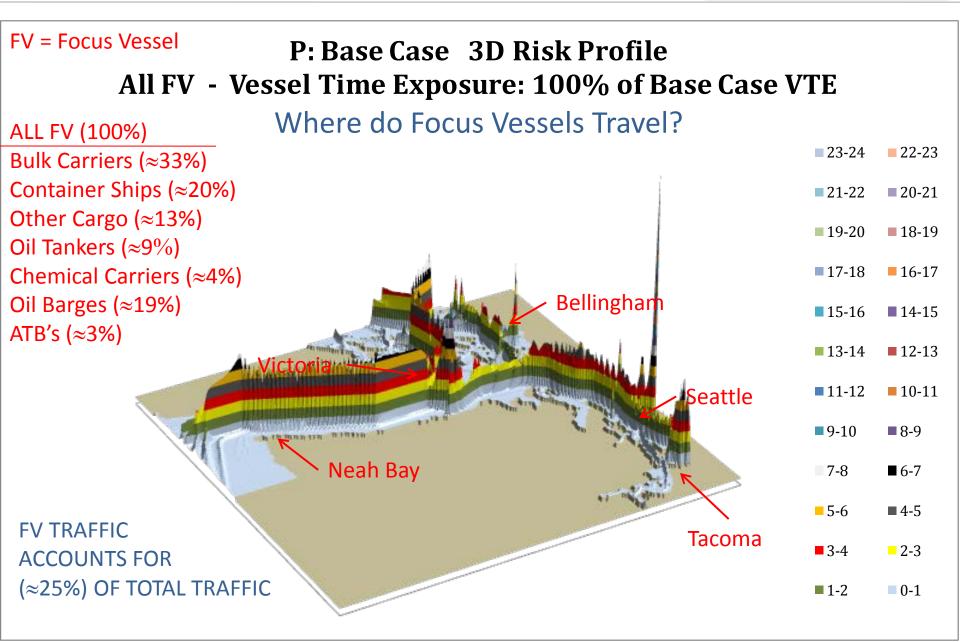




#### P: Base Case 3D Risk Profile Tank FV - Vessel Time Exposure: 8% of Base Case VTE



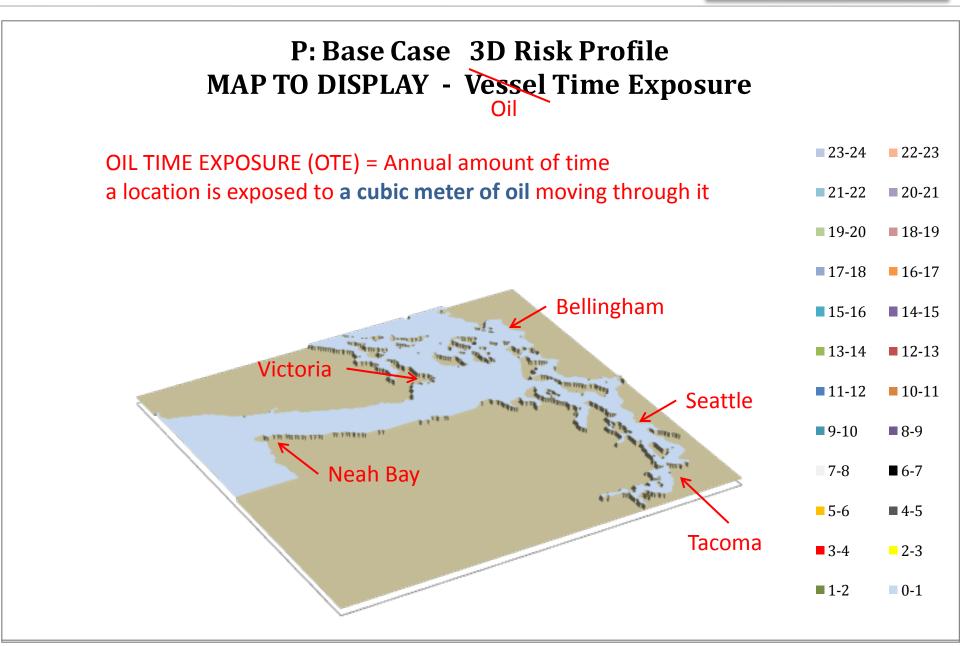




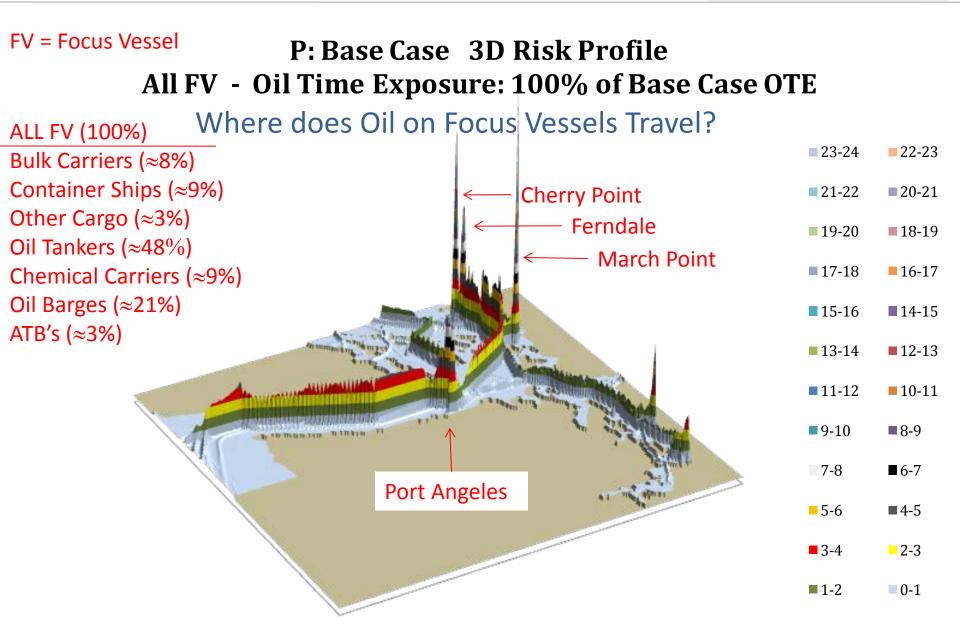


FV = Focus Vessel	P: Base Case 3D Risk Profile		
Tanker - Vessel Time Exp.: 9% of Base Case VTE			
