

# Project Alliancing (PA) and Critical Chain Project Management (CCPM)

Methods that INCREASE and ENSURE project collaboration and EXECUTION

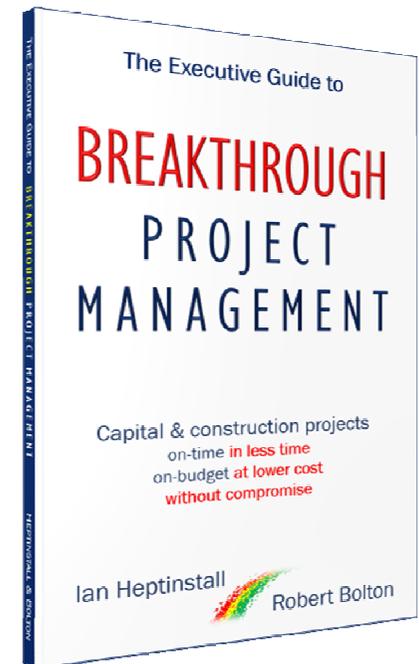
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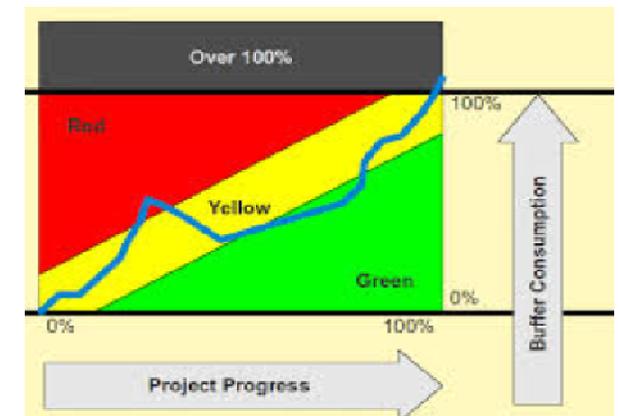
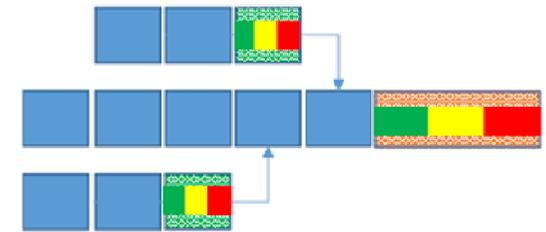
“Better Management – Better Projects”



# Agenda

Background

What is wrong with capex projects?  
Critical Chain Project Management (CCPM)  
Project Alliancing  
Breakthrough Project Management flow  
Questions & answers



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Infrastructure, mining, oil & gas, IT,  
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All aspects of Project Management

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Developed Critical Chain & ToC Mining  
Throughput Focused Mining (TFM)  
Fast track construction  
Activity Based Costing (ABC)



Sydney Convention Centre



Sydney Harbour Tunnel (SHT), Cut & Cover



Collector Bypass



London Victoria Goldmine



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JNA Lucent, NSW



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Common theme: Smart people dealing with lots of data trying to make the right decisions at the right time.

**Direction: Building the systems that manage the projects**



- Software (SaaS) for Supply Chain and Logistics Industry.
- Simplifies industry information flows
- Development & Commercialisation of CCPM system and approach
- Strategic Projects



Figure 1: An example of the movement of one good between two countries from a manufacturer to an end customer

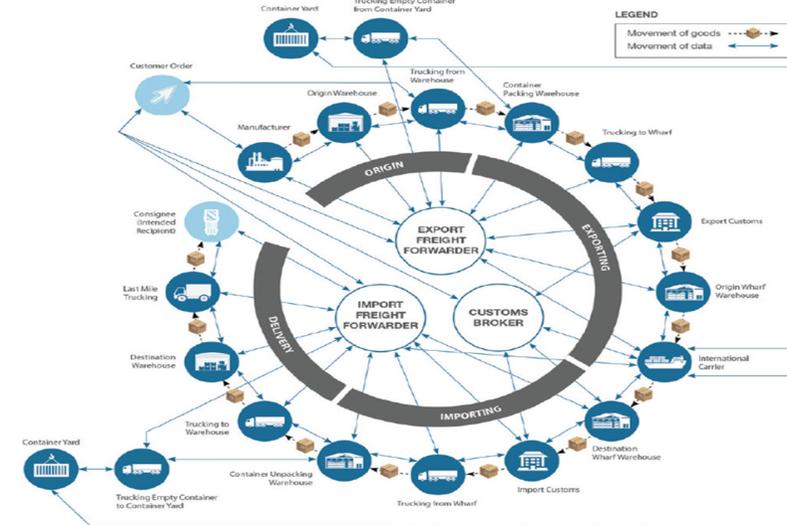
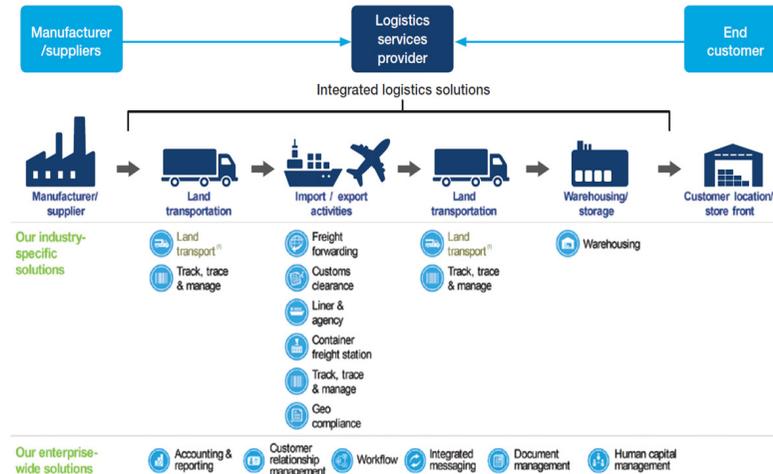


Figure 10: CargoWise One modules across the logistics industry



A request...

## Remember Dr Barry Marshall



NOBEL PRIZE  
IN MEDICINE



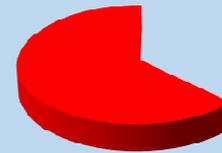
“EVERYONE was  
against me, but I  
knew I was right.”

- Inducted: 1998 -

# What is wrong with capex projects today?

## Cost

Most projects exceed the budget



*ATKearney*  
2012



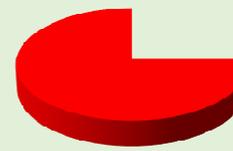
*EY*  
2014



McKinsey&Company  
2015

## Time

Most projects are late



*ATKearney*  
2012



*EY*  
2014



McKinsey&Company  
2015

# What is wrong with capex projects today?

**Commercials take so much time**

Disputes and claims

**Fixed prices for uncertain s**

Tension between supply members

**Poor plans & no-one follows the**

**Murphy**

No, or little, team spirit

Everyone for themselves

**Issues become BIG  
before they are noticed**

Shortage of skilled resources

Is it the people?

...or the methods we  
use





Known & Defined  
methodology, but we are  
**still** getting....

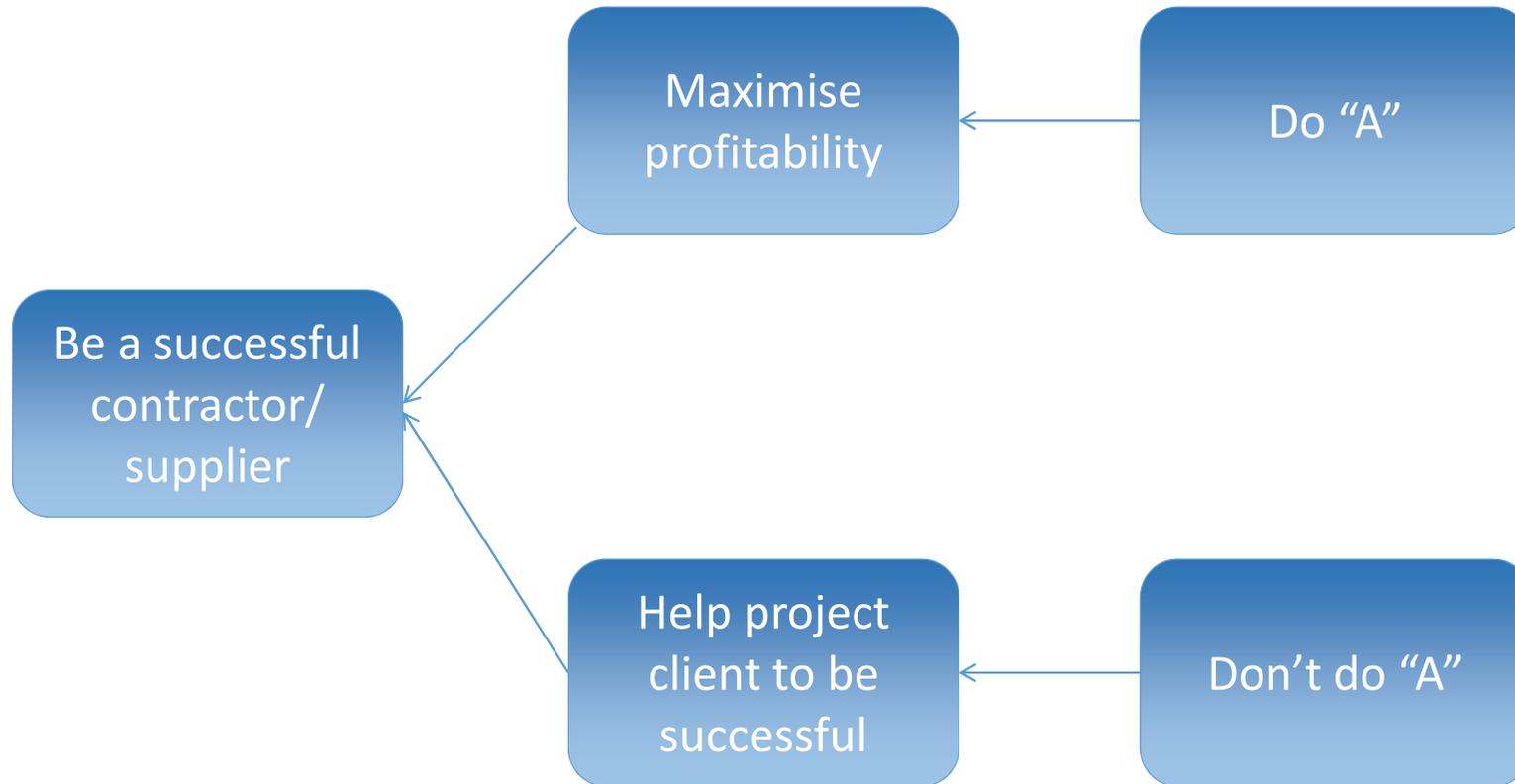
Inconsistent delivery dates  
Inconsistent budget  
performance  
Better & Faster means more  
expense  
Expensive Control



At the heart of the  
problems...

- How we contract
- How we plan
- How we manage  
execution

# The Project Managers Dilemma ?



# The Contractors Dilemma for example....



# An project truism

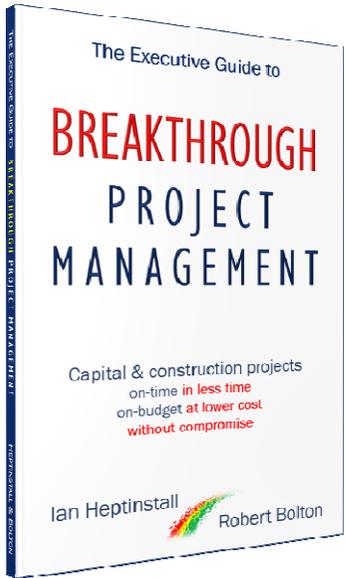


# An project truism



And to overcome this

- Contract to form a true TEAM
- Exploit collaboration
- Plan & Manage Execution

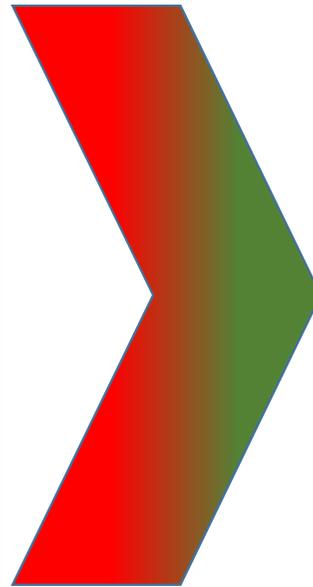


# 1

How we plan

How we manage execution

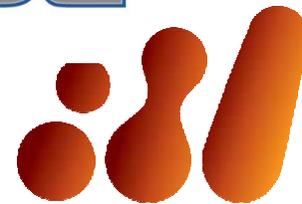
- Fixed prices & deadlines
- The Plan
- Monthly
- Cost
- Start ASAP



- Ranges & best efforts
- Execution & Control
- Daily / Weekly
- Focus & Flow
- Start ALAP

But that sounds crazy!

