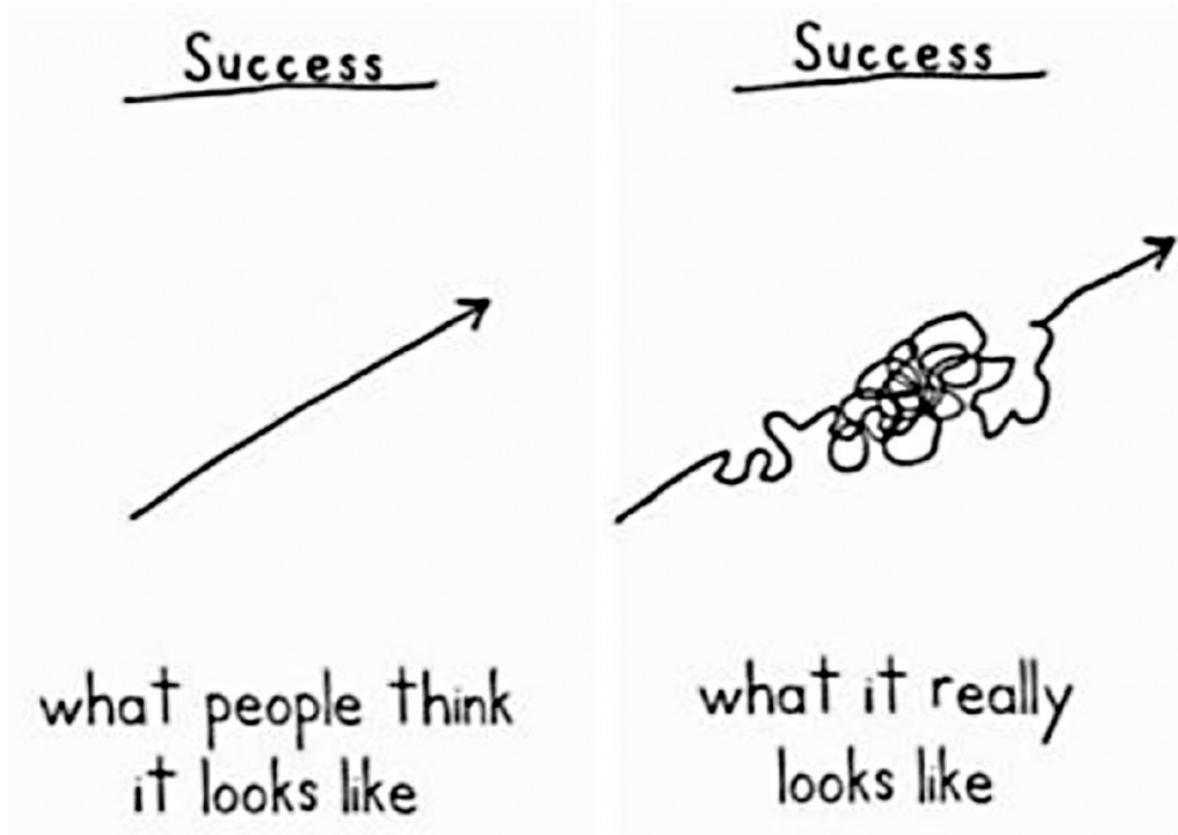


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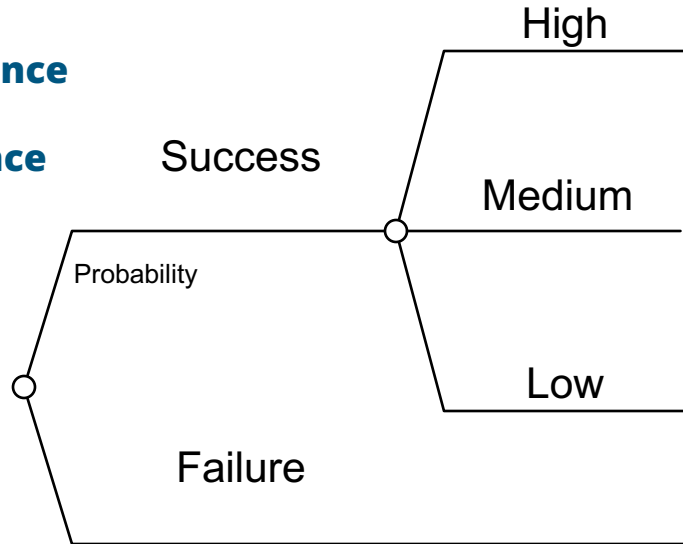
Basic Treatment of an R&D problem