ALL FV	Where do Tankers Travel?		
Bulk Carriers		23-24	22-23
Container Ships		21-22	20-21
Other Cargo	/ Cherry Point	<b>19-20</b>	<b>18-19</b>
Oil Tankers (≈9%)	<b>Ferndale</b>		
Chemical Carriers		<b>17-18</b>	<b>16-17</b>
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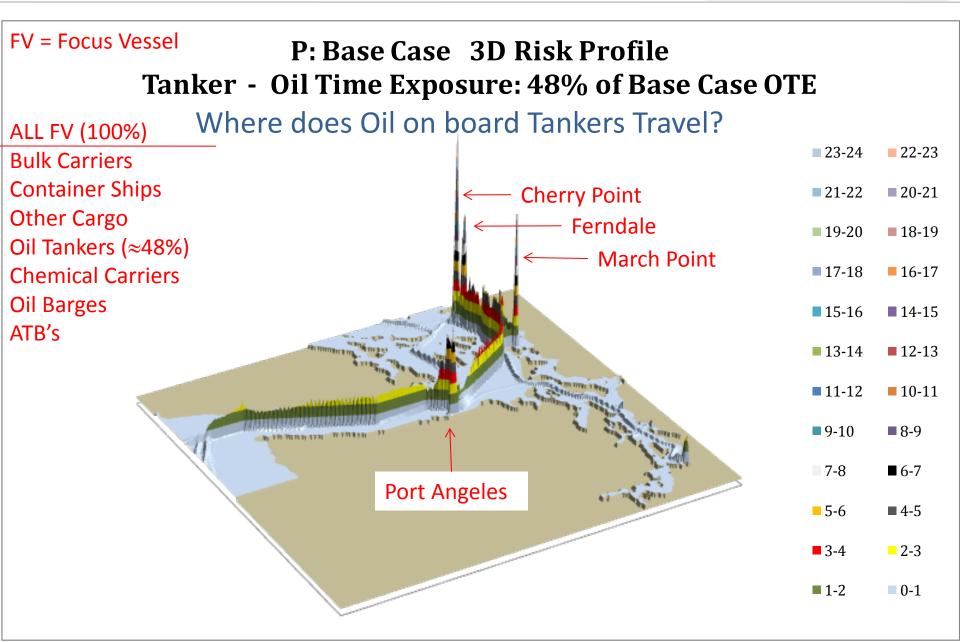