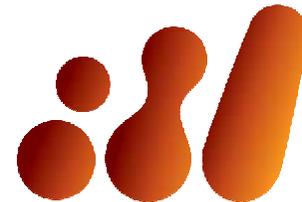
Surely things will spiral out of control?...



**bhpbilliton**



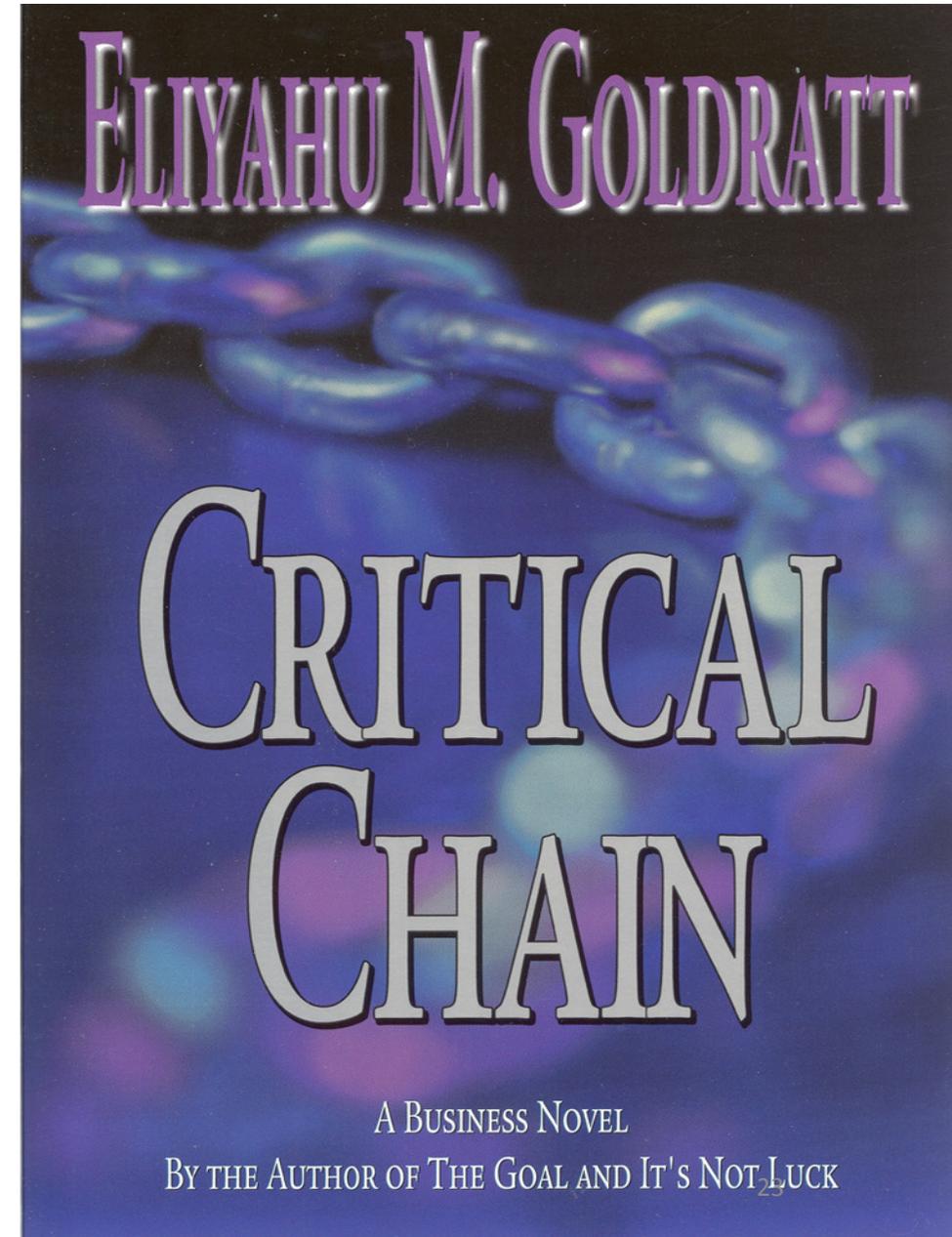
- 35% faster than before
- 25% increase in project throughput
- 90%+ due date performance



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CCPM  
Critical Chain Project  
Management

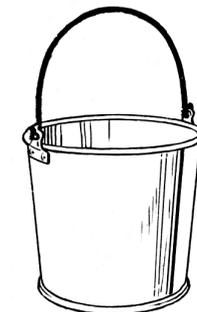
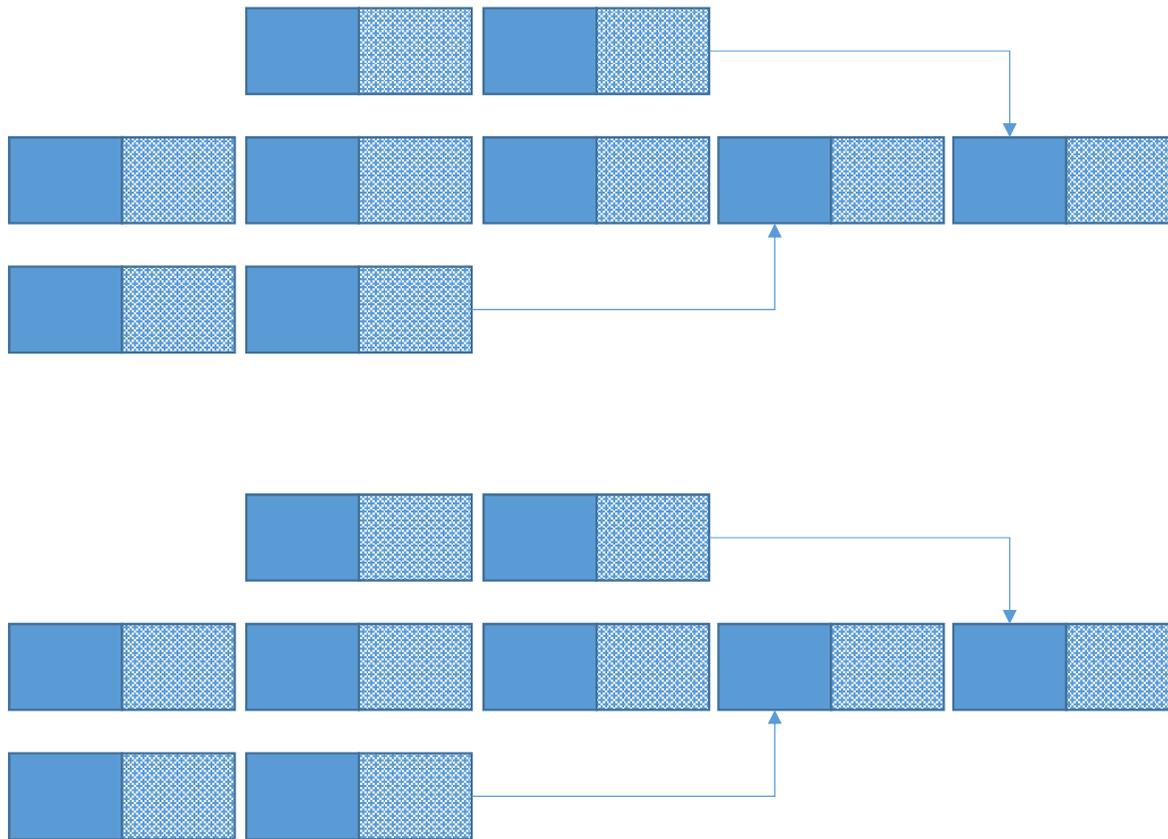


# CCPM

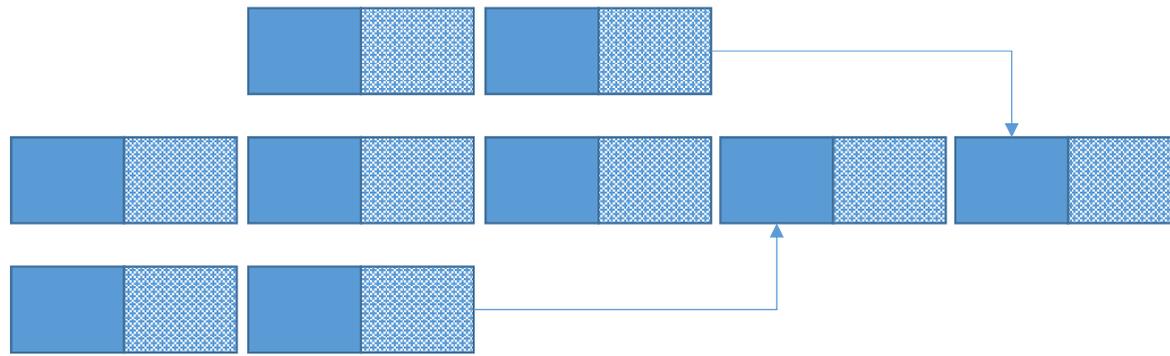
## Critical Chain Project Management

- Codifies much of what the best PM's do 'intuitively'
- Systemic
- Many differences in focus from Critical Path
- BUFFERS