Development
Success

Value if Successful
aka Commercial
Value

Black & White success or failure, including:

- **Technical Performance**
- **Manufacturability**
- **Customer Acceptance**
- **Etc.**



Business case scenarios with figure of merit of NPV or future margin, from optimistic to pessimistic

From Pioneer to Inventor (circa 2001)

- Daryl Anderson, a project manager in Corvallis Oregon, gets very frustrated as he produces a photo history of his family, true Oregon pioneers.
- The peel off labels for the Photo CD's constantly get stuck in his CD Writer making a huge mess.
- He has an idea, why not use the same laser that writes the data to write a label on the other side (yes, it was in the shower).
- He files a patent disclosure and HP decides to file the patent.
- By pure luck, HP owns the foundational patent that was sitting under the nose of the Optical Disc Drive industry.



What is the right strategy for LightScribe?

"Let's make our computers more attractive by making it an exclusive feature."

"We need a license play."

"We get maximum penetration by selling to all comers as a component."

"We need to get partnerships to make this work."

Each area is thinking semiindependently. What are the coordinated business plays?

LightScribe Strategy Table

| | Brand | Business Model | Market Scope | HP Contribution | HP's Role in Optical Drive Industry | Consumer Strategy | Consumer Software |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--|---|---|---|---|--|
| HP Branded | HP | HP Branded drives and discs | HP Branded PC's Only | Optical drive design, disc coating material and consumer software application | HP works with select partners to build HP specific solution | HP drives demand as a proprietary feature | HP exclusive software feature |
| Harvest IP | White Label | License on Drives and Discs | All MS and Apple PC's | IP Only | HP provides licenses to all industry participants -- HP does not develop solution | Disc Brands drive consumer demand | Open development platform for all optical drive software |
| Drive Consumer Standard | Ingredient Brand | License on Drives and Discs | All MS and Apple PC's | IP and certification | HP works with all suppliers to build standard solution | Create industry standard and trademark | Open development platform for all optical drive software |
| Drive Industry Standard | Ingredient Brand | License on Drives and sales of Disc Coating Material | All MS PC's, all aftermarket drives and replicators | IP, disc coating material and certification | HP works with all suppliers to build standard solution and becomes the exclusive supplier of LightScribe coating material | Create industry standard and trademark | Open development platform for all optical drive software |



LightScribe Development Plan

“It will work (quick, more smoke and mirrors)”

Media

- Develop thermo-chromic coatings that meet the speed, contrast, cost, imaging and durability needs of customers.

Hardware

- Develop labeling in the existing writer hardware architecture with minimal modifications and additional cost.

Imaging

- Develop a label imaging system based on the existing optical drives that handles rectangular to curved raster interpolation, curved raster half-toning and new laser and drive mechanism controls.