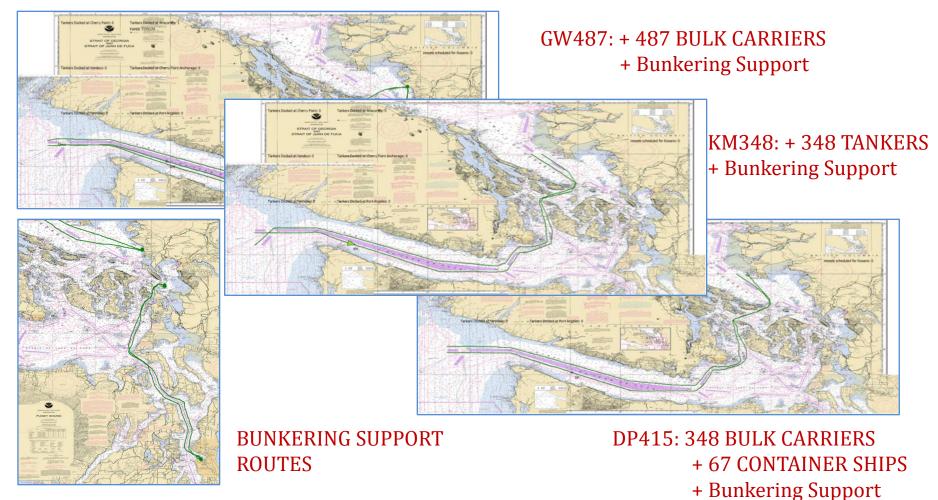


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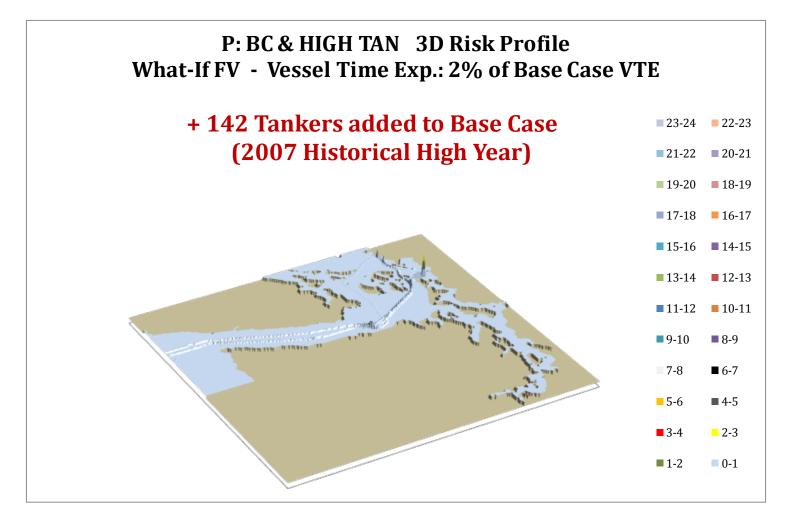