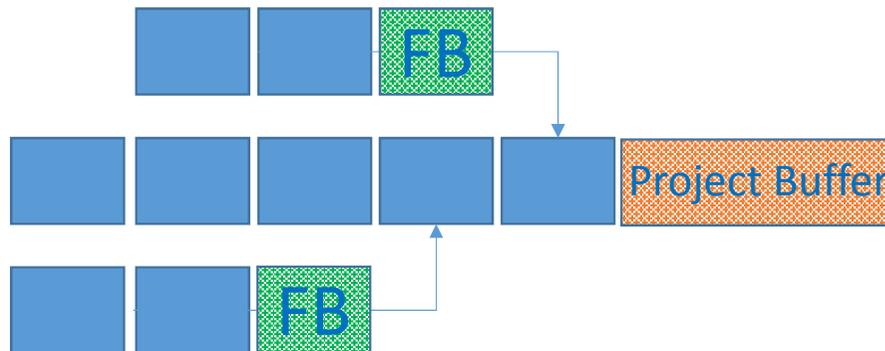
# BUFFERS: Shared Safety



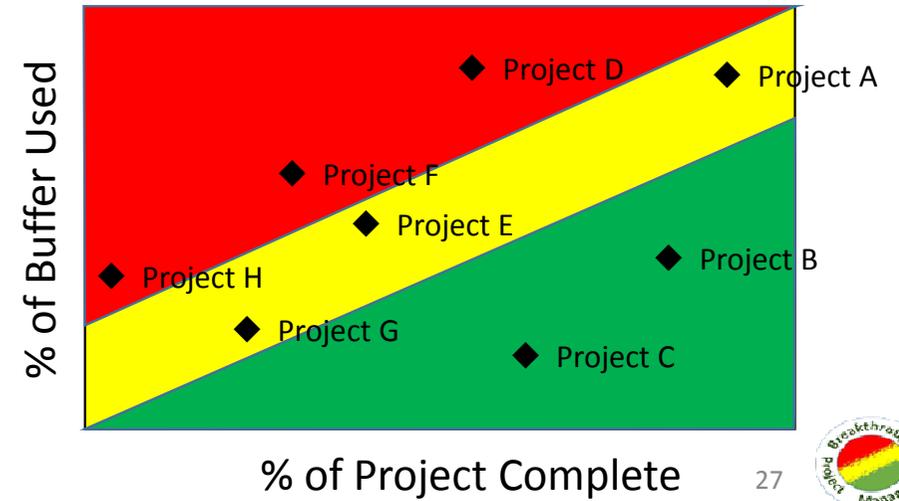
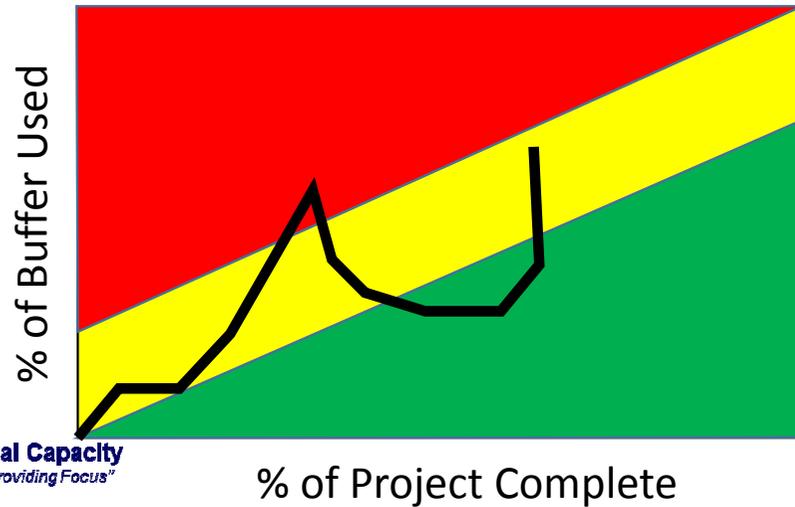
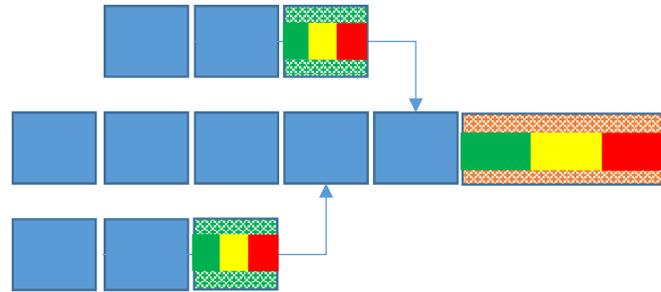
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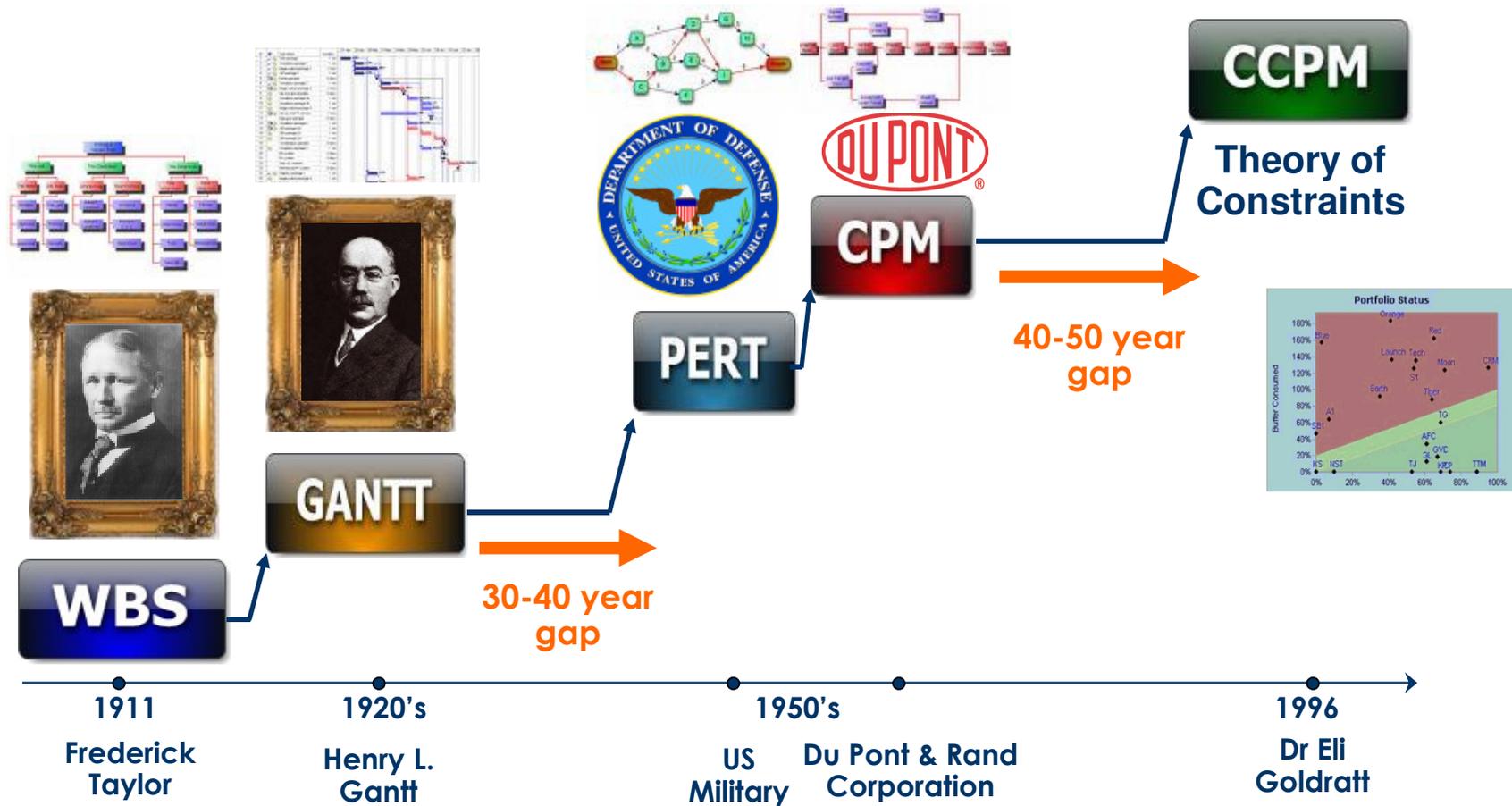
Typically 25% shorter



# BUFFERS: Management Focus



# History of project scheduling



CCPM works

Same Project

On-time .. In less time

On-budget .. At lower  
cost

**BUT**

# The main obstacles to using CCPM



The most common approaches to selecting and contracting with the project supply team do NOT encourage teamwork

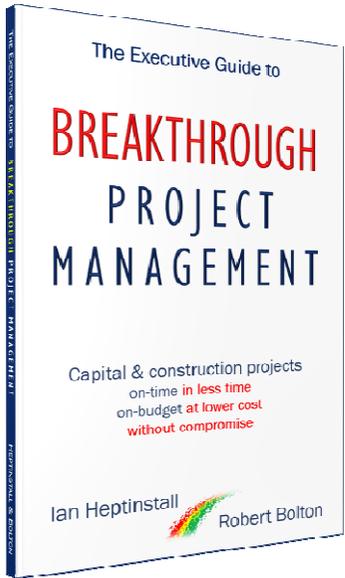
Win – Lose  
Blame &  
Responsibility  
Fixed-prices & risk-  
offloading

And CCPM requires a collaborative team

Shared safety/buffer  
Relay-runner  
Focus on the project

Do your procurement policies handcuff your supply chain?



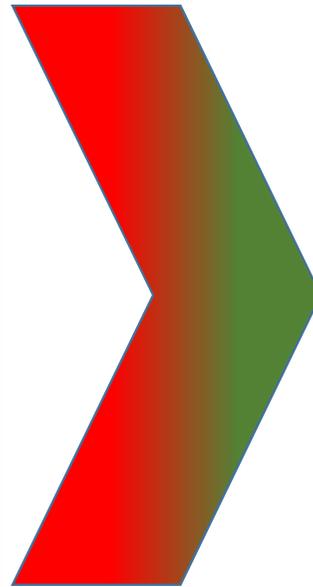


# 2

How we select

How we contract

- Fixed prices
- Independent Suppliers
- Push risk down WBS
- Every one for themselves, separate measures



- Performance-related fee
- Aligned suppliers
- Manage risk across project
- Single team, same measures

# Fixed Prices

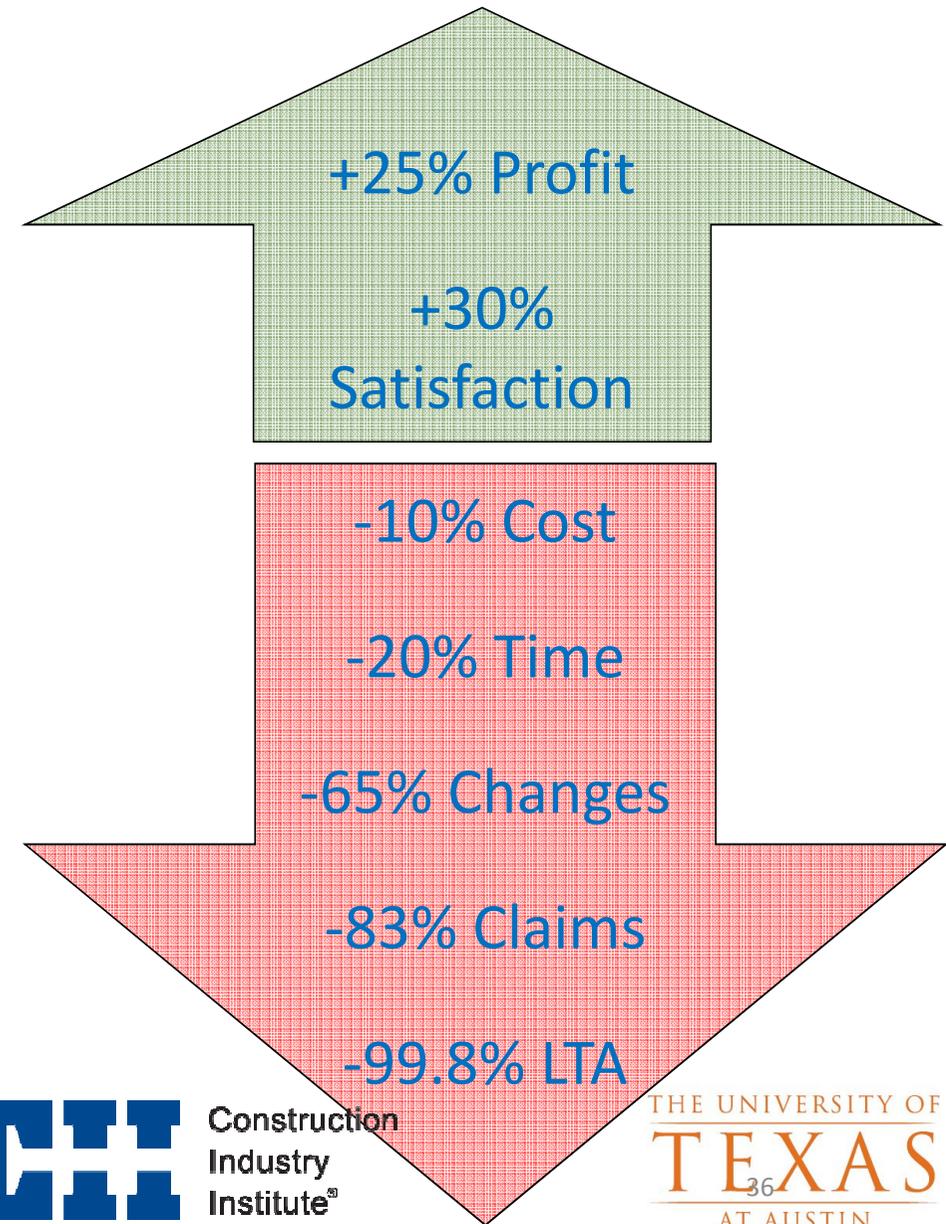
Add more time to the project schedule

Usually increases the project cost

Discourage collaboration amongst the project team, resulting in a poorer design and a worse plan

Prevent the use of CCPM

Collaborative project teams deliver better results



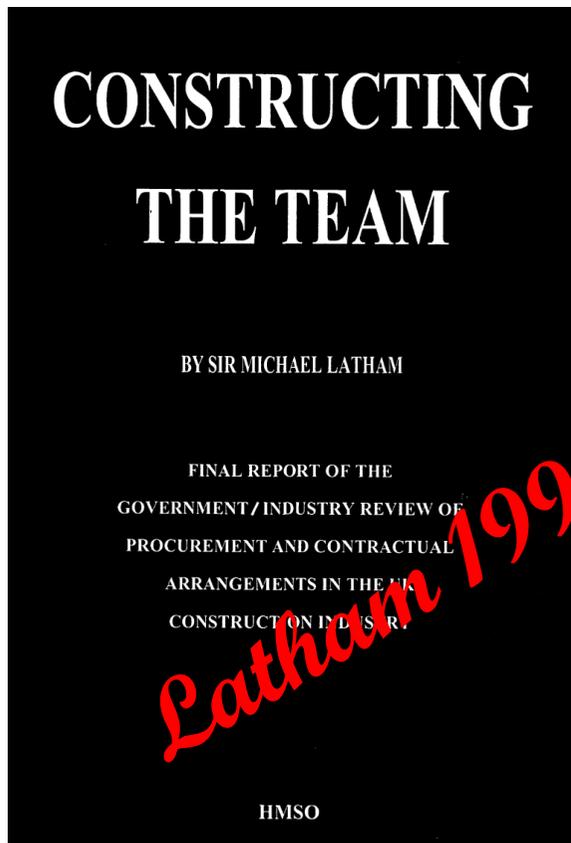
Our recommended form  
of contractual  
collaboration:

