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Introduction To Schedule Risk Analysis



Presenter Introduction

- Civil Engineer and certified AACE Planning and Scheduling Professional, 20+ years' experience in project planning and controls in the infrastructure and construction industry
- Sydney, Australia based Independent consultant offering specialist planning and scheduling services including Schedule Risk Analysis
- Co-founder of Turbo-Chart, to visualise linear project schedules in Time Location format

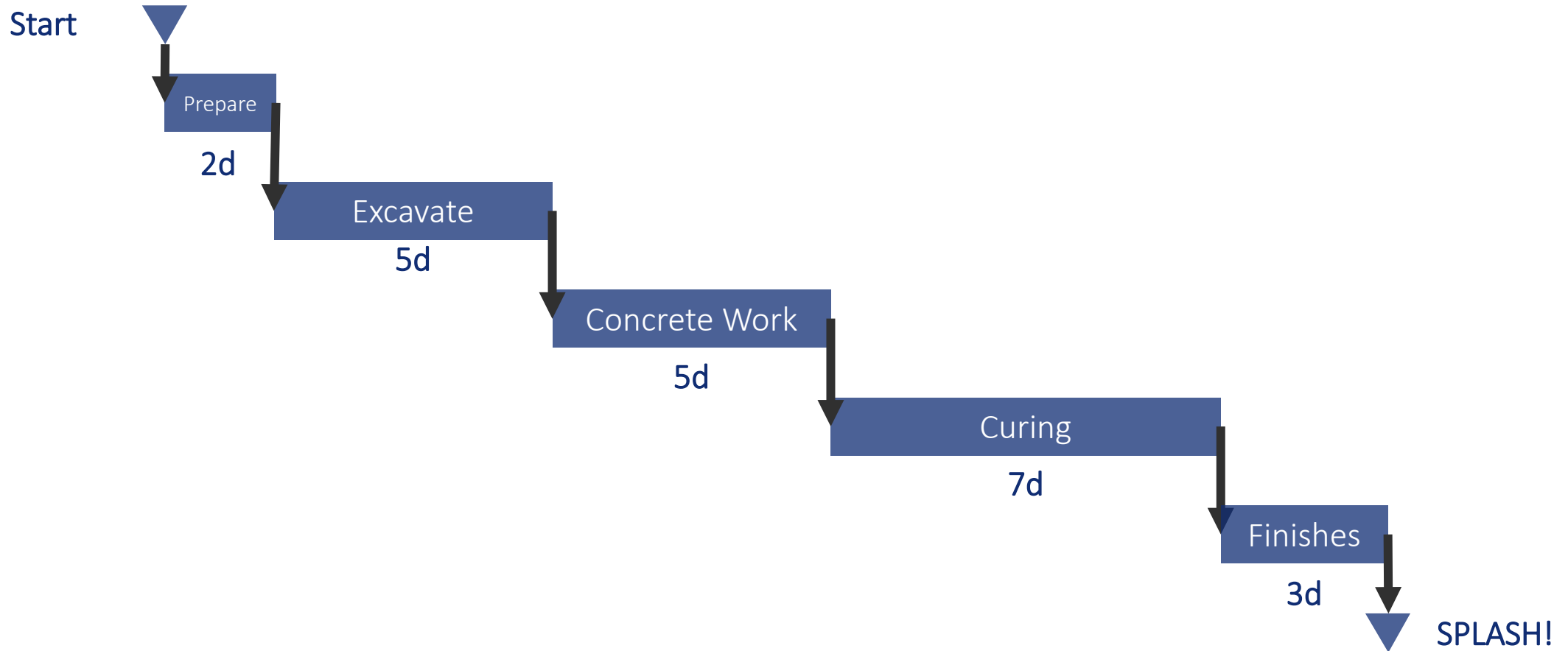


Workshop Overview & Objectives

- Introduction to Schedule Risk Analysis, benefits and issues
- Use worked examples to explain the concept, techniques and outputs of schedule risk analysis
- Demonstrate use of specialised tools for risk analysis
- Walk away with greater knowledge of the methods for application on your projects

What are your objectives?

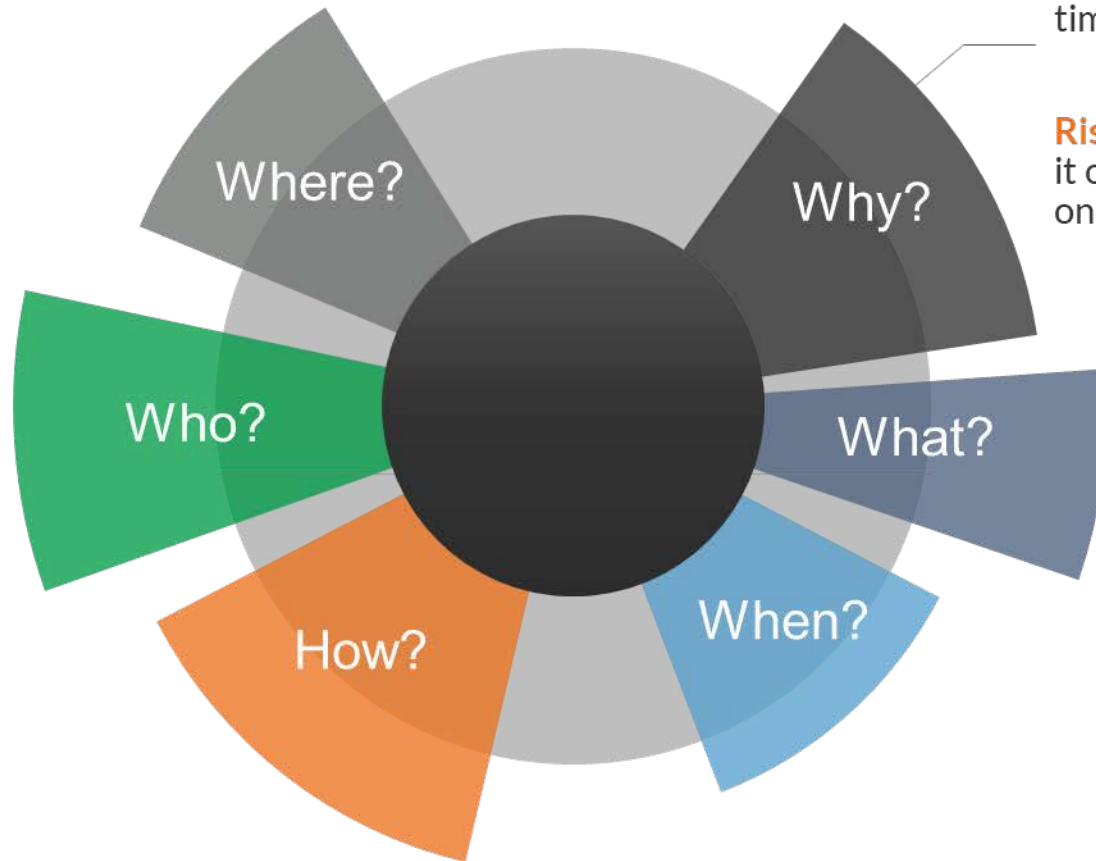
EXERCISE 1: Simple Schedule Example, total 22days



Why might we need Schedule Risk Analysis?