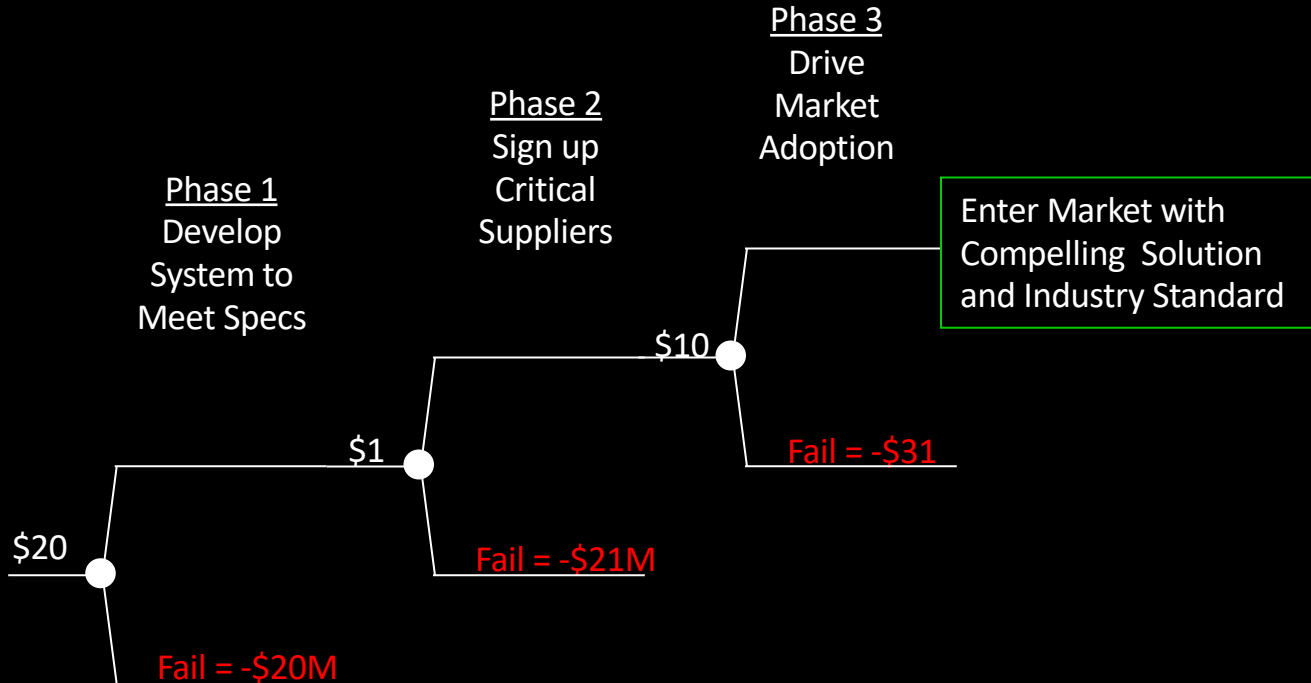
Software

- Develop a software solution that is simple, easy, intuitive, and is integrated in the consumers preferred application.



LightScribe Development Plan

“Let’s develop a full system prototype”



LightScribe Proof Points

Lock-in Business Model

- Validate IP portfolio and complete filing critical IP

Demonstrate end-user enthusiasm

- Small and large scale trials show high intent to use and willingness to pay

Sign up Development Partners

- Select, propose and close JDA with optical drive, coating and disc leaders to co-develop and drive industry standard labeling solution

Design System to Meet Specs

- Develop media, hardware, imaging system and software with partners

Trademark and Certification for Consumer Experience

- Develop a compelling trademark for WW consumers and certification process for to ensure excellent consumer experience and quality