Project Alliances

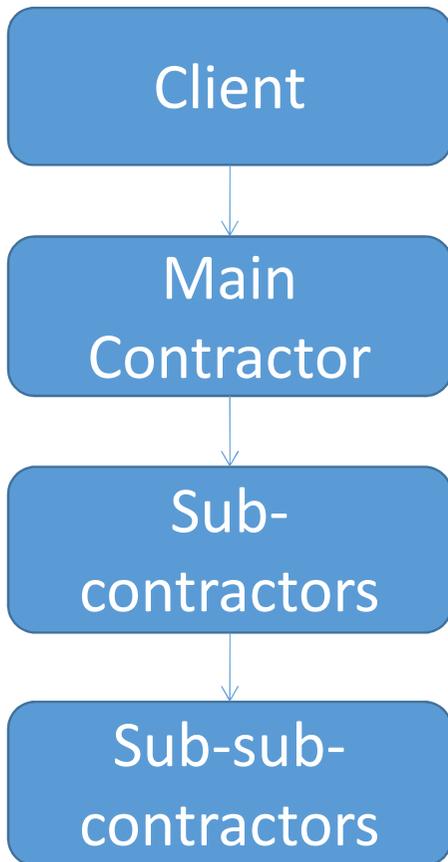
An ideal partner for  
CCPM

Establishes a  
collaborative project  
team – no barriers to  
working together

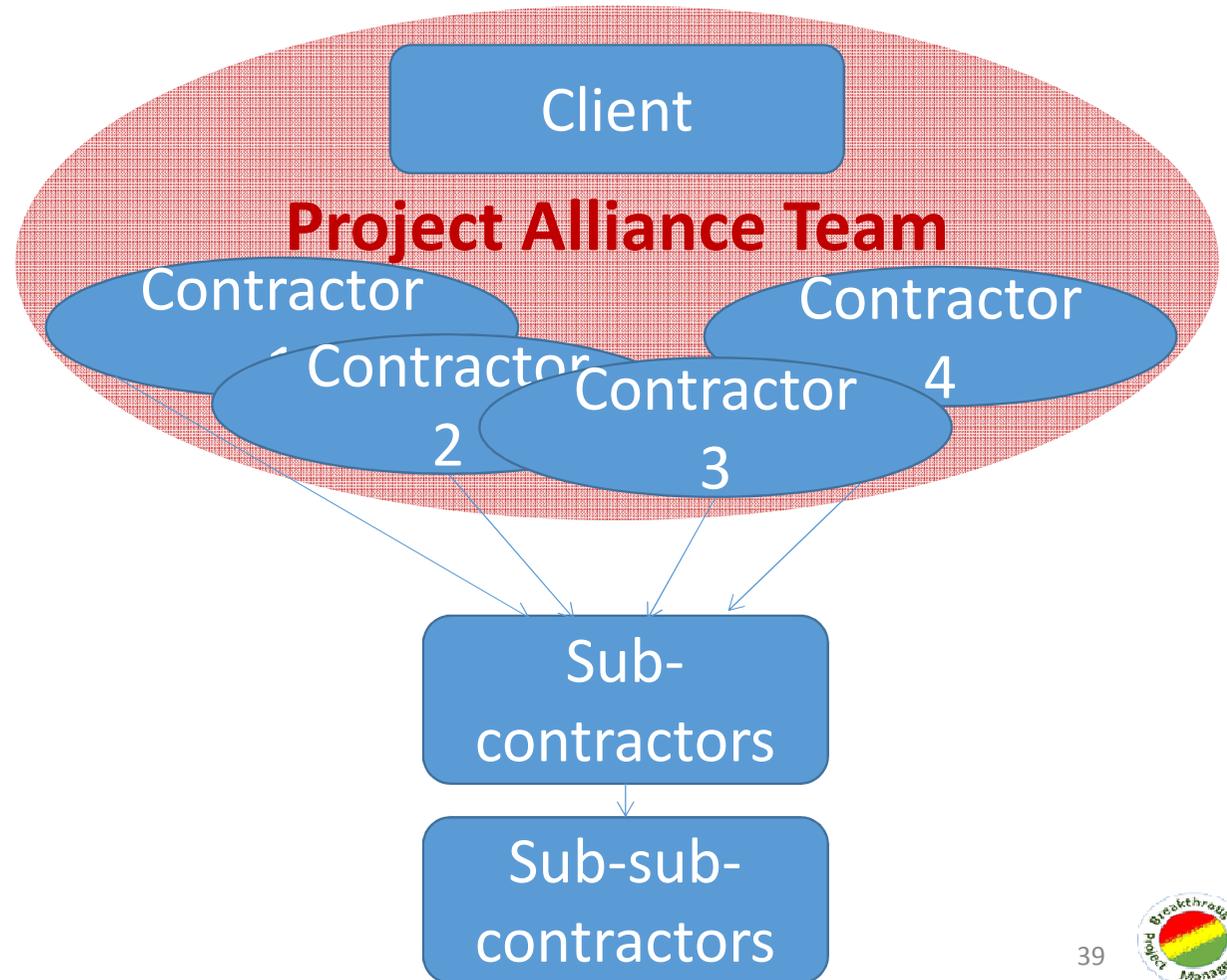
# Project Team Collaboration - A Holy Grail



# Traditional Contracting



# A Project Alliance



# Payment under Project Alliance

CFV

*Cost-Fixed-Variable*

Variable

- Liked to client project success
- Same % for all

Fixed

- Fixed in £/€//\$
- Not a % age
- May be zero

Cost

- “Straight-through cash.
- No mark-up

# Characteristics of Project Alliances

*- Victoria Treasury guidelines considered worlds best practice.*

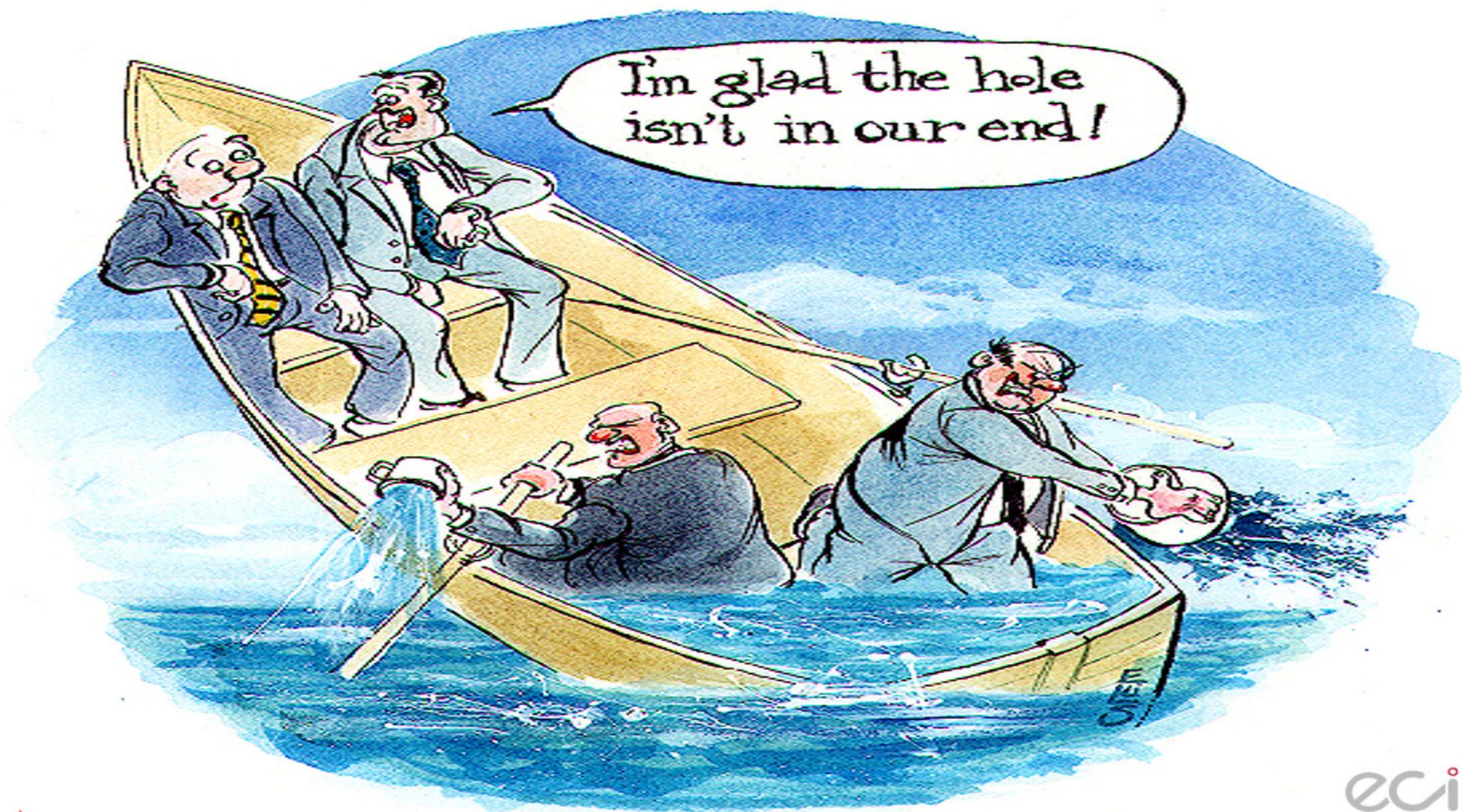
An integrated team,  
competence-based selection

Collective sharing of risks and  
opportunities

“Fault” and “blame” irrelevant  
in the contract

Fully reimbursed variable costs,  
and margin aligned to the  
overall project success

Unanimous, principle-based,  
decision making



# Success in Project Alliance - Infrastructure

Department of Treasury and Finance, Victoria

## In Pursuit of Additional Value

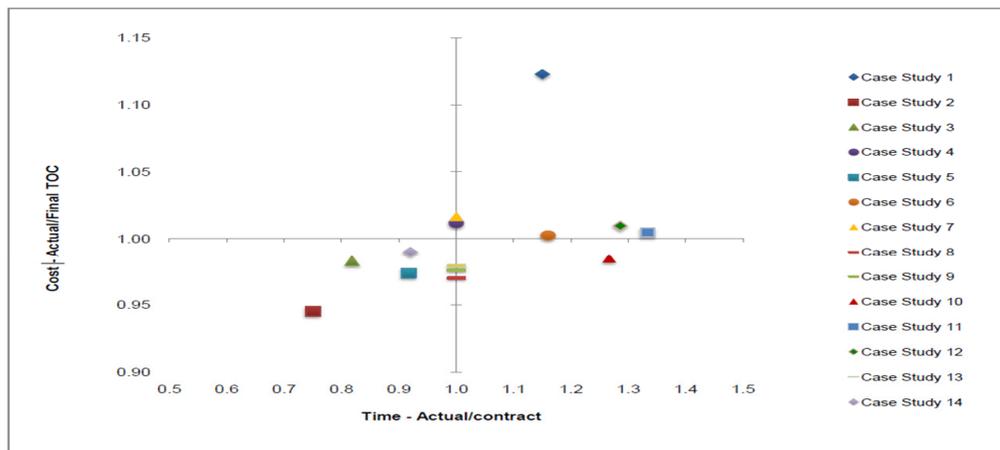
A benchmarking study into alliancing in the Australian Public Sector

A Research Study for the Inter-Jurisdictional Alliancing Steering Committee into how value for money can be enhanced when using the alliance delivery method for governments' major physical infrastructure projects.

Released in 2009

**“ The total value of alliance projects in the road, rail and water sectors in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia, over the period 2004 to 2009 was \$32 billion. ”**

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Key finding 11: Project delivery – No disputes

There were no indications of any disputes between the Owner and the NOPs that needed to be resolved outside the alliance.