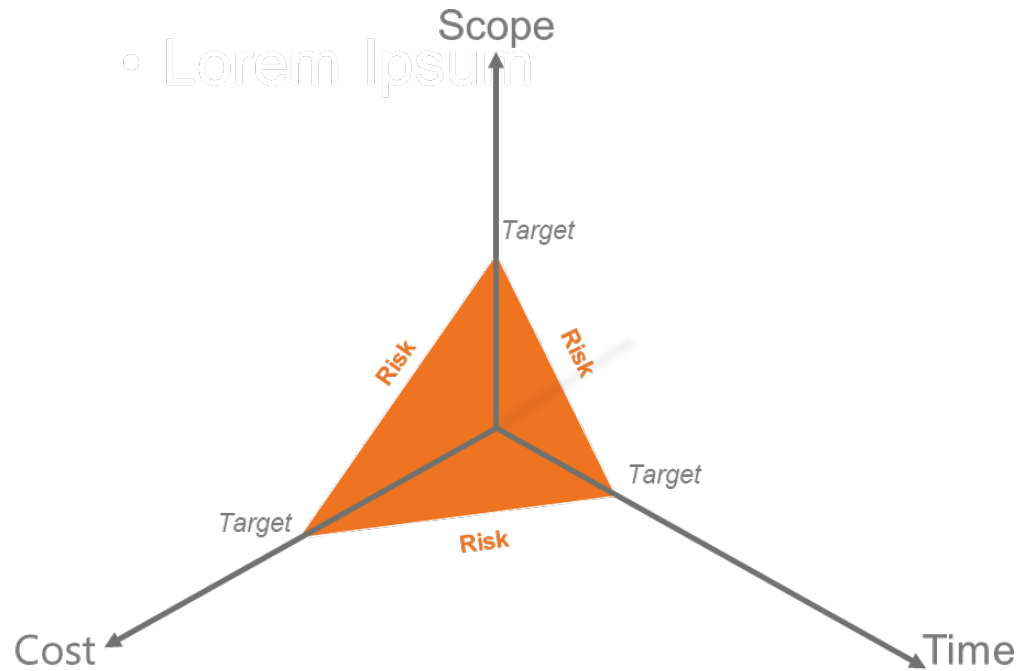
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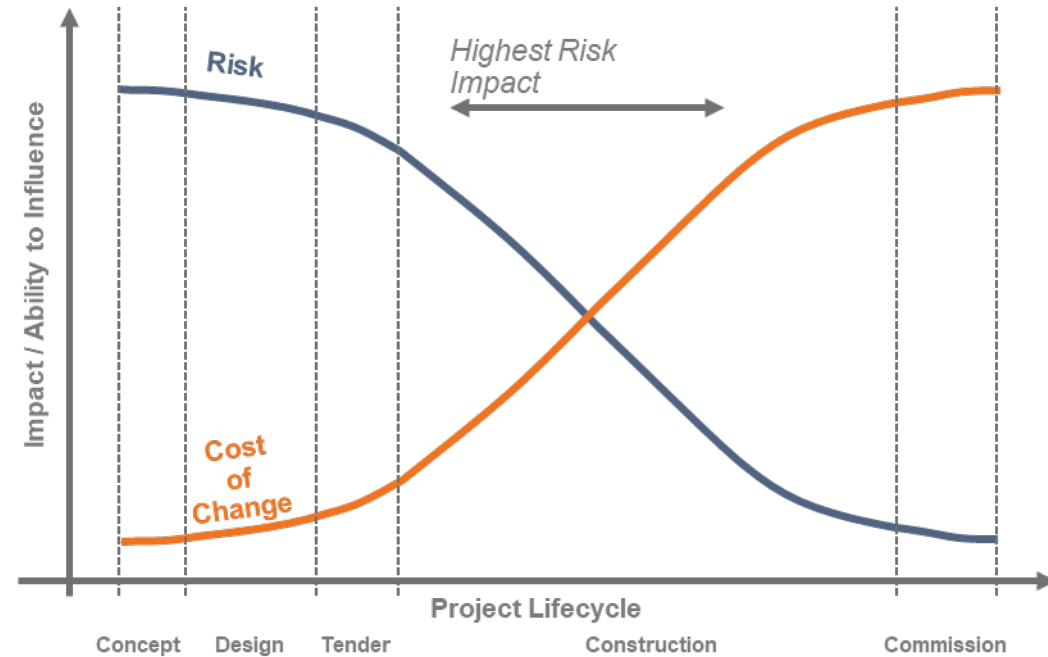


Why do we do Schedule Risk Analysis?

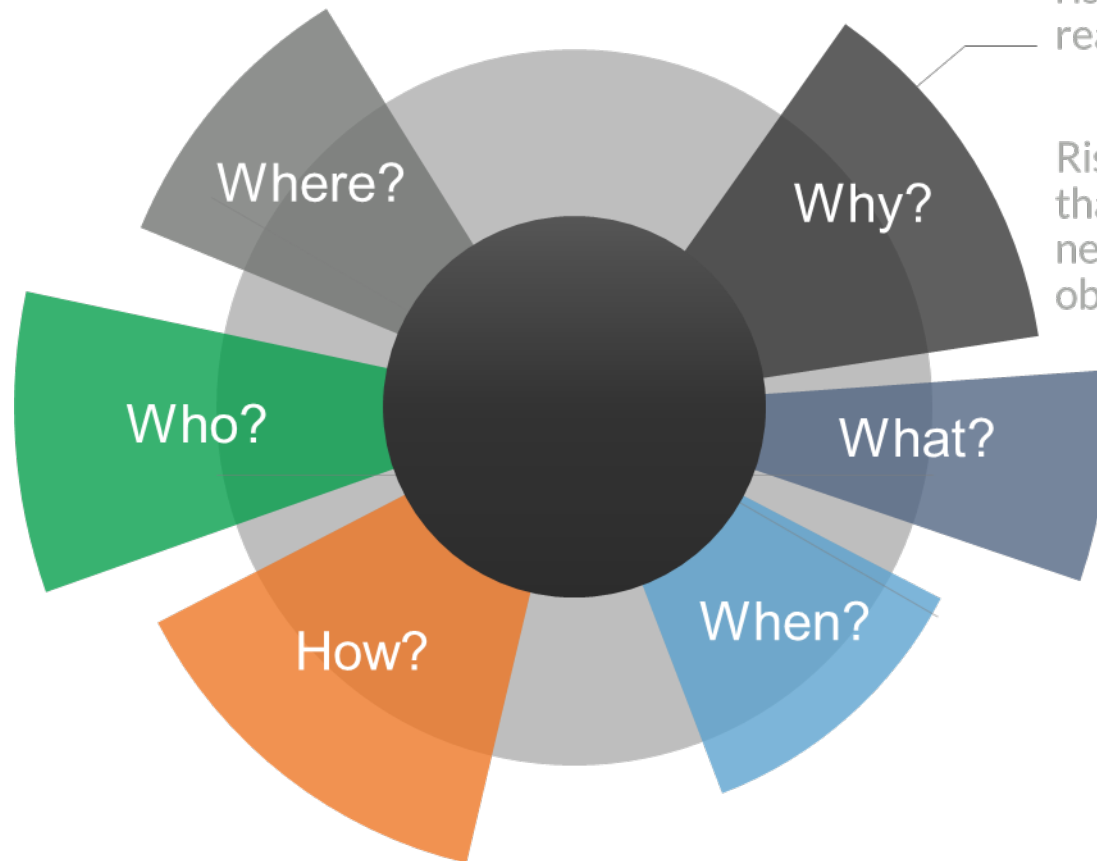
Project Management Triple Constraint



Degree of Influence and cost of Change through Project Lifecycle



What is Schedule Risk Analysis?



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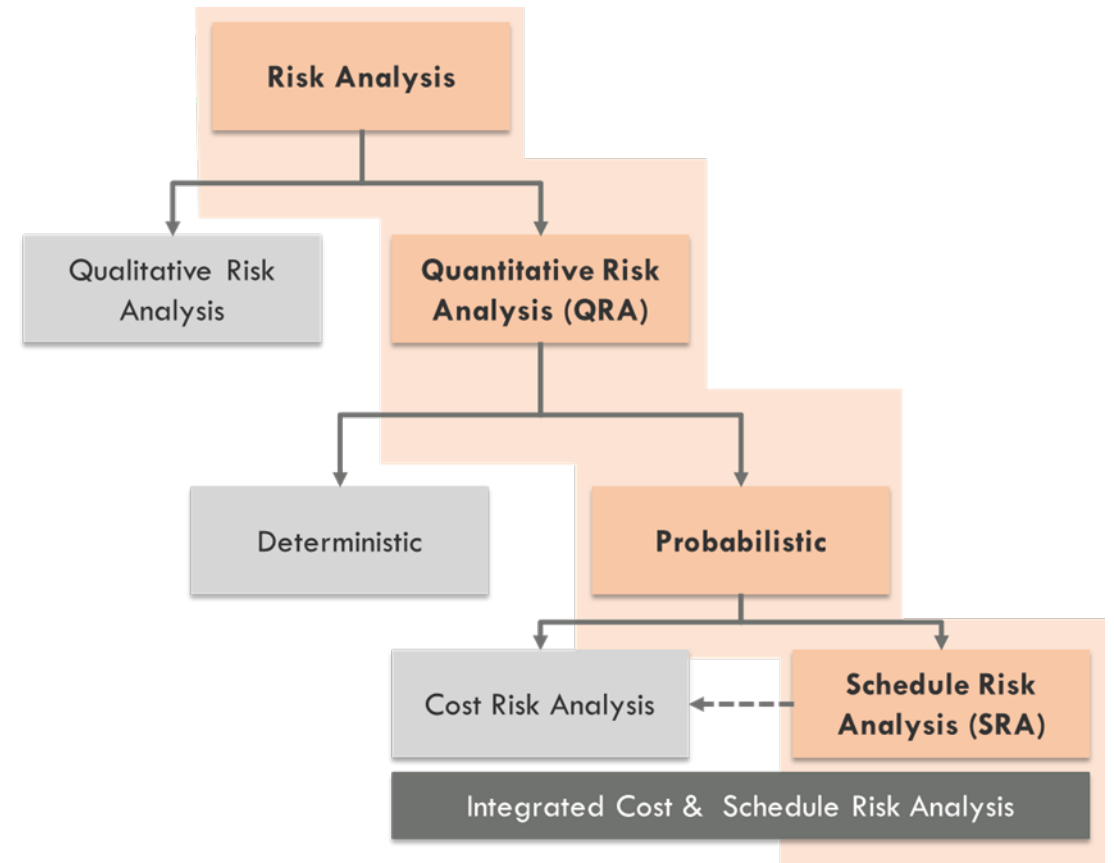
Schedule Risk Analysis offers a method for **managing time related** risks on projects

