Developing Risk-Adjusted Schedules

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Risk-Adjusted Scheduling

Traditional Planning Philosophy

- Plan from 'left to right'
- Focus on critical path
- Compounding delay effect
- Completion highly uncertain
- Best-case not most-likely scenario
- Separate cost & schedule models

Risk-Adjusted Scheduling

- Plan from 'right to left'
- Focus on constraint free execution
- Embed risk within plan
- Plan to at least the 'most likely'
- 3rd dimension **confidence**
- Tie cost & schedule risk together

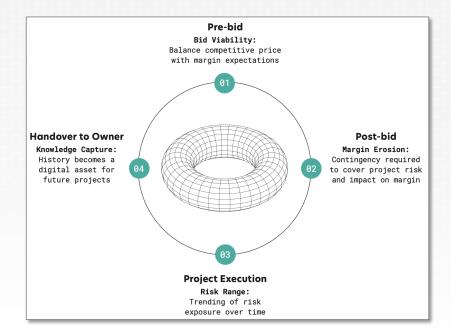
A traditional CPM schedule is base case.

A risk-adjusted schedule is most likely.



Full Project Lifecycle Risk Analysis

- € Pre-Bid
 - Alternate scenario analysis
- **≪** Bid
 - Contractor contingency & margin
- Planning
 - Achievable forecast determination
- **←** Execution
 - Continuous de-risking & remediation
- **←** Closeout
 - Capture lessons learned/risk register





Differing Perceptions of Risk

- It's typical (and OK) for an owner & contractor to have different risk profiles & tolerances
- Owner risk maturity higher than contractor
- Arguably better to award higher bid with higher confidence

Owner

Contractor

CAPEX spend vs. OPEX revenue

Cost risk during bid determination Schedule risk focus during execution

Profit & margin validation

Largely cost risk driven yet cost is driven by schedule



Risk Insight & Modeling

← Insight & Outputs

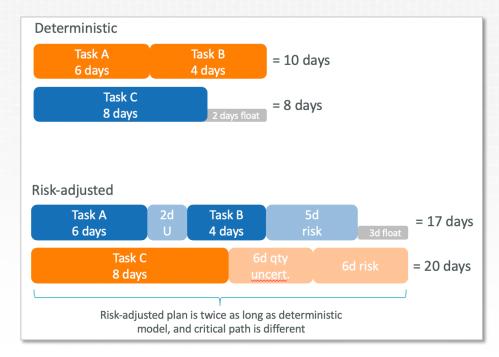
- Risk-adjusted forecast
- Certainty e.g. 75%
- Contingency& range of outcomes
- Drivers: uncertainty or events?
- Time/cost correlation

≪ Inputs

- Internal factors uncertainty
- External factors –risk events

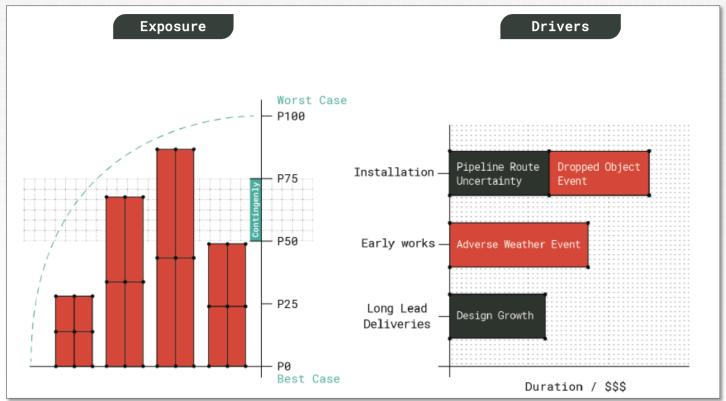
Analysis

Monte Carlo simulation





Reporting the What & the Why





Next-Gen Risk Workshop Facilitation

AUGMENTED INTELLIGENCE (AI)



HUMAN INTELLIGENCE (HI)



RISK INTELLIGENCE (RI)