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# Collaborative Contracts can still be competitively sourced

## Traditional

- Late-as-possible selection
- Detailed bids based on scheme (Design-Bid-Build)
- Select lowest/fastest bid
- A chain selected one at a time
- Conflicting commercials

## Collaboration

- Early-as-possible selection
- Outline bids based on capability (Bid-Design-Build)
- Select best available team
- A team selected together
- Aligned commercials

# BREAKTHROUGH PROJECT MANAGEMENT

## RESULTS

Higher client  
ROI

Higher Supplier  
Profit

Project is faster,  
lower cost,  
better

Collaborative  
Selection  
& Contracting

Collaborative  
Project Team

CCPM used to  
plan & manage  
the project

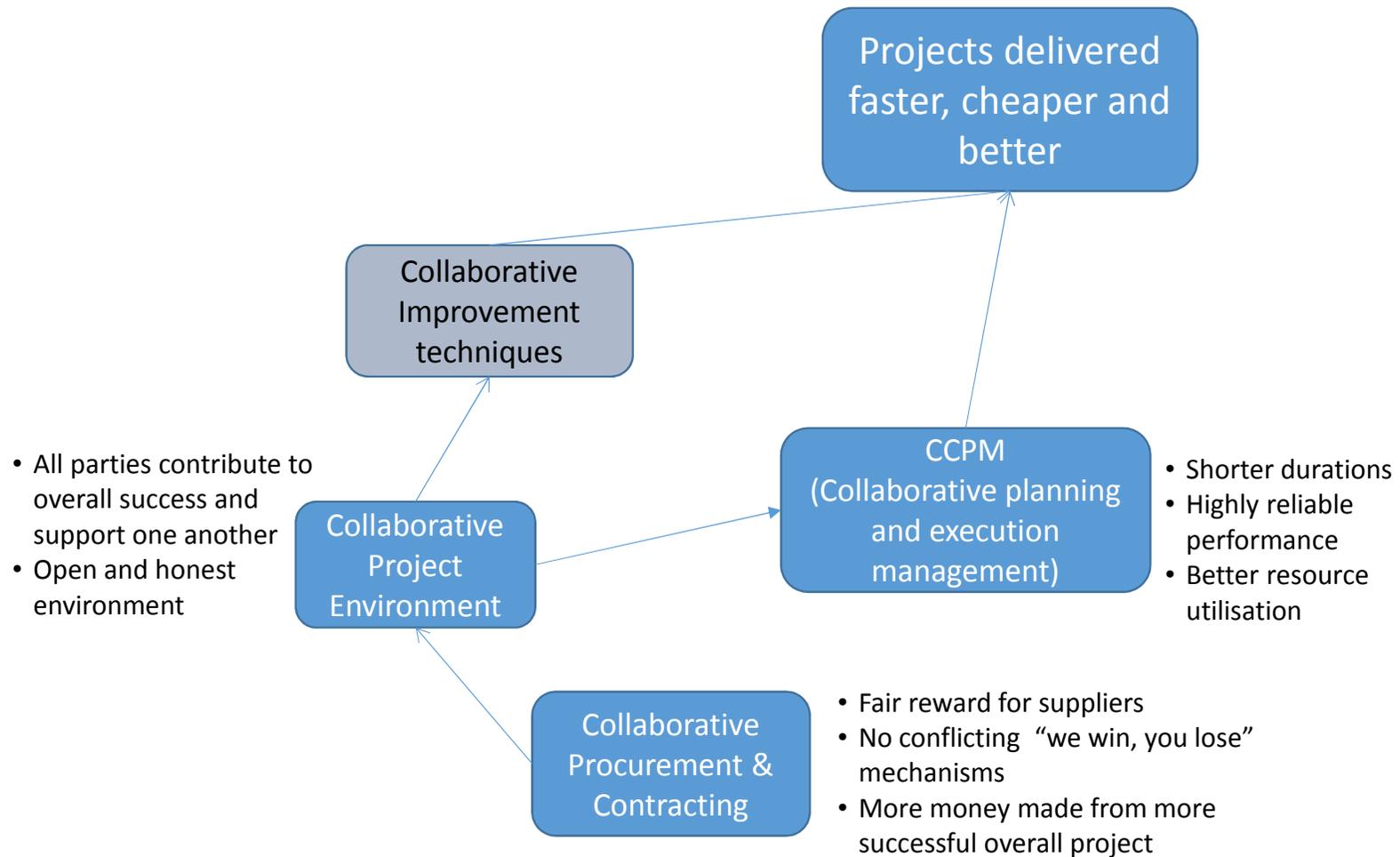
## DRIVERS

On time in less time  
On budget at lower cost  
No compromise on scope or quality

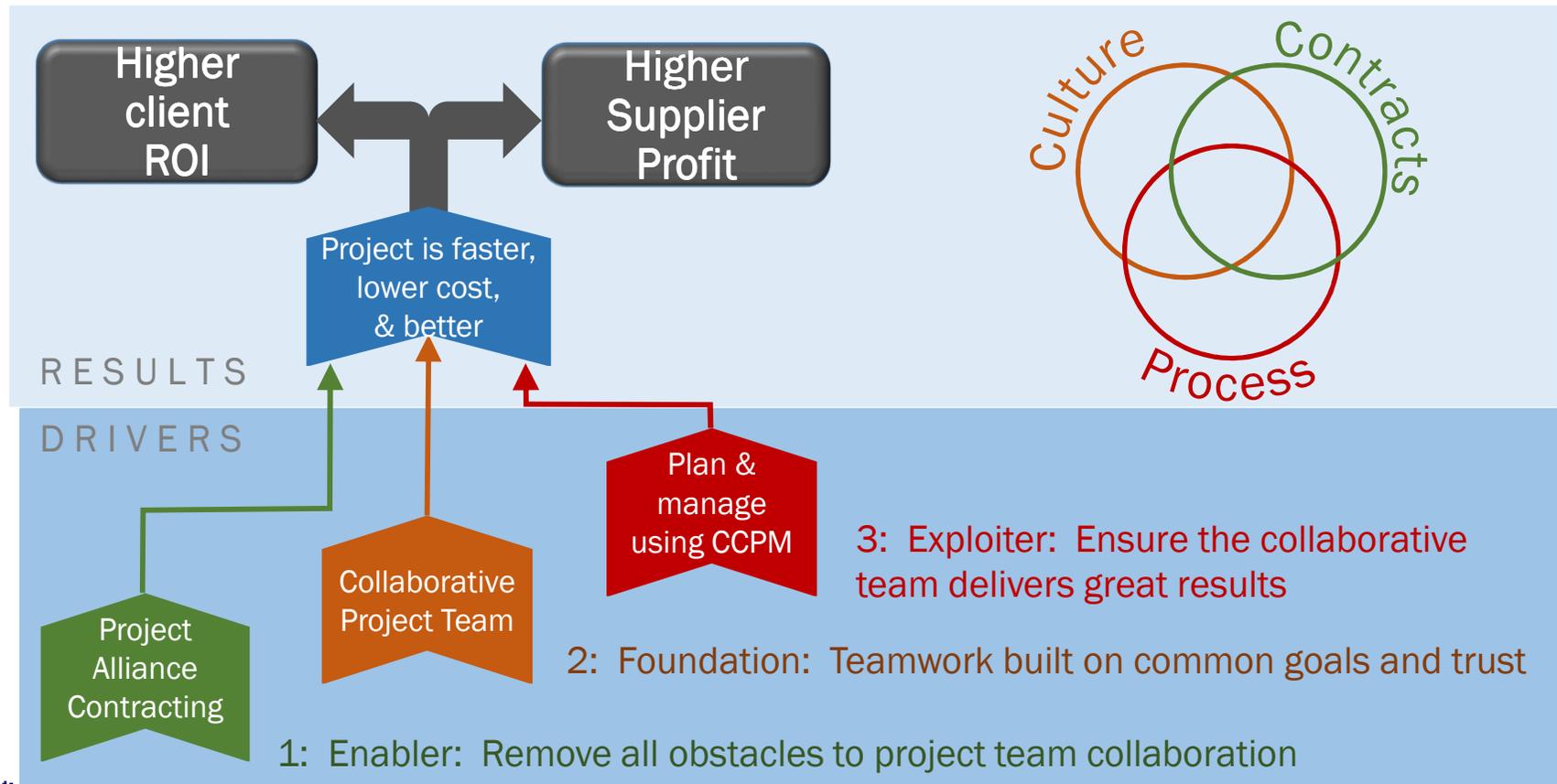
## BELIEFS

- Projects are inherently uncertain, and **cost and time uncertainty should be managed at the project-level**, not by individual suppliers/contractors
- A **collaborative project team** produces better results
- Traditional, fixed price or reimbursable, contracting discourages team collaboration
- **Key project suppliers should be rewarded in proportion to the overall project success** - making more or less profit together, and
- **Blame and fault are irrelevant.** “One for all, all for one”

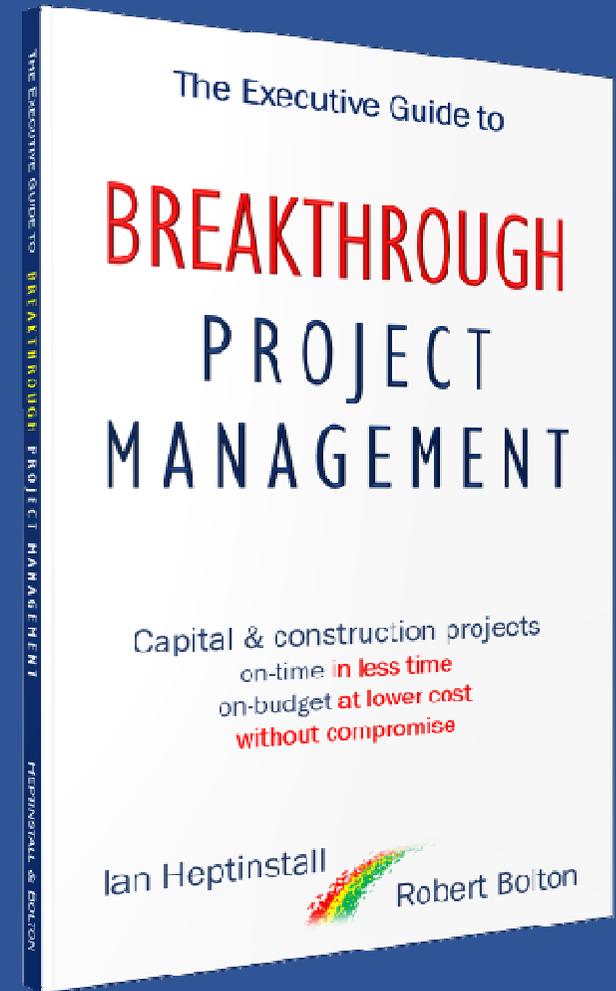
# Breakthrough Project Management in Outline



# Summary



Thank you for your attention



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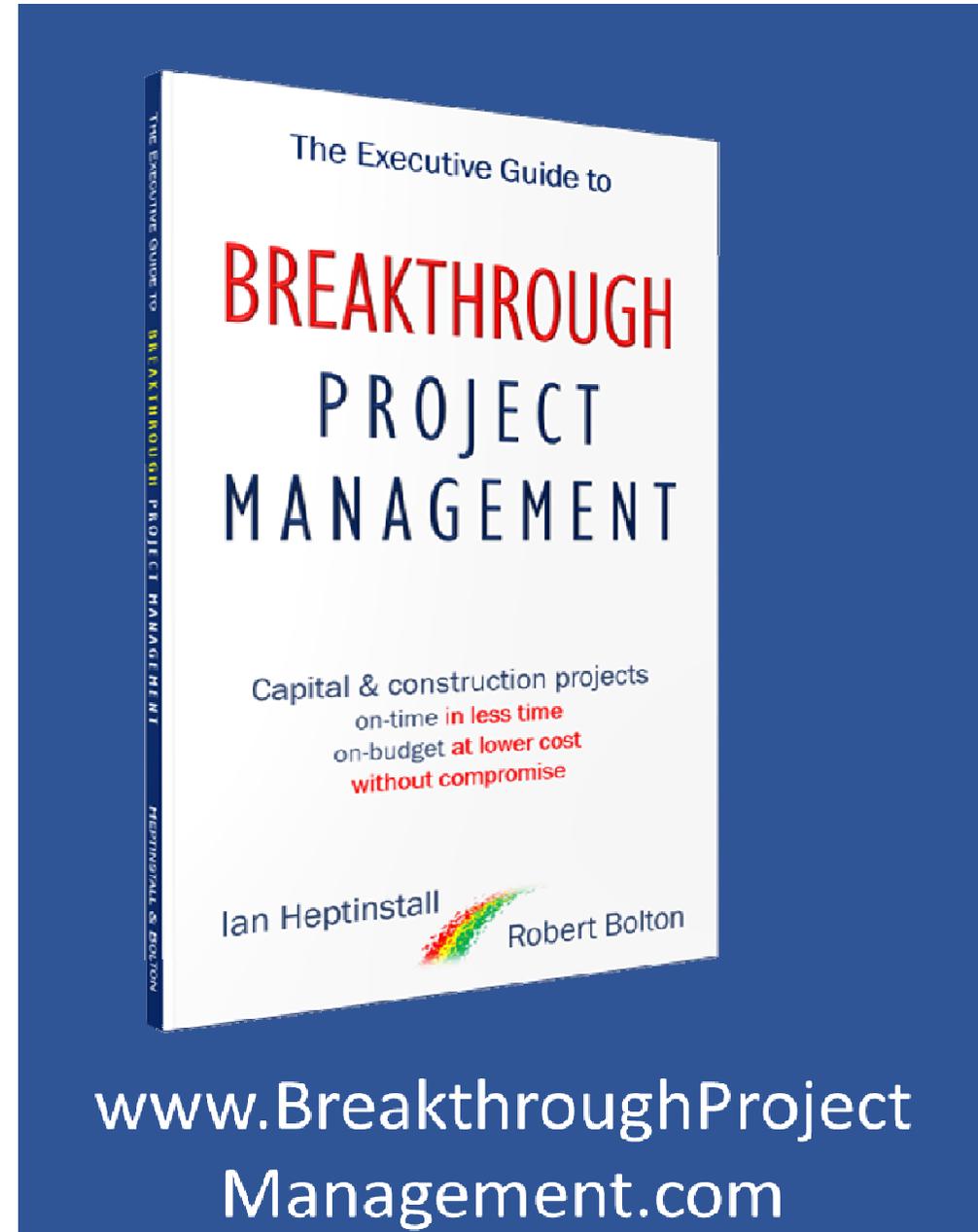
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# Case Studies

# 98% of mega (complex) projects incur cost overruns or delays

**Exhibit 2** **Ninety-eight percent of megaprojects face cost overruns or delays.**

Capital-expenditure overrun  
(% of original quoted capital expenditure)

● Mining ■ Oil and gas ◆ Infrastructure

Average: 20 months



Cost factor > 1 is overrun

Delay in year's

- 98% of projects incur cost overruns or delays.
- The average cost increase is 80% of original value.
- The average slippage is 20 months behind original schedule.