More realistic information on project durations taking into **account risk**

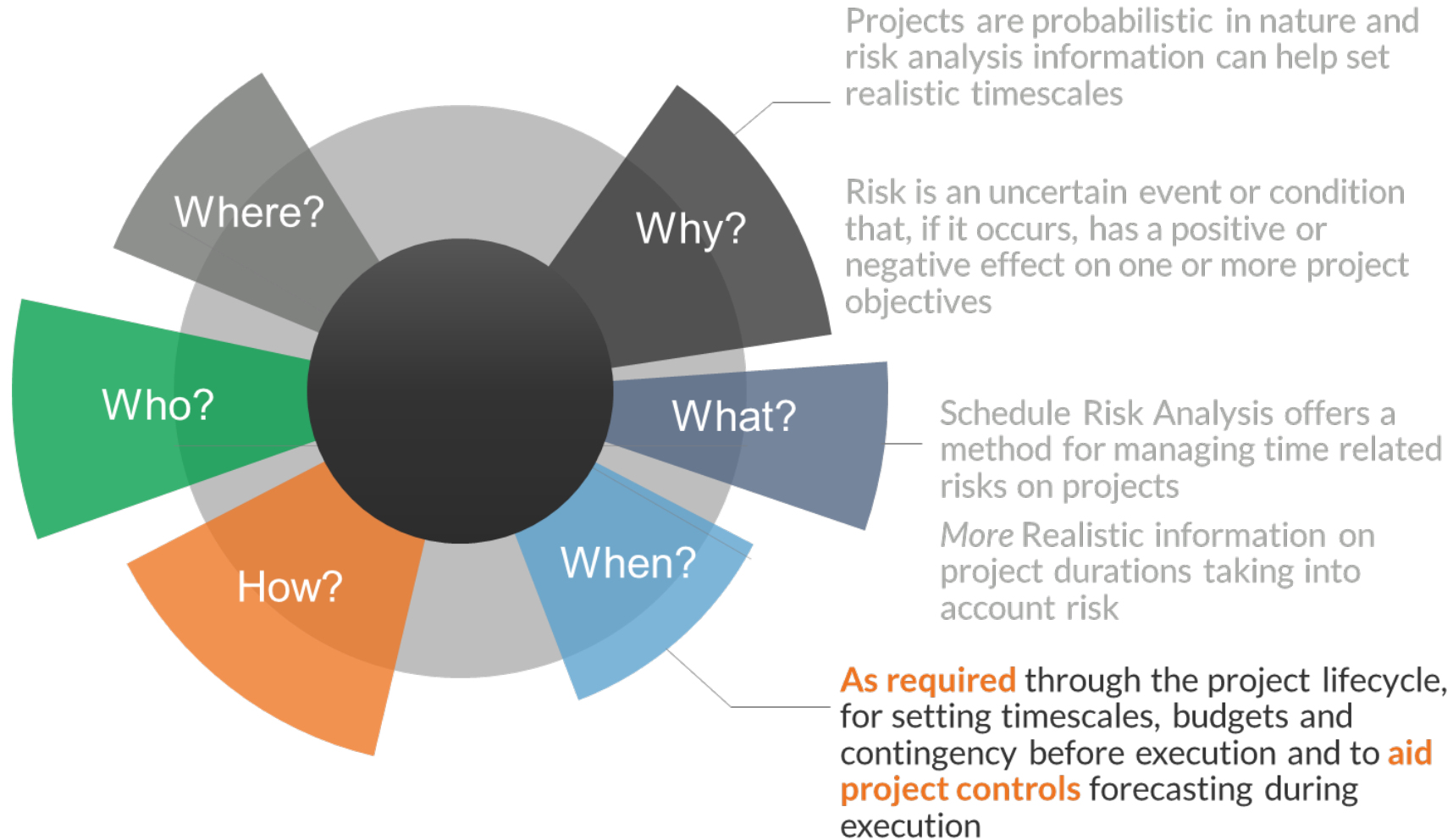
What are Schedule Risk Analysis outcomes?

Schedule Risk Analysis Outcomes

- Improved quality of schedule, ensure schedule robustness, expose issues
- Challenge or confirm assumptions inherent in the deterministic schedule, e.g. “the critical path”
- Model uncertainty associated with schedule durations and scenarios around these
- Assess confidences of achieving dates, or alternatively dates for specified confidence, e.g. “P80”
- Identify driving risks and opportunities to mitigate
- Establish targets and inputs to project contingency requirements



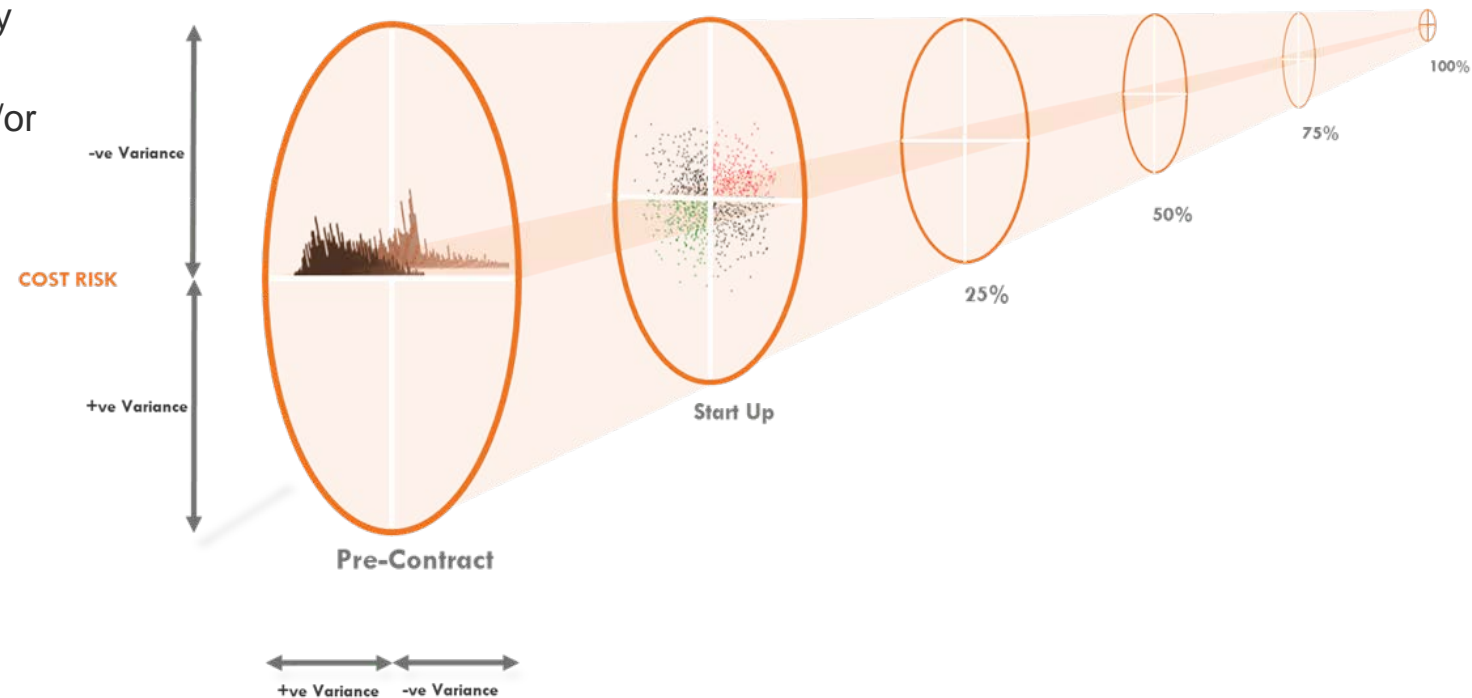
When to perform a Schedule Risk Analysis?



When to conduct Schedule Risk Analysis?