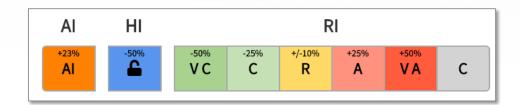
Adding a third expert opinion into the mix – the computer



Overcoming the misunderstanding of Risk Events vs. Uncertainty



Real Time Analysis
& Modified Monte Carlo
Simulation





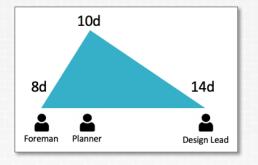
PMFocus Risk Methodology



PMFocus Risk Assessment Methodology



Uncertainty:
e.g. Qty Growth,
Productivity rates,
buy-in



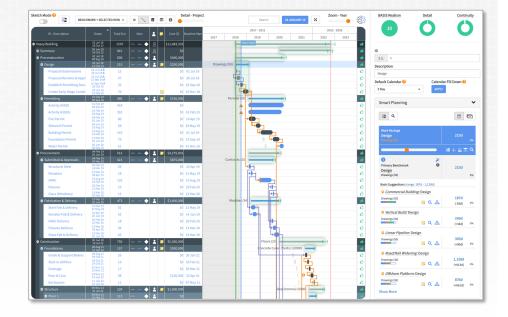
Risk Events: e.g. Discrete & Measurable





Rapid Schedule Development & Critique using Augmented Intelligence

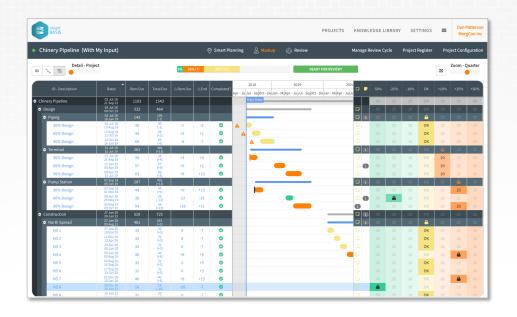
- Planner shares context with computer
- Computer suggests durations, costs, risks, sub-nets & sequence
- ← Benchmark & Schedule critique
- Suggested productivity rates
- Inference engine gets smarter through machine learning

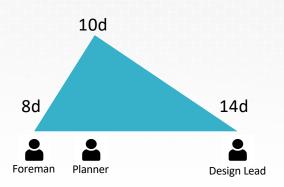




Obtaining Buy In through Human Intelligence

- ← Why force experts to translate their expertise into statistical distributions?
- Capture buy-in and pushback through scorecard
- Driven by expert opinion

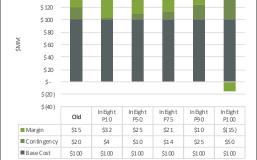


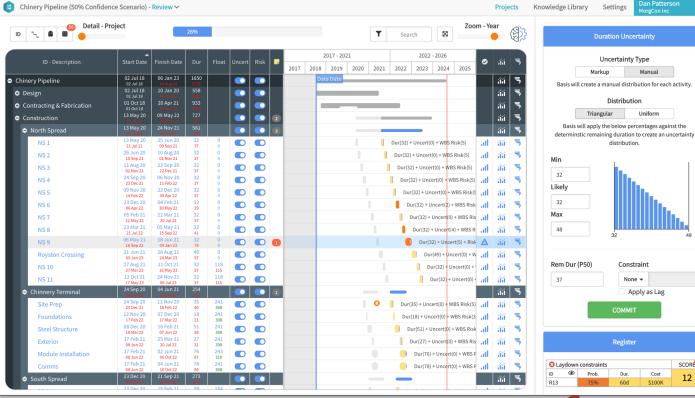




Real-Time Risk Adjusted Forecasting using Risk Intelligence









SCORE

P75 Certainty is the New Normal

Pre-COVID

- 1 in 5 projects view schedule through "risk lens"
- Risk registers little more than checklists
- ← Fixed amount contingency

New World

- Non-risked forecasts will be the exception
- Risk quantification will become as important as the forecast itself

Confidence in our forecasts is more important than ever.



Thank You

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