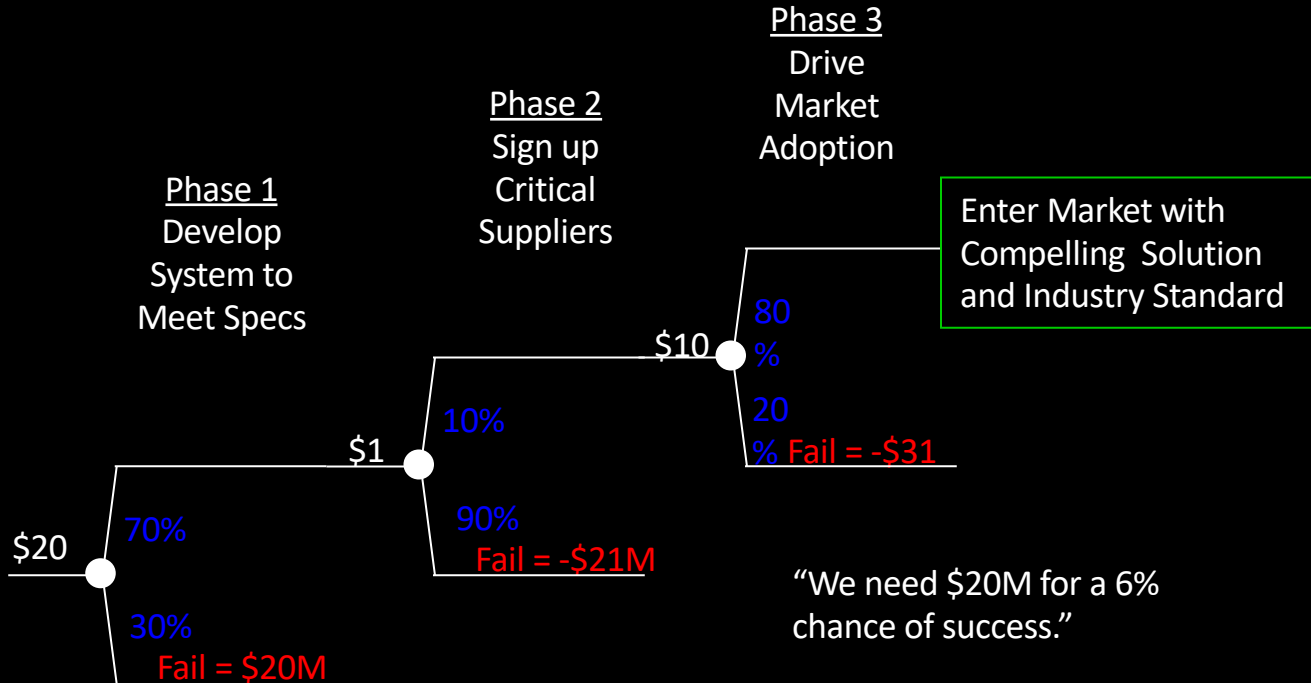
Achieve Industry Standard

- Agreed on launch windows for all parties to build market momentum for LightScribe and early wins for HP and partners



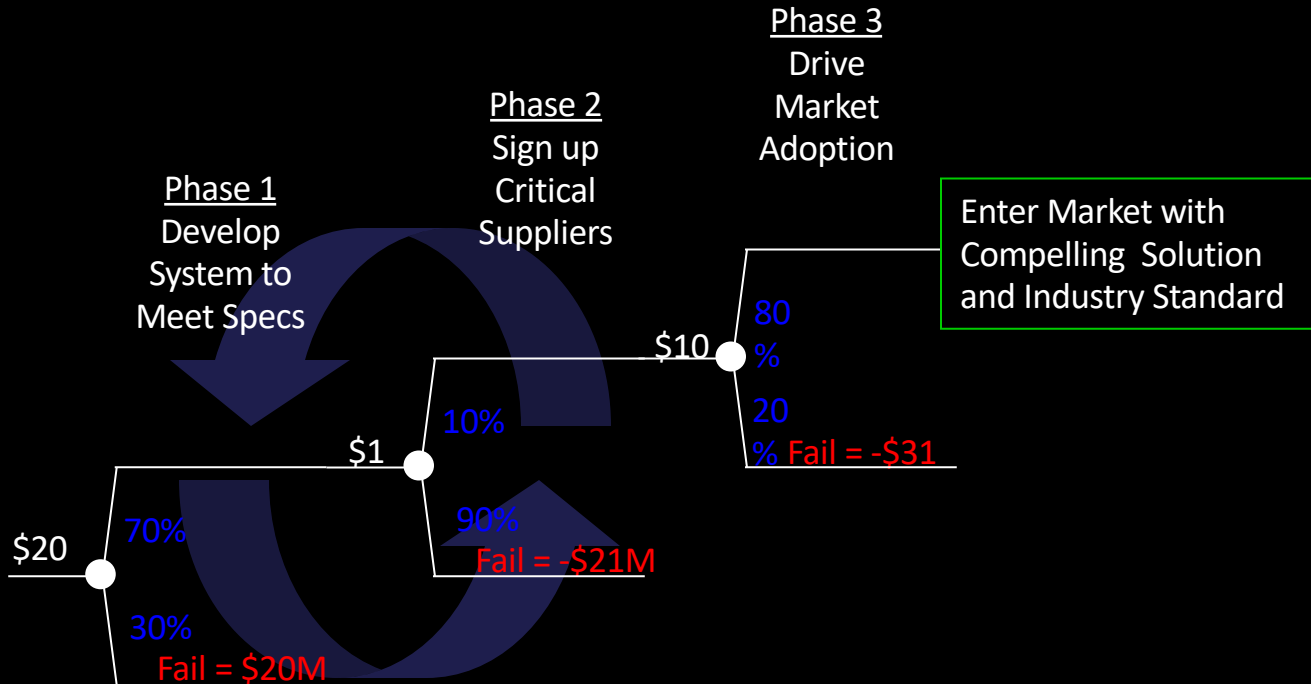
LightScribe Development Plan

“High probability of failing slowly and expensively”