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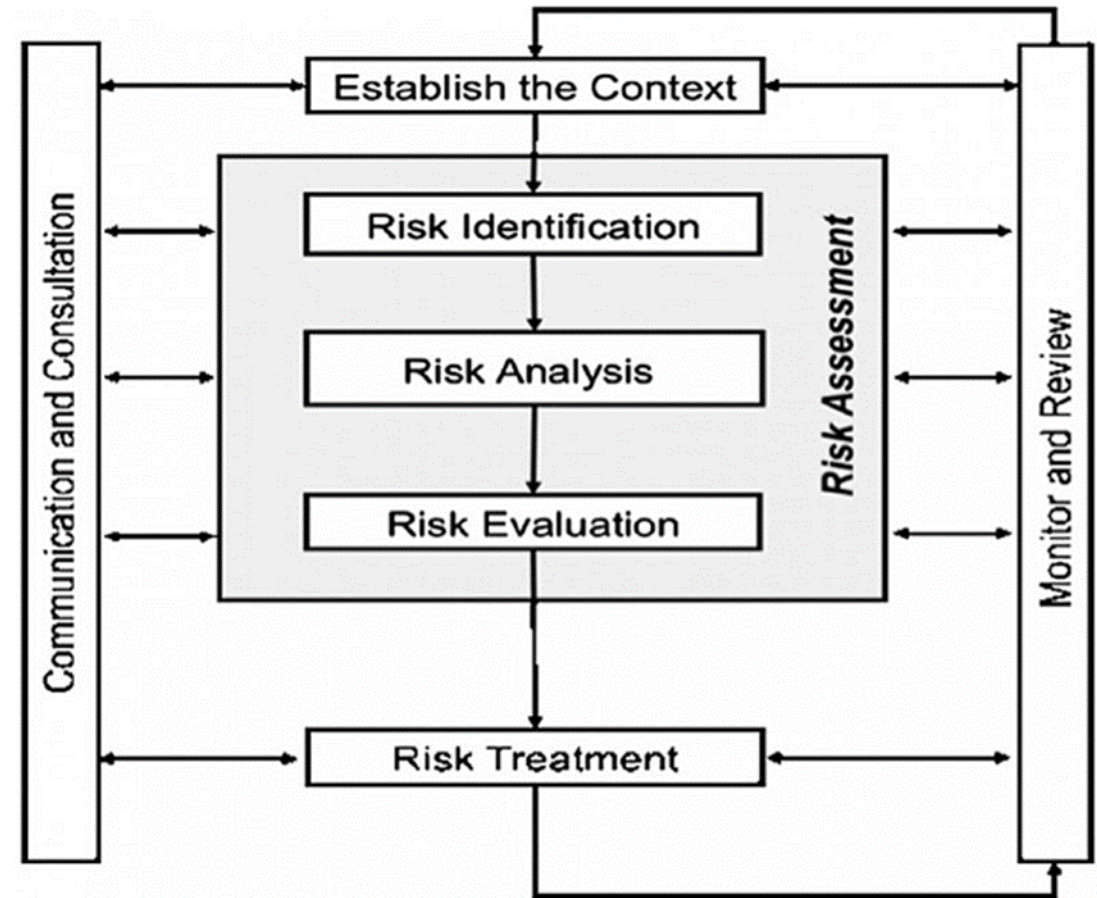
- Establishing baselines and contingency requirements
- Any significant changes to Scope, and/or
- Any significant changes to project risk
- Regular updating and/or reforecasting



When to conduct Schedule Risk Analysis?

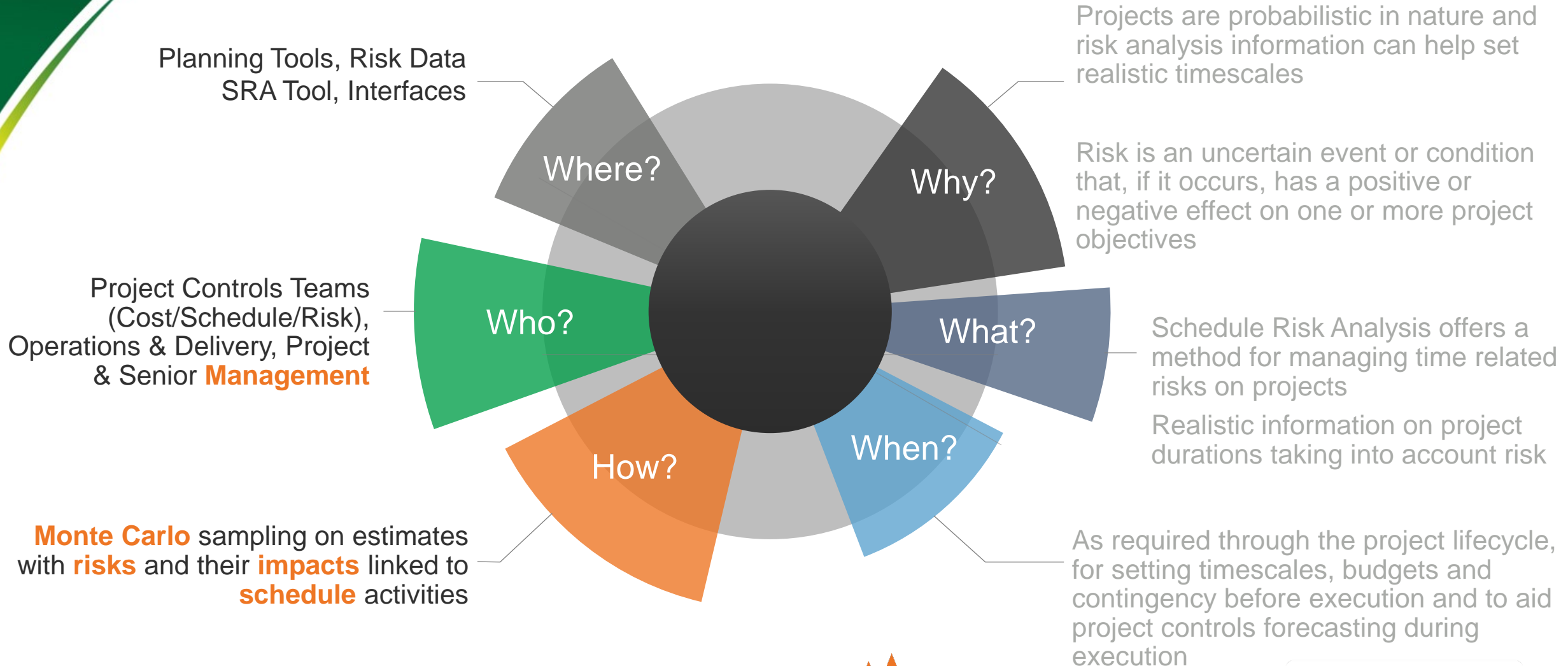
Risk Management Process

- Schedule Risk Analysis is one component of an overall risk management process



Risk Management Process AS / NZS ISO 3100:2009 Risk Management (Principles and Guidelines)