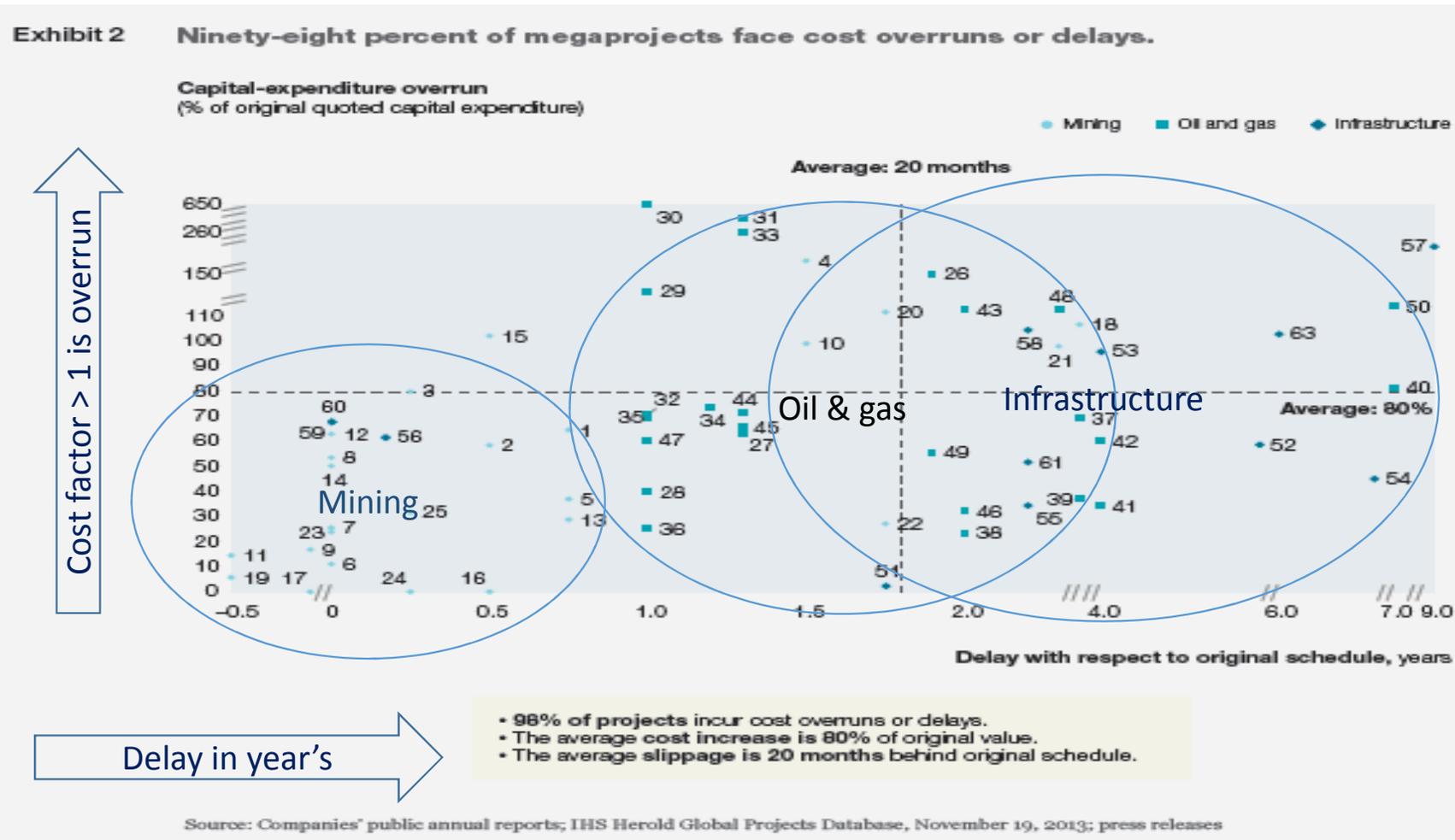
Source: Companies' public annual reports; IHS Herold Global Projects Database, November 19, 2013; press releases

Source:  
McKinsey  
"The construction  
Productivity  
Imperative"

June 2015



# 98% of mega projects (complex) incur cost overruns or delays - by sector

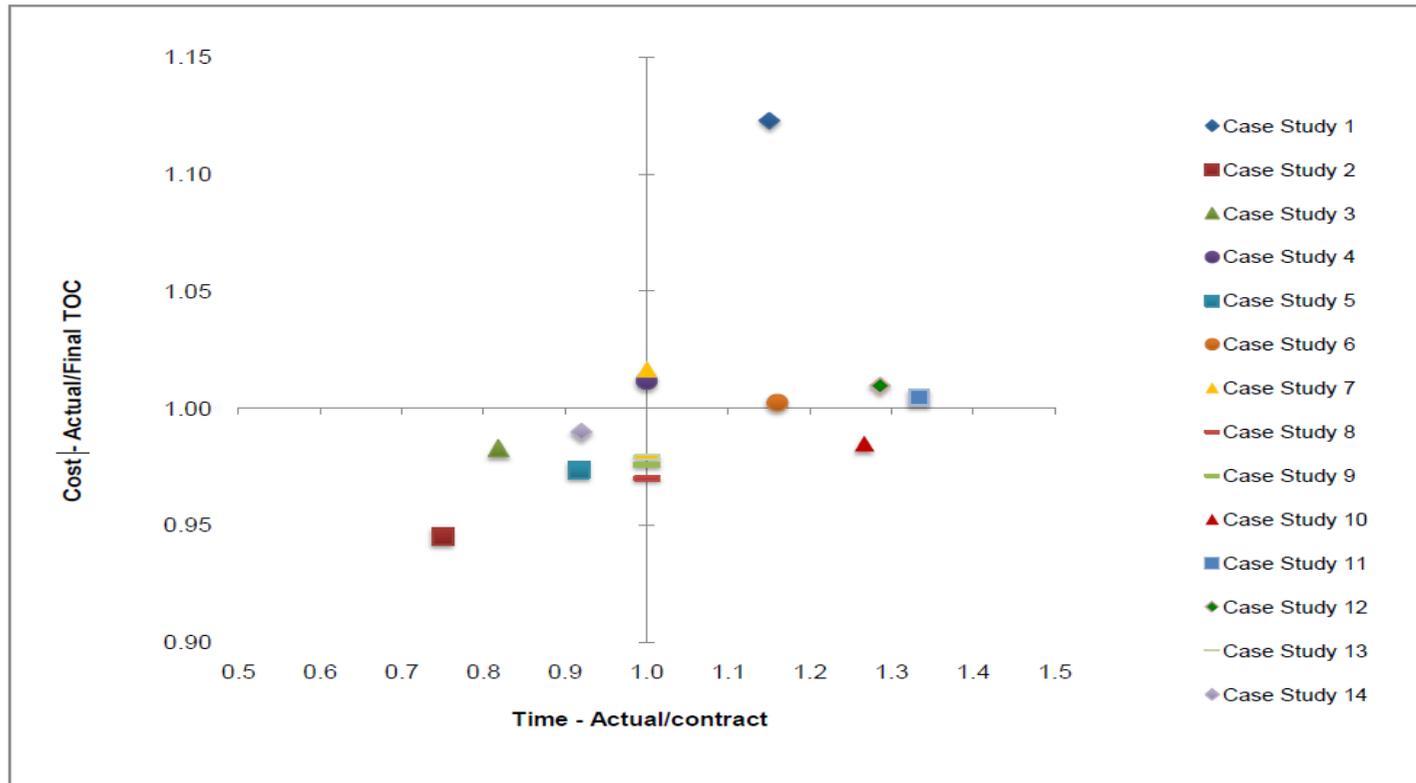


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# Project Alliancing “Pursuit of Excellence – 2009



Source: In Pursuit of

A benchmarking study into alliancing in the Australian Public Sector  
Appendix D – Summary Data

# CCPM used around the world...



# Case Study 1 - M7 Motorway (Sydney Orbital)

circa 2003 - 2005



# M7 Motorway

- Problem – viewpoint of Tony Spink, Project Director
  - 15 PMs were updating project system (P6). The lead time for this task was 2 weeks / month.
  - Too much data and not much meaningful information.
- Solution
  - Report progress for each of the 15 packages in a production format. Progress per major work items.
- Benefits
  - It was found that there were not enough curbing machines to meet schedule. 2 more were purchased from Europe
  - Project execution became more visible and under control.
- M7 opened in 2005



Source: One of 15 Project Managers (PM's)



# Oil & Gas - Wheatstone



- Project turnaround – “Accelerate Wheatstone”
- Background FMC won \$325 M in November 2011 – 65 pay items
  - Complex project out of control - Key executive “We do not know how late it is” - Aug 2013
- Team of 8 - 12 team members
  - Singapore, Malaysia, China, US, Norway
- FMC – silo’s, low PM skills, diverse cultures, measures not aligned
- Outcomes
  - P6 – 12,000 tasks – re-base lined
    - Vs 8,000 with –ve float
  - streamlined information flow
  - improved Stakeholder relations (CVX)
  - single priority point & portfolio boards
  - de-risking the manufacturing and delivery of
    - key high value components
  - developed scheduling & process for manifolds
  - buffer systems



# Project Progress – Variance Brick Wall – Based on latest Jutal recovery plan (Dated Mar.14)

Jutal Variance Brick Wall Based on latest recovery Plan dated Mar.14											
Variance = Percent Actual Done less Percent Planned(based on Mar.14 recovery schedule)											
Level 3 Data Supplied by Jutal Apr.1											
		Fab	Blast/Coat	Piping	Tubing	Top Asm	FAT	SIT	Load-Out	Immediate Challenges	Secondary Challenges
DH IAG-1	Structure	Done	-1%	6%	7%			NA		2 Multibore Hubs, 9" gate valves	bolts, nuts, washers for 2" gate valves
	Mudmat	2%									
SH WST-1	Structure	Done	-9%	2%	-2%					2" SDSS Tee, 2" flange, 4" carbon steel Tee,	DOP drawings, bolts(M20X80, M16X60)
	Mudmat	1%									
SH WST-3	Structure	Done	-7%	-2%	-6%			NA		Multibore Hubs, 9" gate valves	bolts, nuts, washers for 2" gate valves
	Mudmat	1%									
MOL IAG-1	Lower Deck	Done	0%	-20%	-13%					Imperfect in KL 4-27, Tubing supports blasting/coating, hub supports blasting/coating	
	Upper Deck										
	Mudmat	3%									
EOL WST-1	Lower Deck	Done	11%	-1%	13%			NA		Finish Blast/Coat(top deck under 2nd coat touch up), tubing supports, hub supports	9" MGV
	Top Deck										
	Mudmat	30%									
EOL WST-3	Lower Deck	Done	11%	-1%	2%			NA		Finish Blast/Coat(top deck under 2nd coat touch up), tubing supports, hub supports	hub connector, 9" MGV
	Top Deck										
	Mudmat	1%									
Jtality WST-2	Lower Deck	Done	8%	-1%	-3%			NA		Finish Blast/Coat(top deck under 2nd coat touch up), tubing supports, hub supports	9" MGV
	Top Deck										
	Mudmat	-9%									
Utility IAG-2	Lower Deck	Done	8%	-3%	0%			NA		Finish Blast/Coat(top deck under 2nd coat touch up), tubing supports, hub supports	hub connector, 9" MGV
	Top Deck										
	Mudmat	-8%									
PLR	PLR 24"-1	-10%	0%	5%				NA		Accelerate fabrication progress with more manpower from Jutal	Fill material
	PLR 24"-2	-7%	0%	-24%				NA			
	PLR 14"-1	1%	0%	14%				NA			
	PLR 14"-2	-13%	0%	-4%				NA			