## WHAT – IF SCENARIO ROUTES



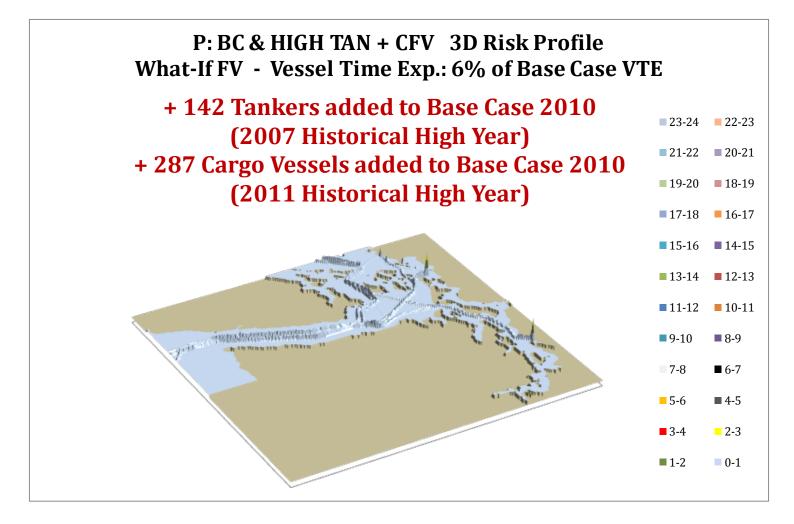


## **BENCH-MARK TANKER ROUTES**





## **BENCH-MARK TANKER + CARGO ROUTES**





## WHAT – IF SCENARIO ANALYSES

	WHAT IF SCENARIO ANALYSIS				
	Vessel Time Exposure (VTE)	Oil Time Exposure (OTE)	Pot. Accident Frequency (PAF)	Pot. Oil Loss (POL)	
P - Base Case	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	WHAT IF SCENARIO ANALYSIS				
P - Base Case	Modeled Base Case 2010 year informed by VTOSS 2010 data amongst other sources.				
Q - GW - 487	Gateway expansion scenario with 487 additional bulk carriers and bunkering support				
R - KM - 348	Transmountain pipeline expansion with additional 348 tankers and bunkering support				
S - DP - 415	Delta Port Expansion with additional 348 bulk carriers and 67 container vessels				
<u>T - GW - KM - DP</u>	Combined expansion scenario of above three expansion scenarios				
	WHAT IF SCENARIO ANALYSIS				
	Vessel Time Exposure (VTE)	Oil Time Exposure (OTE)	Pot. Accident Frequency (PAF)	Pot. Oil Loss (POL)	
P - Base Case	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Q - GW - 487	+13%   113%	+5%   105%	+12%   112%	+12%   112%	
R - KM - 348	+7%   107%	+51%   151%	+5%   105%	+36%   136%	
S - DP - 415	+5%   105%	+3%   103%	+6%   106%	+4%   104%	
T - GW - KM - DP	+25%   125%	+59%   159%	+18%   118%	+68%   168%	