Schedule Risk Analysis



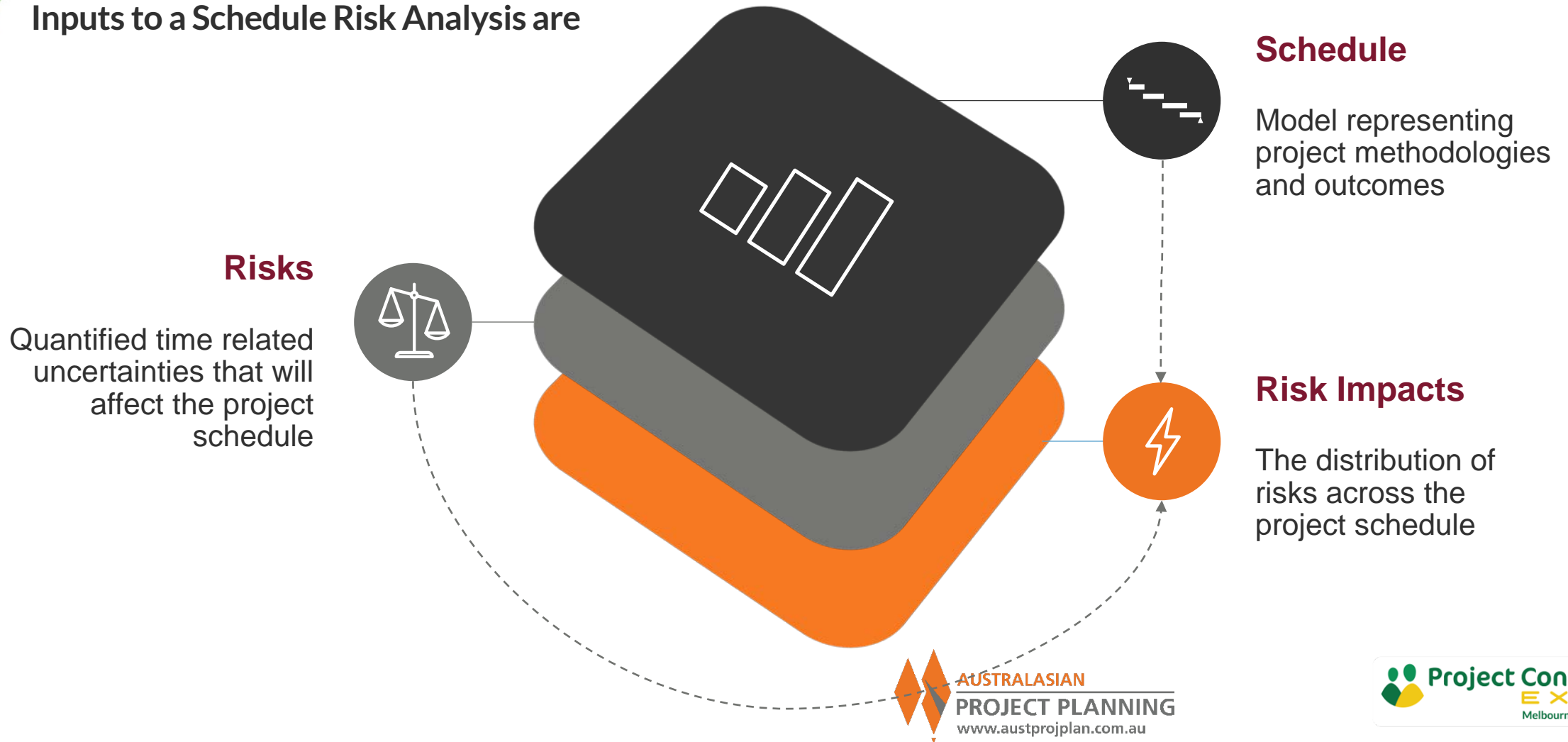
Examples of Project Time Risk

- Consider examples of when projects have taken much longer than expected
 - Why?
 - Was this delay identified or analysed?
 - Was there any contingency in place?
 - If so, how was the contingency determined?

What might delay our pool example?

Building a Schedule Risk Analysis Model

Inputs to a Schedule Risk Analysis are



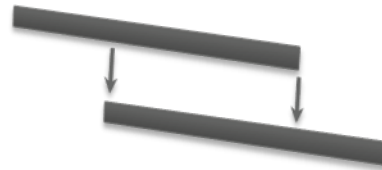
Schedule Inputs



Scope / Work Breakdown

Activities

- Works to be undertaken
- Durations
- Milestone Events
- Summaries
- Levels of Detail



Dependencies

Relationships

- Links between activities
- Relationship type
eg. Finish to Start
- Determines time-phasing of activities

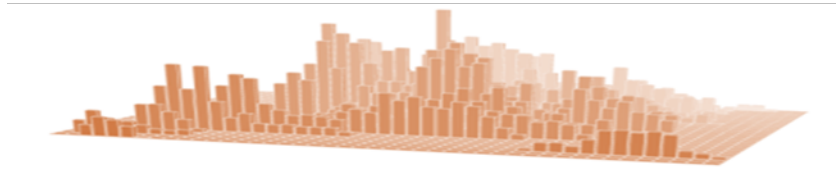


Work Periods

Calendars

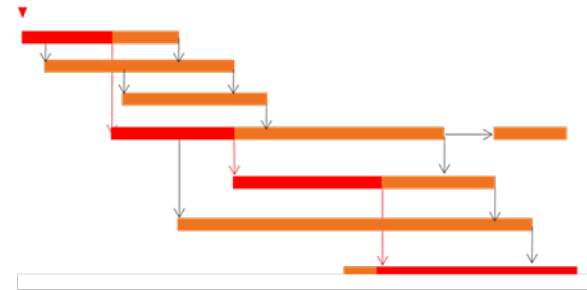
- Available Work periods
- Non – Available
eg. Holidays, RDO's
- Weather
- Applicable Scope

Schedule Outputs



Time Phased Distribution

- Scope
- Resources
- Costs
- Risks



Float

- Drivers to achieving key completion milestones
- Critical activities and dependencies
- Near-Critical paths

SRA Inputs – Schedule Considerations

- Schedule Quality

- Is it built correctly?
- Will it react to risks?

- Completeness

- Is the project scope captured?

- Accuracy

- Is it realistic in reflecting the position of the project



Schedule Inputs – Schedule Quality

Key Schedule Quality Issues

- **Open Ends and High Floats:** risk impacts will have no effect
- **Constraints:** Hard Constraints (Mandatory or Must Start/Finish on) ignore activity relationships and hold dates. As Late As Possible activities may simply start earlier rather than delaying finish
- **Negative or Excessive Lags:** Lags may not represent realistic behaviour of relationships
- **Out of Sequence Activities:** may effect activity behaviour by retaining logic
- **Calendar changes:** Multiple calendars can cause unrealistic results on activities

SRA Inputs – Risks and Risk Impacts

Project Risk Register

- May be high level for schedule risks and/or inadequate for SRA, e.g. ubiquitous “Schedule Delay” risk,
- Qualitative vs Quantitative risks?

Other Sources Include

- Risk workshops
- Risk interviews
- Empirical data

Motivational Bias in Risk Data collection

- Reasons to avoid making outcome negative, “influencing” the result
- Hostility to risk assessments

Cognitive Bias

- Representative Bias: ignoring the past
- Availability Bias: Easily recalled or significant past events including recent events
- Anchoring/Adjustment Bias: initial values determine uncertainty

Sources of Schedule Risk

Typical Risks for Infrastructure Projects

01

Approvals

Environmental, Planning and Regulatory Approvals
Site Access / Land Acquisition
Financing

02

Design

Review and Approval periods
Design Scope Growth (time for design)
Sustainable design

03

Procurement

Equipment Availability
Production / Manufacturing Lead times
Shipping / Transit

04

Site Establishment / Enabling Works

Land Acquisitions and access to Sites
Utilities
Demolition / Contamination

05

Operations

Productivity
Resource Availability
Material Supply
Access Restrictions
Interfacing and Interferences from other operations
Plant & Equipment Failure

06

Project Wide Issues

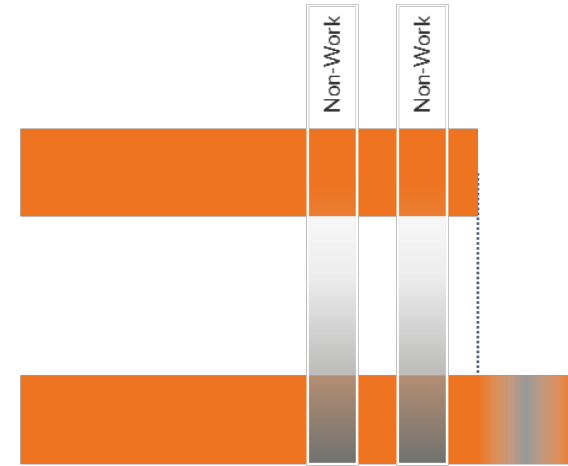
Weather
Industrial
Safety
Community
Environmental
Multi-Project Interfaces

07

Systemic Risks

Company Culture
Maturity
Complexity
Political

SRA Inputs – Time Related Risks



Inherent Risks

Duration Uncertainty

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Contingent Risks

Discrete Risks

- Unforeseen events that are not included in, but may impact the base schedule. The likelihood of occurrence is under 100%. Also known as discrete risks

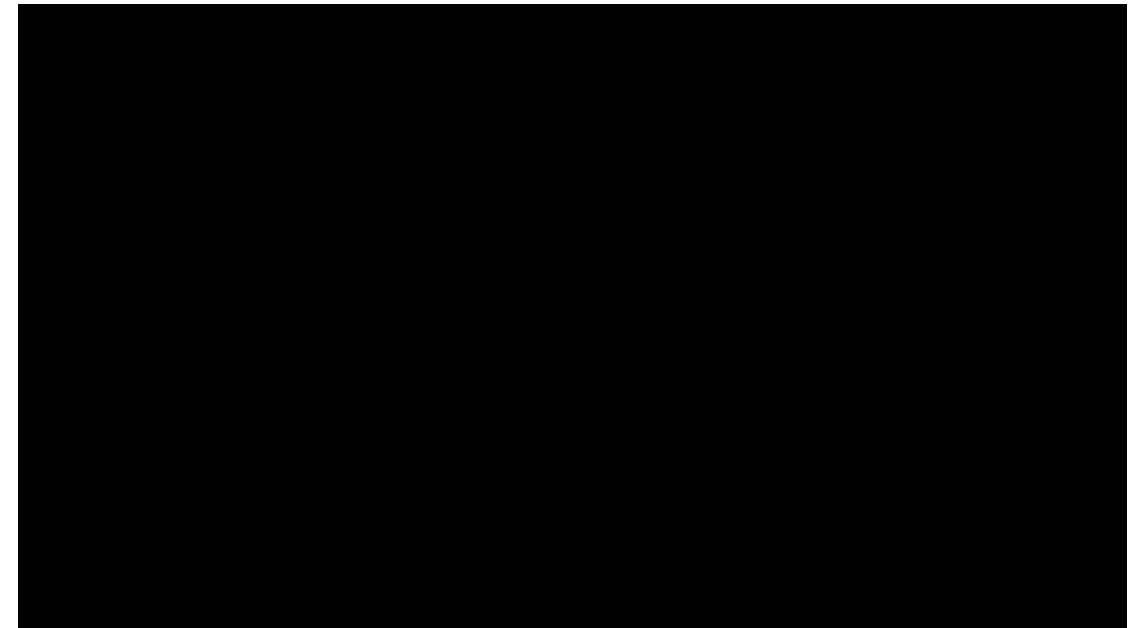
Calendar Risks

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EXERCISE 2: Example Schedule - Modify Durations