LightScribe Development Plan

“How do we learn quickly and cheaply”



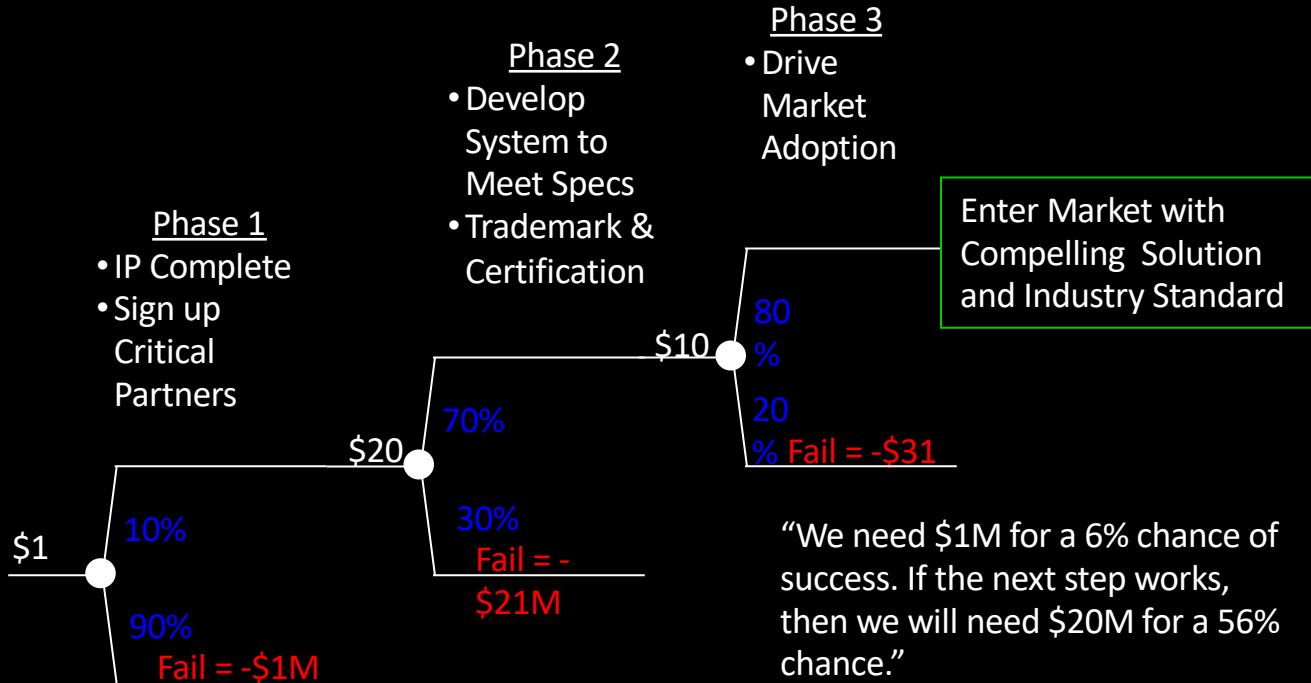
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LightScribe Strategic Plan

“Getting the Proof Points in the right order”



Learning Plan, based on proof points

| | Probability | Duration (Yr) | Investment (\$M) |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| Phase 1 | 10% | 0.5 | \$1 |
| IP Complete | 50% | | |
| Sign up Critical Partners | 20% | | |
| Phase 2 | 72% | 1.5 | \$20 |
| Develop System to Meet Specs | 90% | | |
| Trademark & Certification | 80% | | |
| Phase 3 | 80% | 1 | \$10 |
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| development-adjusted | | | \$3.72 |

Roadmap to Creating an Investment-Grade Proposal

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Align on multiple strategies

- Think boldly
- Clarify plan A
- Understand contingencies

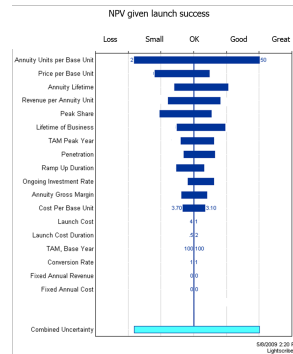
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Plan your pivots

- Understand proof points
- Derisk cheaply and quickly
- Create and exercise options

Tornado Diagram



Drive Upside

- Focus on uncertainties that matter
- Build a winning business case

Seed Business Proposal

Program Name: LightScribe (from 2004)

Customer Value Statement

- **For** – Anyone who burns optical discs – CDs or DVDs
- **Who Need** – To label the contents
- **The Solution & Benefit** – Integrated into your optical disc burner the ability to label specially coated discs – low-cost, fast, high quality image, mobile, and durable. Allows you to express your personality – be it organized, creative, professional, or zany.