+7% | 107%

P - BC & HIGH TAN + CFV



## **BENCH MARK ANALYSES ON CASE P**

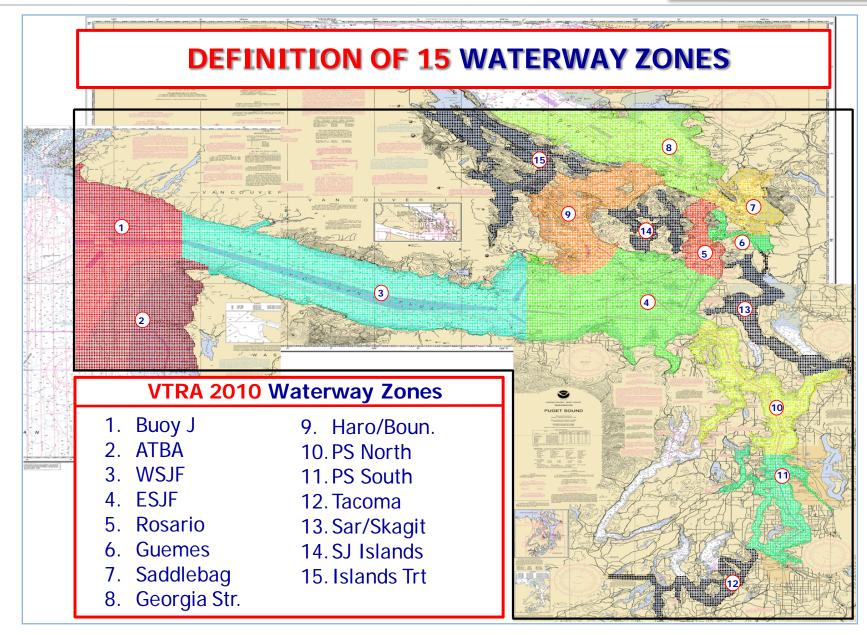
	P - RMM SCENARIO REFERENCE POINT				
	Vessel Time Exposure (VTE)	Oil Time Exposure (OTE)	Pot. Accident Frequency (PAF)	Pot. Oil Loss (POL)	
P - Base Case	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	CASE P BENCHMARK (BM) & SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS				
P - Base Case	Modeled Base Case 2010 year informed by VTOSS 2010 data amongst other sources.				
P - BC & LOW TAN + CFV	Base Case with Tankers and Cargo Focus Vessels set at a low historical year				
P - BC & LOW TAN	Base Case with Tankers set at a low historical year				
P - BC & HIGH TAN	Base Case with Tankers set at a high historical year				
P - BC & HIGH TAN + CFV	Base Case with Tankers a	Base Case with Tankers and Cargo Focus Vessels set at a high historical year			
	CASE P BENCHMARK (BM) & SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS				
	Vessel Time Exposure (VTE)	Oil Time Exposure (OTE)	Pot. Accident Frequency (PAF)	Pot. Oil Loss (POL)	
P - Base Case	100%	100%	100%	100%	
P - BC & LOW TAN + CFV	-3%   97%	-14%   86%	-5%   95%	-20%   80%	
P - BC & LOW TAN	-2%   98%	-13%   87%	-4%   96%	-22%   78%	
P - BC & HIGH TAN	+2%   102%	+14%   114%	+3%   103%	+9%   109%	

+15% | 115%

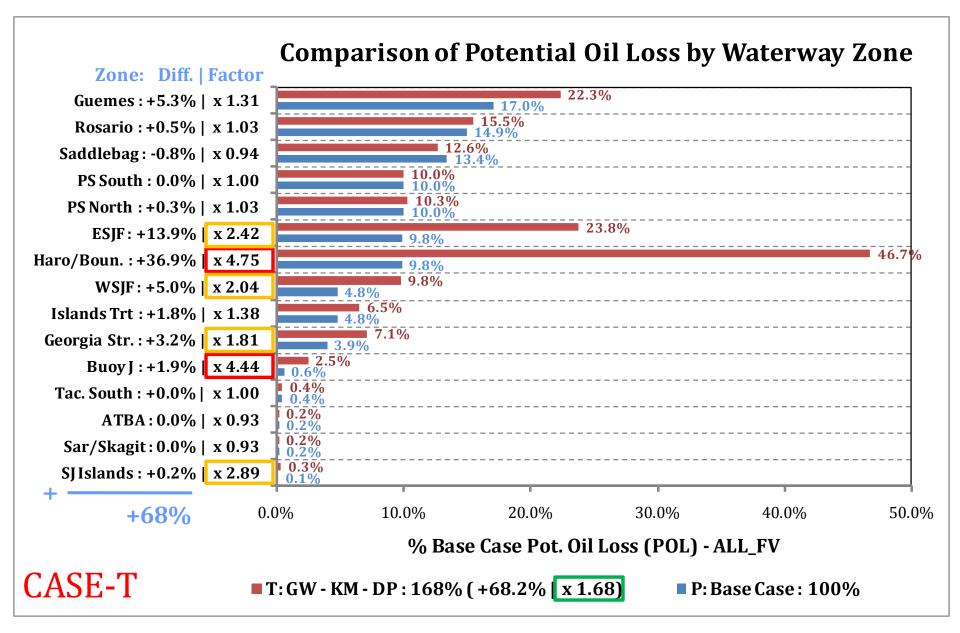
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+8% | 108%