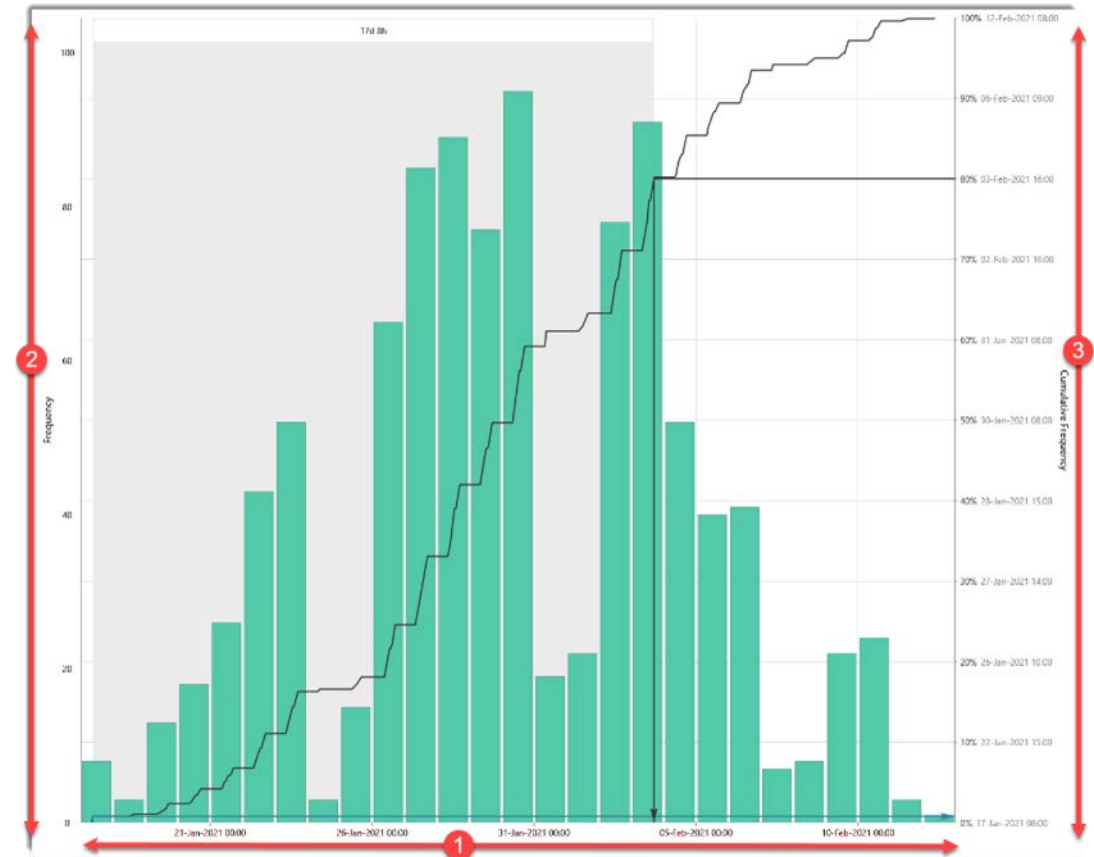
- Using Exercise 1 Schedule, modify activity durations, note results



SRA Outputs – Distribution Graphs

Distribution Graphs present the results of the Monte-Carlo analysis for a chosen activity (or summary)

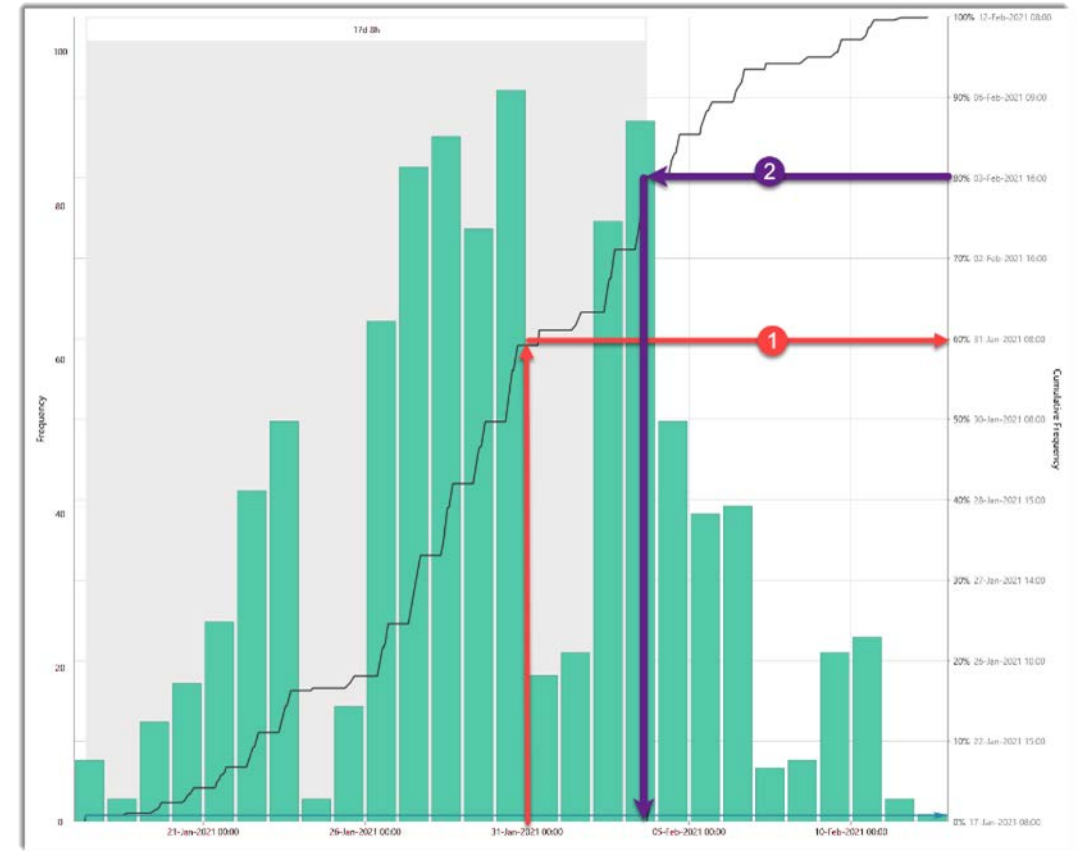
1. Horizontal axis is the range of results, from minimum (earliest) to the maximum (latest).
2. Left hand axis represents the **Frequency** of each result, as shown by the vertical bars
3. Right hand axis represents the **Cumulative Frequency** of results expressed as percentage of total results, as shown by the distribution curve.



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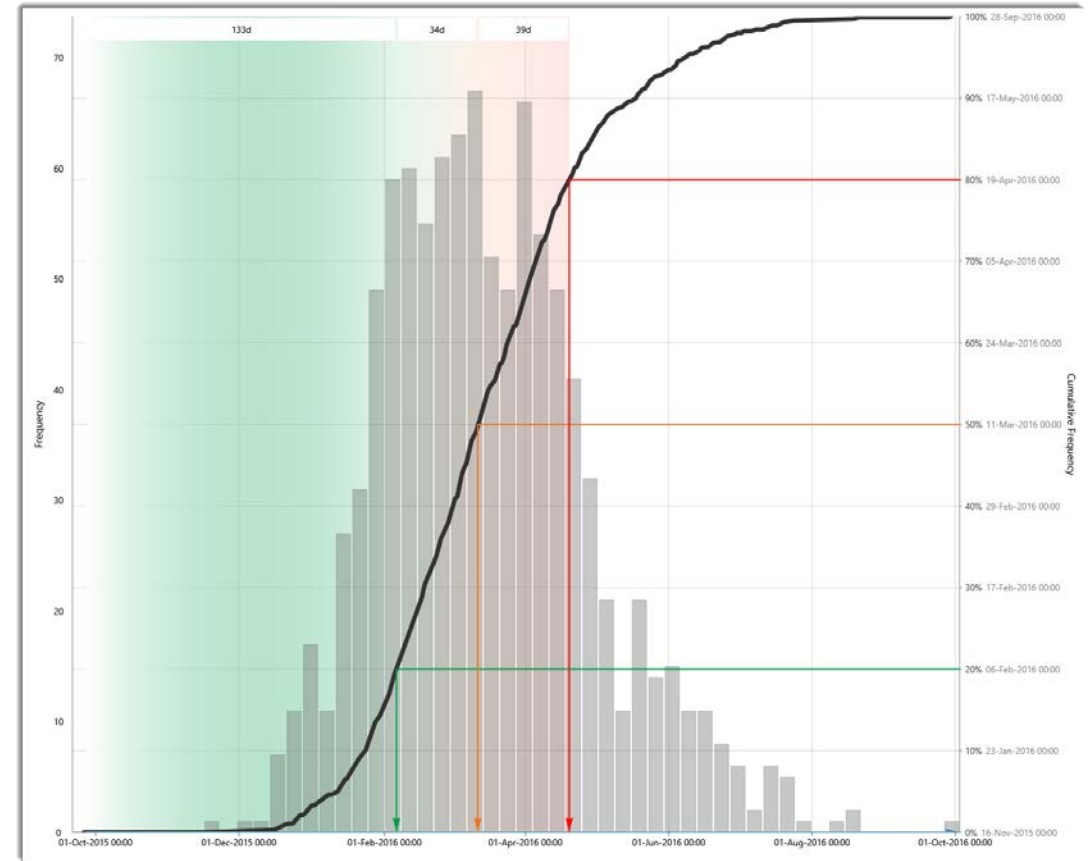
Distribution Graphs provide two key pieces of information from the analysis