Market Trends and Competition (2004)

- > 15B discs are burned by consumers annually, this is growing with music and video download services and digital photography.
- 80% of discs are marked with the “Sharpie”
- Epson, Canon, and Sharp have disc printers or accessories that allow printing of discs
- Laptops are growing at faster rate than desk top PCs – need a mobile solution

Market Size and Business Model

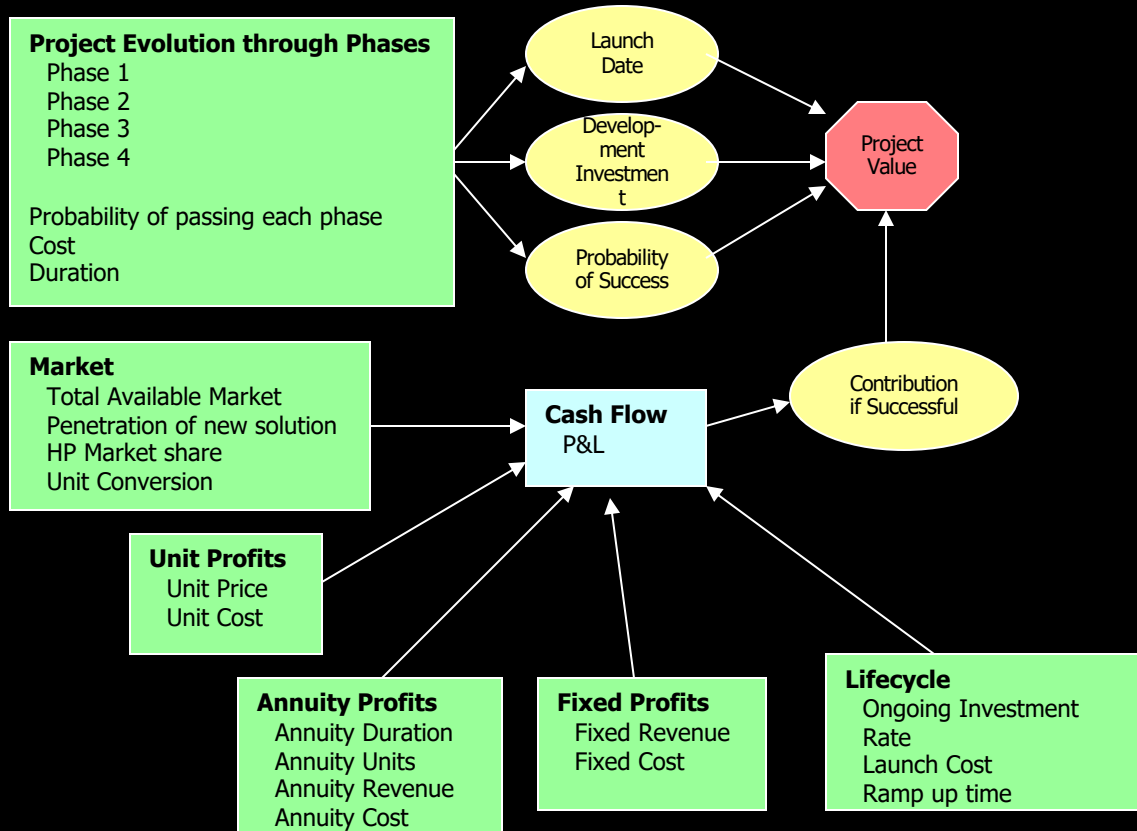
- 2008 Worldwide Market Size:
 - 130M drives sold, 20B discs
- 2008 HP Addressable Market Size: 50%
- Business Model – Licensing and Royalty
- Branding – Create Industry Standard Ingredient Brand with no linkage to HP