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VTRA 2010 Analysis Approach The ORIGINAL VTRA 2010 Study did not evaluate average accident return times as its risk metric of choice. Other Maritime Risk Studies, however, <u>do evaluate</u> average accident return times as its risk metric of choice (perhaps required). I am presenting this type of analysis here to allow for a comparison between these studies.



Imagine we have had two accidents in a calendar year and we would like to evaluate the "average return time" over that year

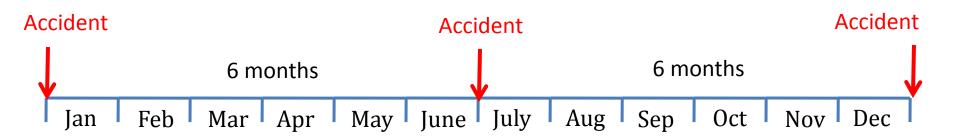


What is the value of the "average return time"?

$$> (4 + 3 + 5)/3 = 4$$
 Months!!!



## The prevailing wisdom, however, converts 2 accidents/year to an "average return time" of $\frac{1}{2}$ year = 6 months





# Conclusion? The definition:

Average Return Time = 1 / # Accidents per Year

Assumes that accidents are equally spaced, which they are not!!!

#### Some would argue:

"It's an average and thus this evens out in the long run"

This would only be true if # Accidents per year is large, which does not apply to low probability – high consequence events!!!



Suppose you have multiple years of data

"Average Return Time" = 1 / # Accidents per Year

	# Accidents per year	Average Return Time
Year 1	1	12 months
Year 2	4	3 months
Year 3	4	3 months
Average	3	6 months

But: 1/3 year = 4 months

## **Conclusion?**

1/ Average (# Accidents per Year) < Average (Average Return Time)

Both methods are used to evaluate average return times which only adds to confusion!



#### **Evaluating average return uncertainty**

Recall VTRA 2010 Maritime Simulation Model generated

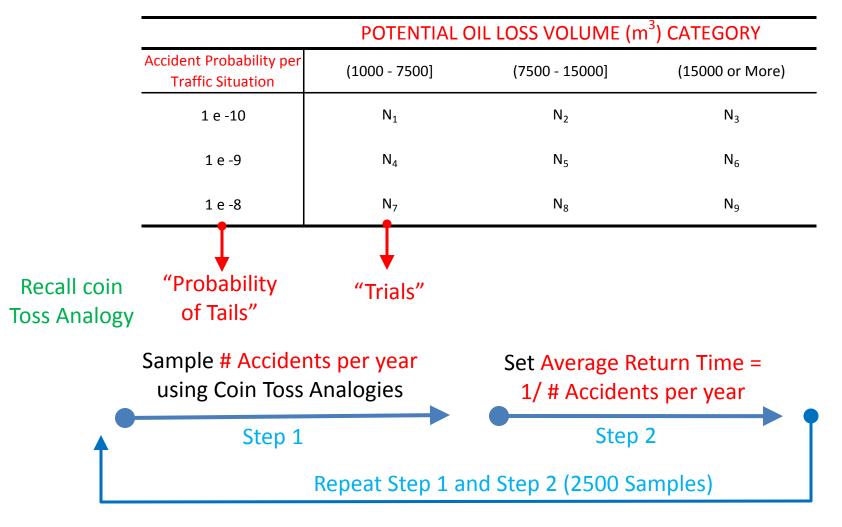
- 1.8 Million Vessel to Vessel Traffic Situations per Year
- 10 Million Vessel to Shore Traffic Situations per Year