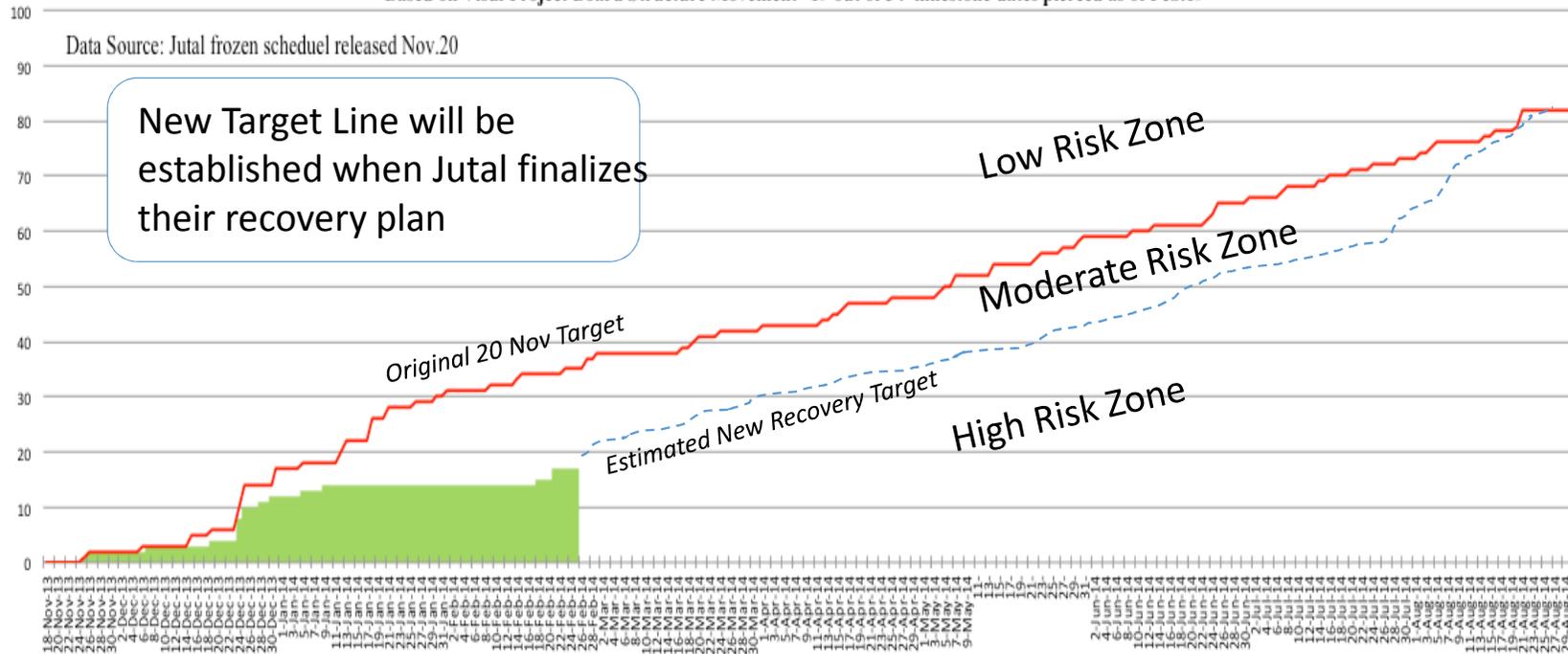
0%	Green - Low Risk, Variance (V) >=2%
-15%	Yellow - Moderate Risk, V between -2% and -20%
-25%	Red - High Risk, V < -20%
Done	Process Complete



# Project Health Metric – Structure Movement

**Jutal Structure Discrete\* Event Progress since Nov.20,2013**  
 Based on Visul Project Board Structure Movement--19 out of 34 milestone dates pierced as of Feb.19

Cumulative Actual  
 Cummulative Plan



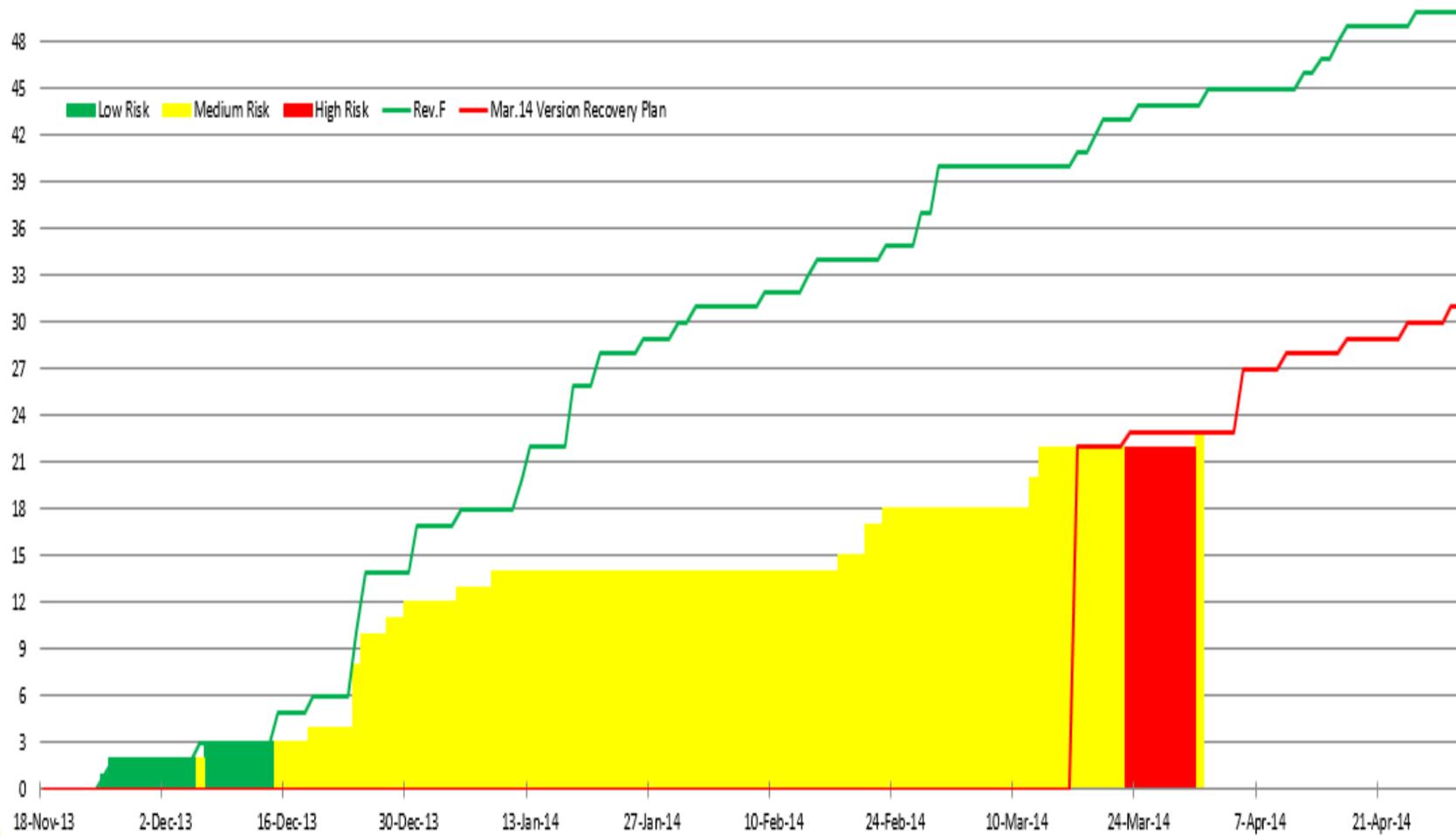
New Target Line will be established when Jutal finalizes their recovery plan



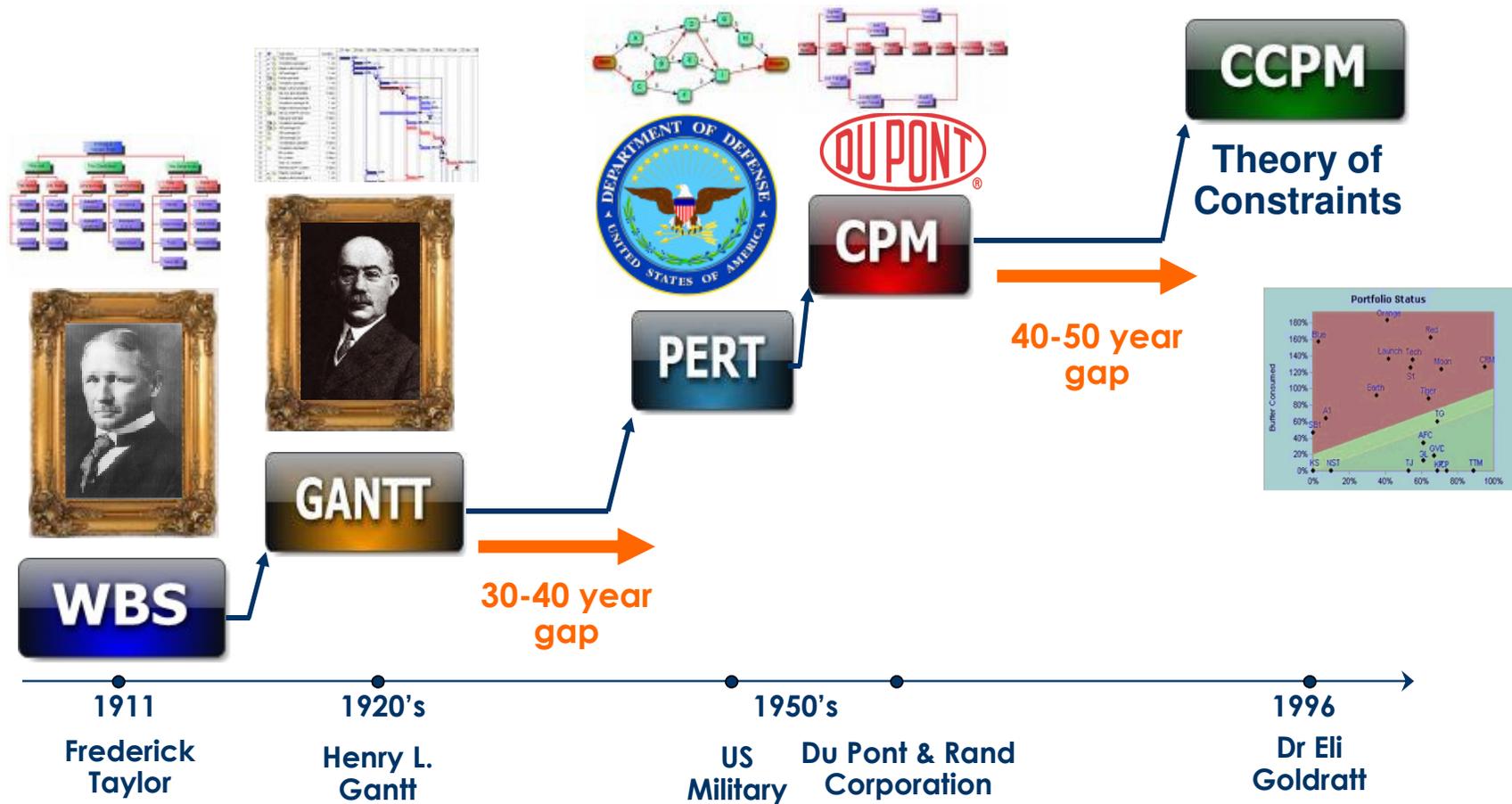
# Structure Movements are in yellow zone (medium risk) after SH WST-1 Mudmat movement into blasting chamber 1.