Leverage and Required Partnerships

- **IPG Leverage:** Chemistry development, image processing, supply chain, HP Legal
- **HP Partnerships:** HP Personal Systems Group
- **External Partnerships:** Optical drive supplier, disc coating supplier and disc manufactures

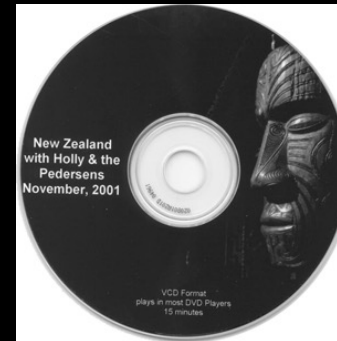
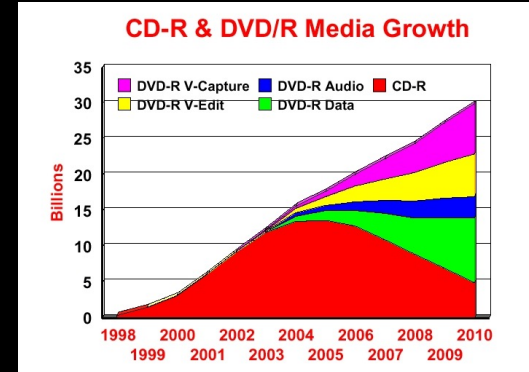


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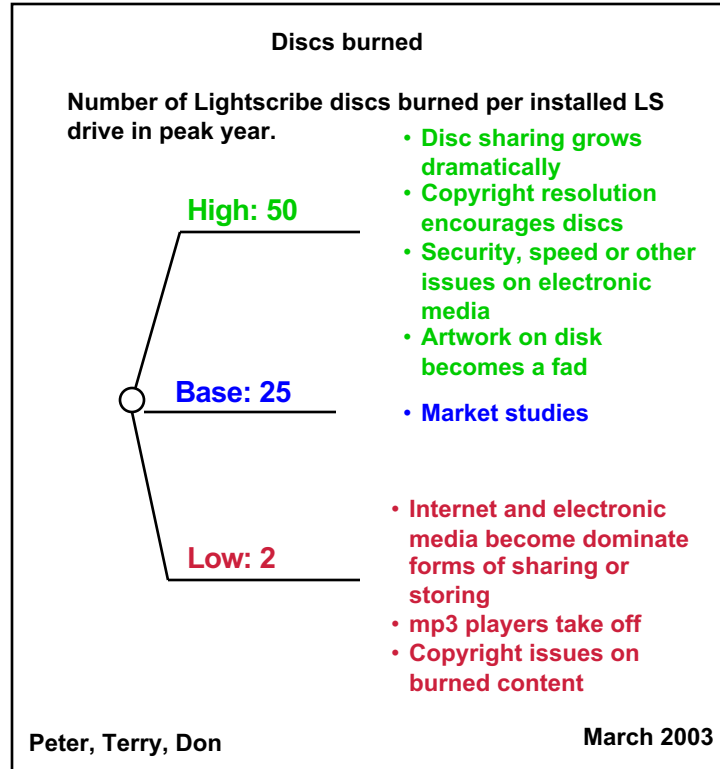


Uncertainty Assessment: Number of labeled discs each year

- In 2004; 300M drives installed base, 15B total discs burned = 50 discs burned per drive
- Projected percentage of burned discs that will be labeled using LightScribe at projected cost and performance = 50%
- Projected discs labeled annually for users with a LightScribe drive = 25
- Error range of consumer research = +/- 20%



Uncertainty discussion of disks burned per drive.