Used VTRA 2010 Model to create a table of following format

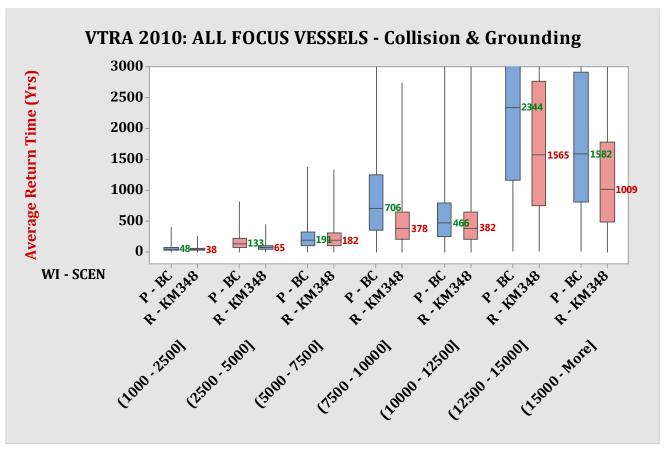
	POTENTIAL OIL LOSS VOLUME (m <sup>°</sup> ) CATEGORY			
Accident Probability per Traffic Situation	(1000 - 7500]	(7500 - 15000]	(15000 or More)	
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1 e -9	$N_4$	N <sub>5</sub>	N <sub>6</sub>	
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#### **Evaluating average return uncertainty**







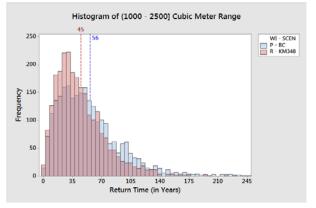
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#### Comments for interpretation:

- 1. Spill Sizes are evaluated in cubic meters.
- 2. Average Return Time are evaluated in years.
- 3. Labels are **median values** of average return times.
- 4. Boxes provide **50% credibility** range of average return times.
- 5. Average Return Time Uncertainty tends to increases with spill size.
- 6. Observe **significant difference** in average return times in the following spill size categories:

(2500 – 5000], (7500 – 10000], (12500 – 15000], (15000 – More).

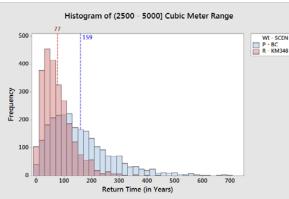


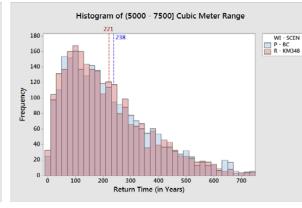


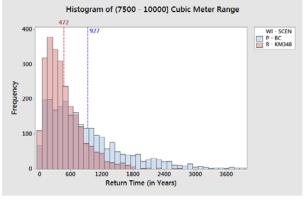
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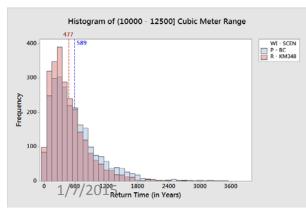
#### Comments for interpretation:

- 1. Spill Sizes are evaluated in cubic meters.
- 2. Average Return Time are evaluated in years (lesser return times implying higher risk).
- 3. Average Return Time Uncertainty tends to increases with spill size.
- 4. Observe little difference in spill size category: (5000 7500].
- 5. Observe difference in spill size category: (1000] (2500], (10000] 12500]
- 6. Observe significant difference in average return times in the following spill size categories: (2500 5000], (7500 10000], (12500 15000], (15000 More).

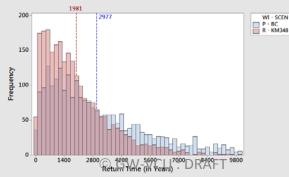




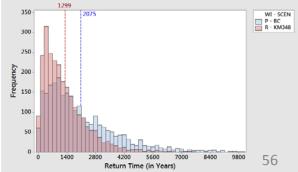




Histogram of (12500 - 15000] Cubic Meter Range



Histogram of (15000 - More] Cubic Meter Range





# QUESTIONS?