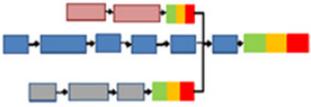
Accumulative Structure Movements across Processes

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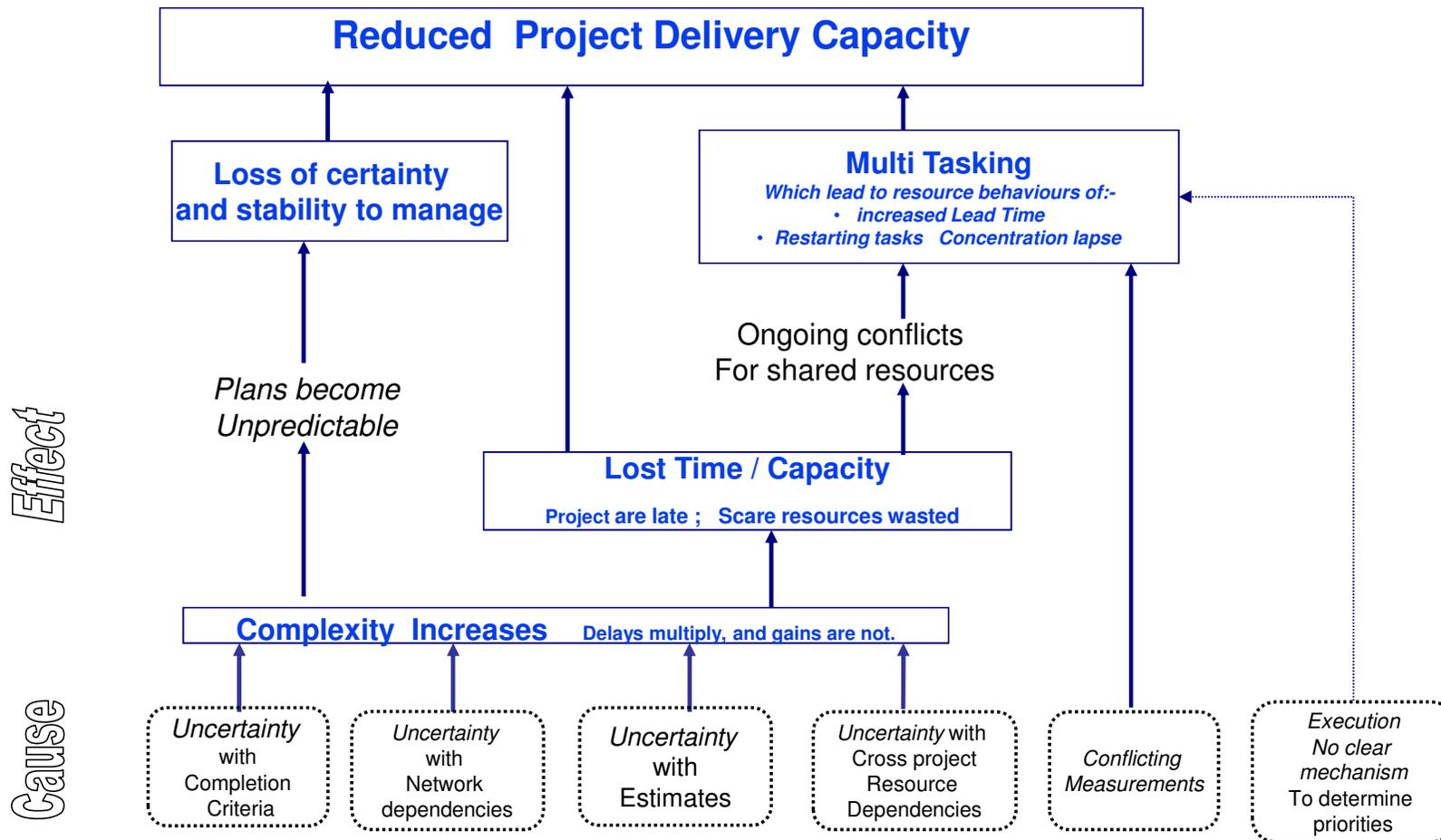


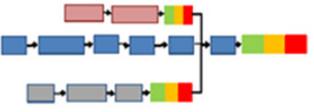
# History of project scheduling



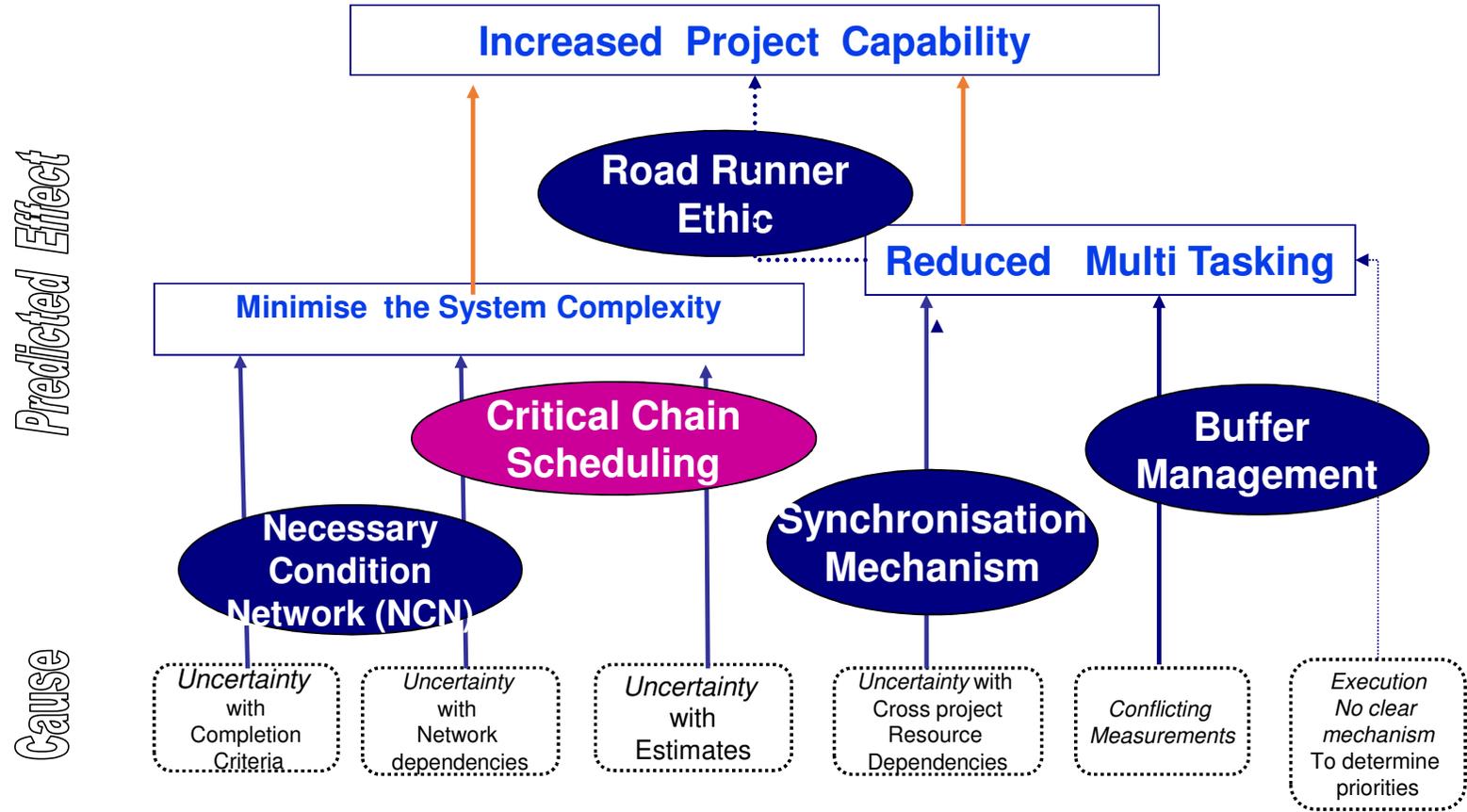


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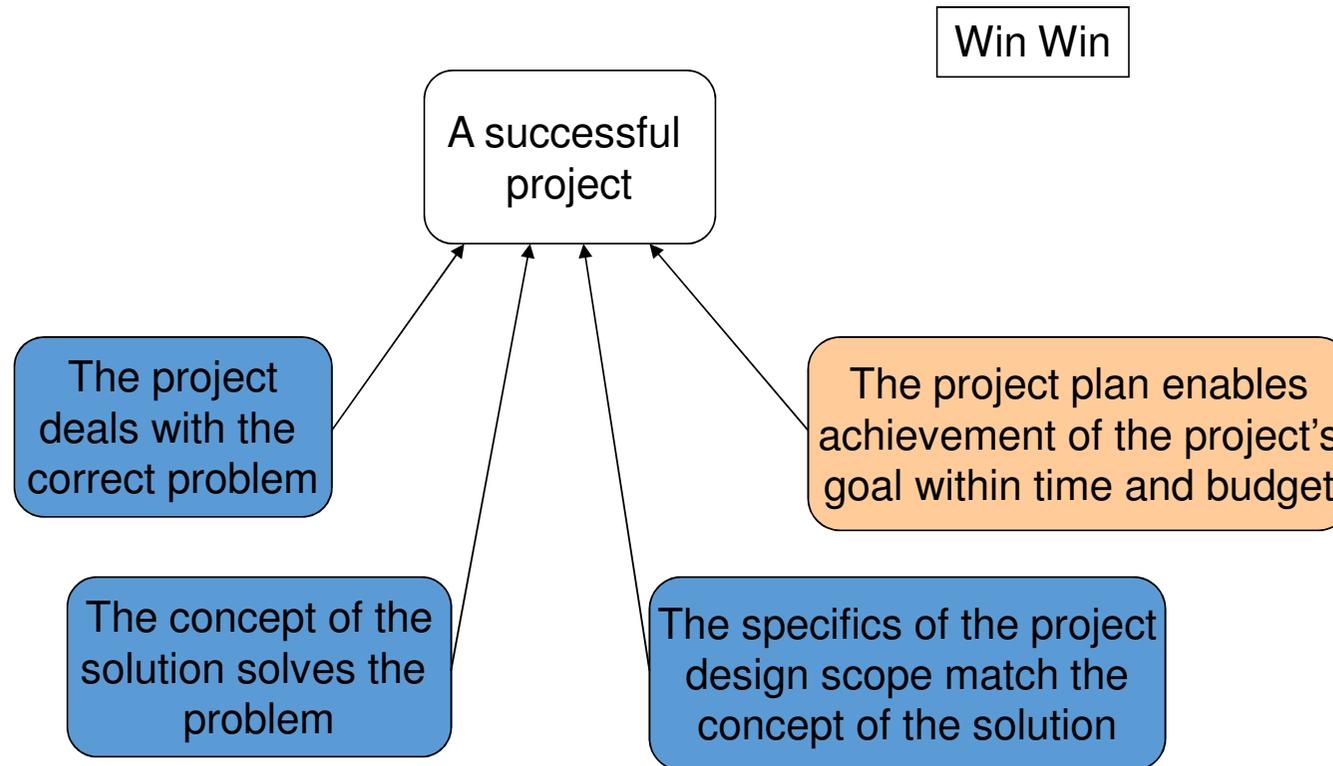


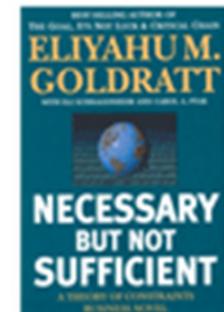
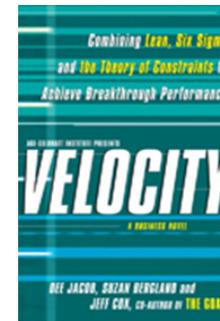
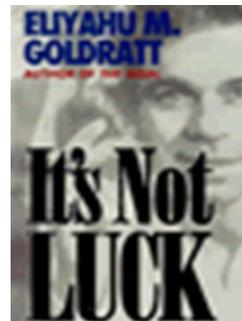
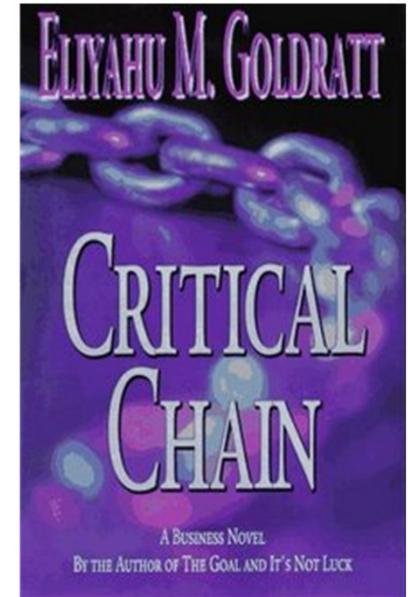


# CCPM Solution



# The necessary conditions for a successful project





# Only 2 types of projects

- Olympic Stadiums

or

an Oil Well ?



- Fixed milestone or date

Value is released when operating

# Benefits Summary



- Early-as-possible selection increases commitment – both client and supply chain
- Outline bids based on capability (ie BOO to align over long term)
- Commercials and aligned with risk and reward allocated.
- Quicker problem resolution and communication between parties



- 95% on time (vs. >85% not on time with traditional methods)
- 20% - 50% faster cycle times
- 10% - 20% higher throughput (more projects per business units)
- Better synchronization
- Less Bad Multi-tasking

*And much less burn out of Project Managers and their team?*