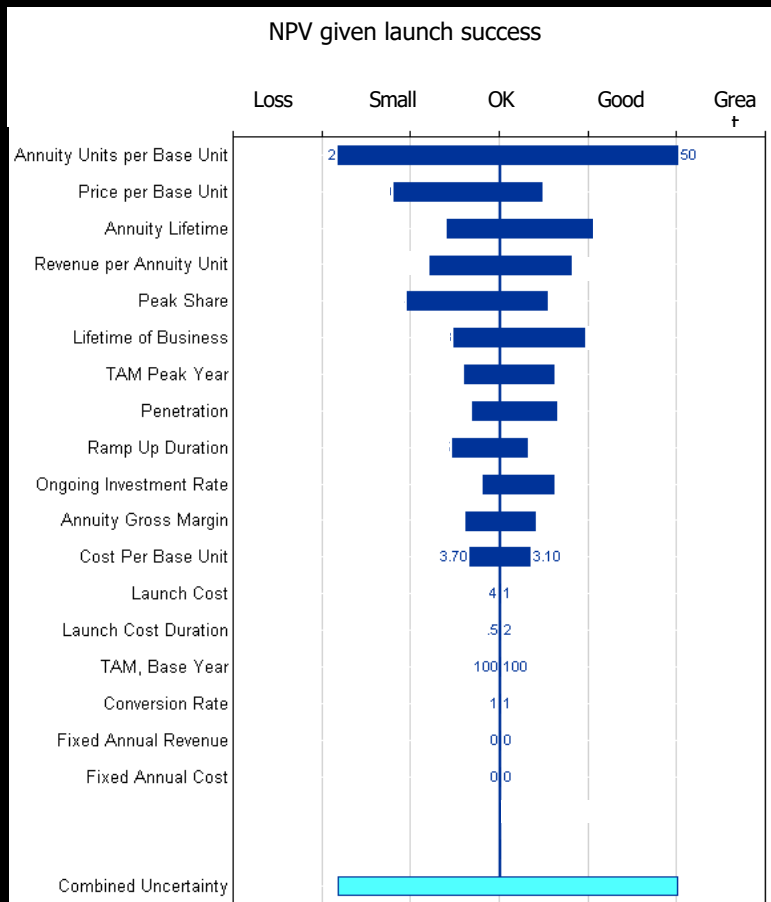
Uncertainty Assessment: Cost of modifying the CD and DVD drives

LightScribe is planned for drives that contain a 32X or greater capable laser, such that a maximum power at the disk surface of 48 mW is available. To achieve the larger spot size, some modifications to the range provided by the voicecoil in the OPU, along with control changes to minimize heating during focus may be required. A chip modification is also anticipated to enable the labeling commands or functionality. By working with an existing manufacturer to implement a reference chip, a smoother expansion into multiple drives will be ensured.

- Detailed engineering and supply chain estimate gives cost of drive at \$3.40 ± 5%
- What would happen if the range was ± 10%?
- Wouldn't this kill the business?



LightScribe Uncertainty Analysis



“The next wave is the real big wave”

- The worldwide portable flash player market exploded in 2003 and is expected to grow from 12.5 million units in 2003 to over 50 million units in 2008, fueled by falling flash memory costs and the availability of players at multiple storage capacities.
- ... new competition in the portable jukebox player market during the forecast period from vendors offering devices based on 1.0in. and smaller hard drive form factors.

Source: “Worldwide Compressed Audio Player Forecast 2004-2008: MP3 Reaches Far and Wide” from technology consulting firm IDC.



An interesting hedging strategy

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Desk Job

**Consumer Demand and Growth
In Laptops Leave Dell Behind**

By **CHRISTOPHER LAWTON**

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Dell has largely ignored the consumer boom although it says it still considers consumers an important market. For a while it had part-time workers with an annual turnover rate of 300% taking calls from customers who wanted to buy a PC. The company has poured money into corporate products such as printers, storage systems and computer servers. It nixed some overtures from retailers to sell its wares in stores. At a conference in 2004, Dell Chief Executive Kevin Rollins declared, "We have never focused on the consumer as a company."

Dell decided not to offer the LightScribe industry standard solution in their PC's.

- *Reduced LightScribe market*
- *HP Increased its leadership in the consumer PC market*

At the same time, rivals such as HP, Gateway and **Apple Computer Inc.**, have charged ahead in the consumer PC market. In particular, H-P cut costs to become competitive with Dell, began working more closely with retailers and redoubled its marketing efforts. As **Dell cut prices,**

H-P invested in consumer-friendly features in its notebooks. H-P computers, using a laser, can write a label on a specially coated music CD with artist and title so users don't have to use a marker.



LightScribe Licensees (May 2009)

PC and Notebooks



Media Brands



System Integrator



CD/DVD Publishing Systems



LightScribe Aftermarket Drive Brands



Roadmap of Portfolio and Innovation Frameworks