1. For a specific date, the frequency or probability of achieving that date (or earlier). For example 31-Jan-21 (or earlier) was achieved in 60% of results. 31-Jan-21 represents a P60 confidence level date.
2. The date that satisfies a desired level of confidence (probability) of being achieved. For example, the date to have 80% confidence of being achieved is 3-Feb-21. The P80 date is 3-Feb-21.



Distribution Graphs

- Is the shape of the distribution significant?
- Is the increase in cumulative % linear? (long tails)
- Why isn't the deterministic result shown at all?
- Why isn't the 0% equal to the deterministic date?



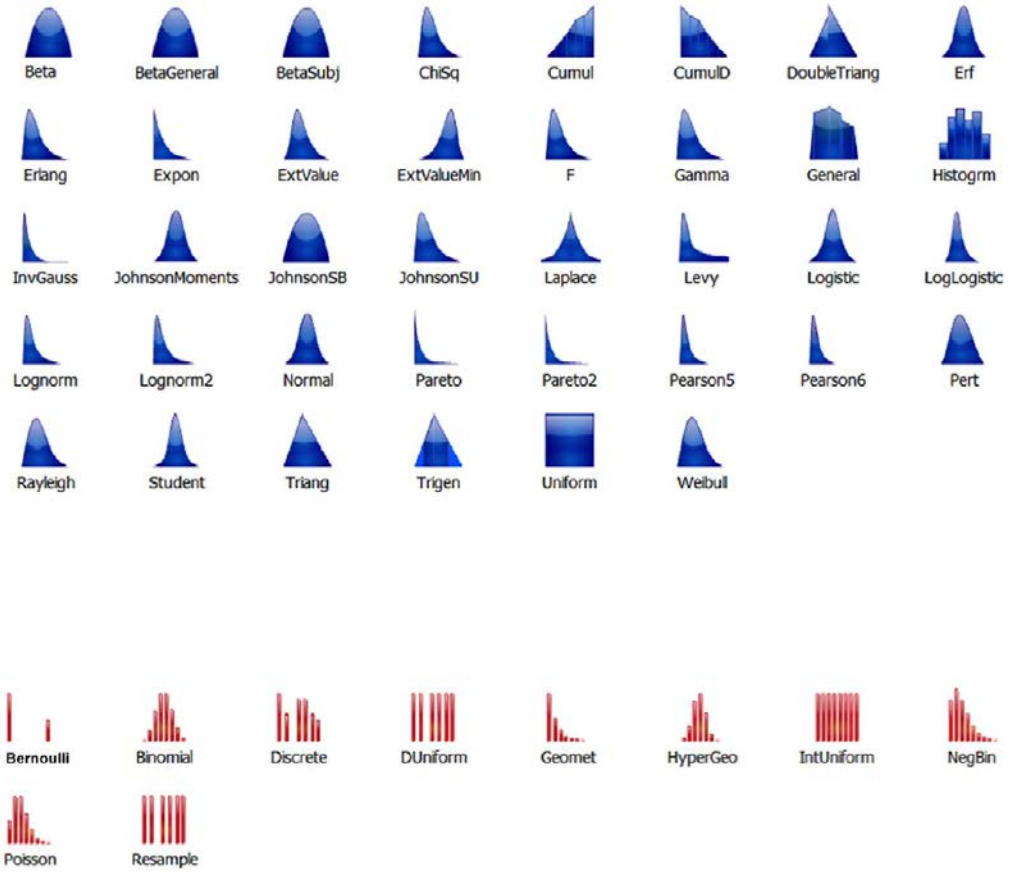
EXERCISE 4: Activity Duration Ranging

- For each activity, rather than modifying the duration, we can enter a range of durations, for random sampling:
 - Minimum
 - Most Likely
 - Maximum

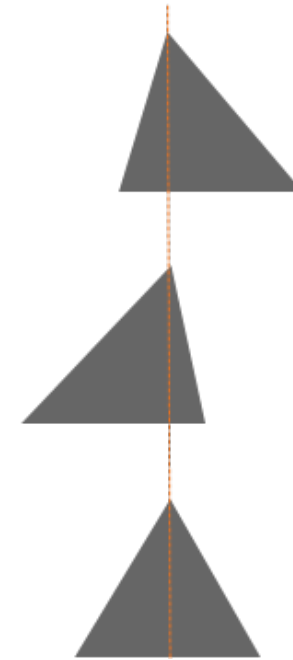
- Also select a distribution profile

| Id | Description | Distribution | Min | ML | Max |
|----------|---------------|--------------|-----|----|-----|
| ▲ CIV | Civil Works | | | | |
| ◇ START | Start Pool | | | | |
| ▢ CIV010 | Prepare Site | Triangle | 1d | 2d | 3d |
| ▢ CIV020 | Excavate | Triangle | 4d | 5d | 8d |
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| ▢ CIV040 | Curing | | | | |
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| ◇ FINISH | Finish Pool | | | | |

Distribution Types



Triangle Distribution



EXERCISE 4: Run analysis and observe iterations of analysis

Home Global Risks Risk Calendars Schedule Schedule Warnings **2** Project Risks Risk Mapping Cost Correlations Analyze Distribution Graph Drivers

Run Analysis Filter

Included Risks

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mitigation | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----|-------------|--|
| | Pre | Post | Id | Description | |
| | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | | | |

Analysis Options

Iterations

Stop at Convergence

Seed

Use Latin Hypercube Sampling

Include Correlations

Resource level after each iteration

Step through

Run Analysis

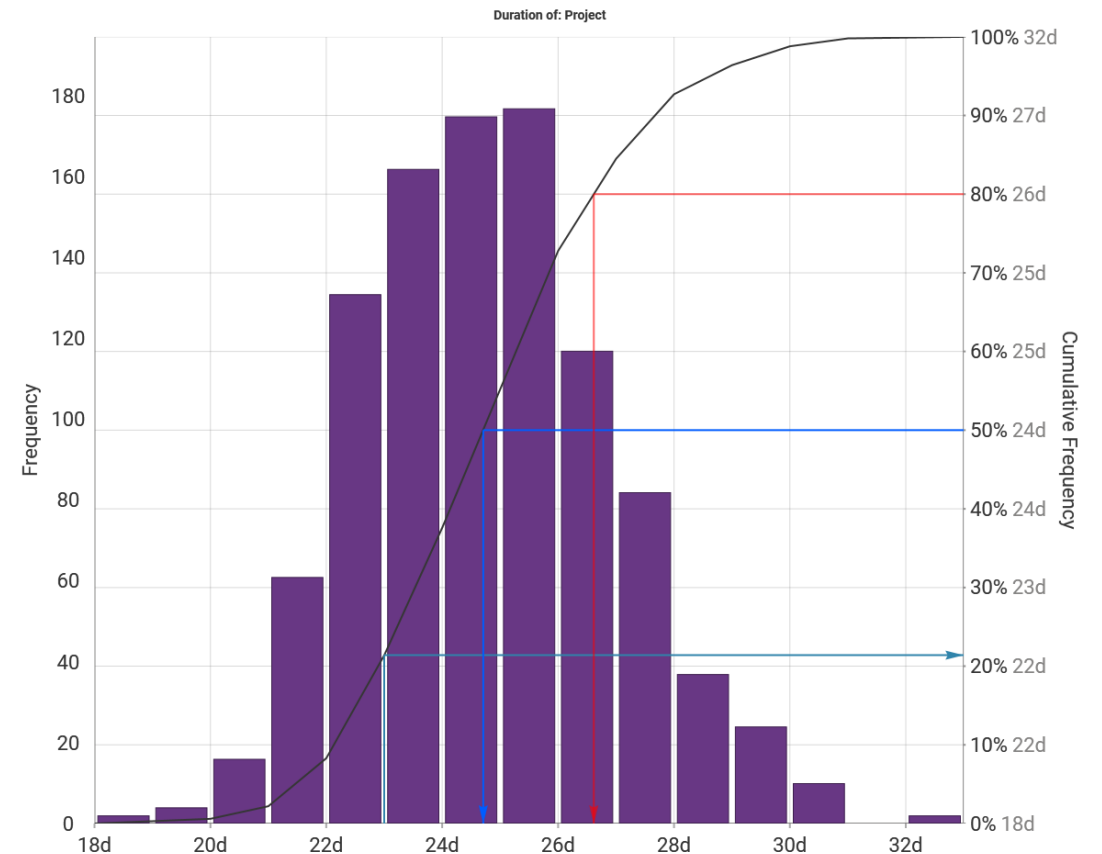
Focus Activities

Select Remove

| Id | Description |
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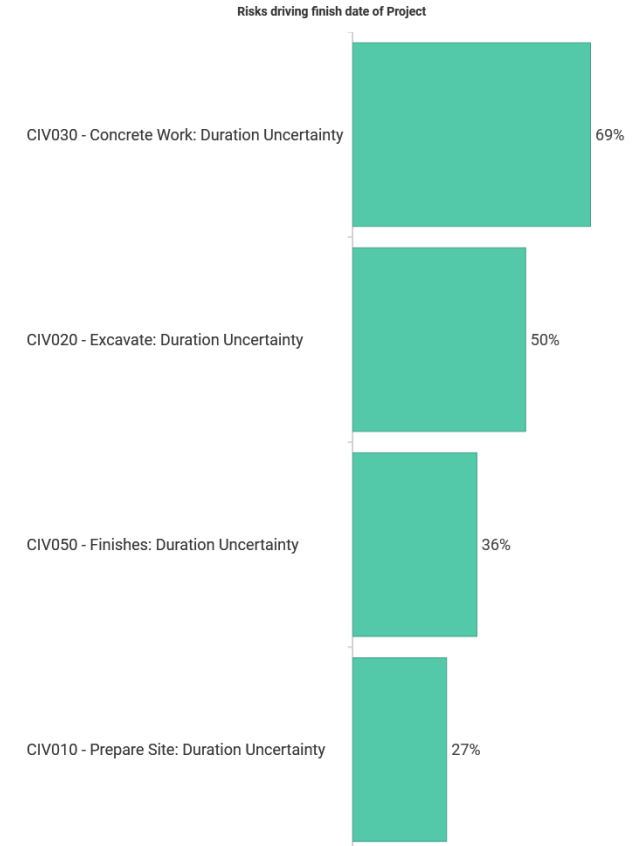
EXERCISE 4: View Results (Duration & Finish Date)

- What is the probability of achieving the original 22days?
- What is the P80 result?
- How much extra time would you allow?



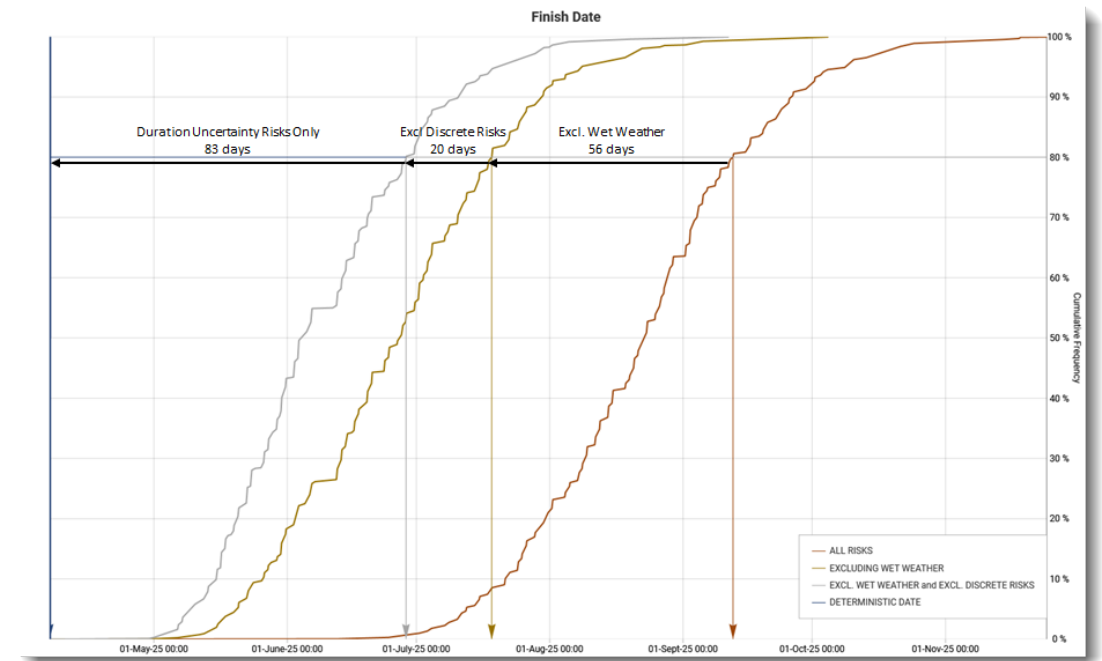
SRA Outputs – Tornado Charts (Correlation)

- Tornado charts rank the risks/activities by their degree of correlation to the delays to the project finish date, or specified activity.



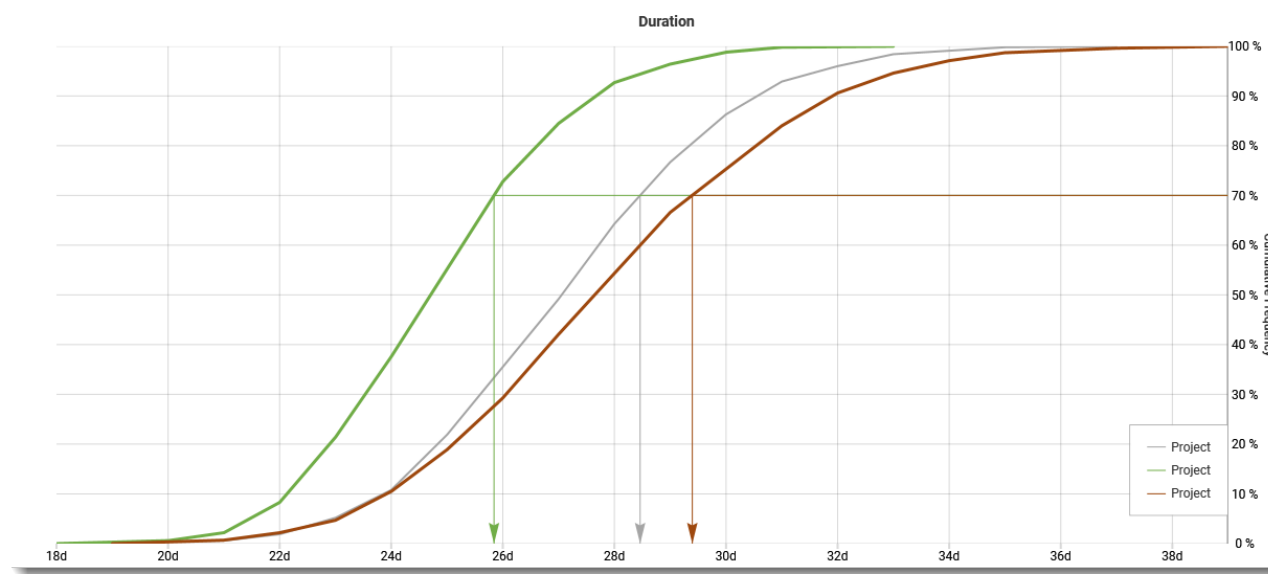
SRA Outputs – Distribution Comparisons

- Distribution Comparisons plot multiple cumulative frequencies to compare results for:
 - The same activity across different analyses
 - Different activities within the same analysis
- Used to compare the results at chosen confidence levels

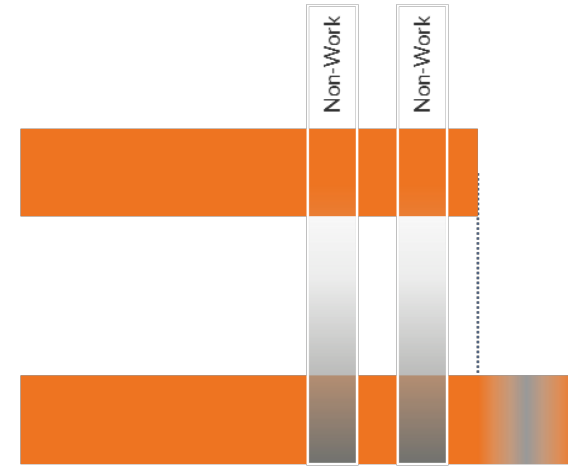
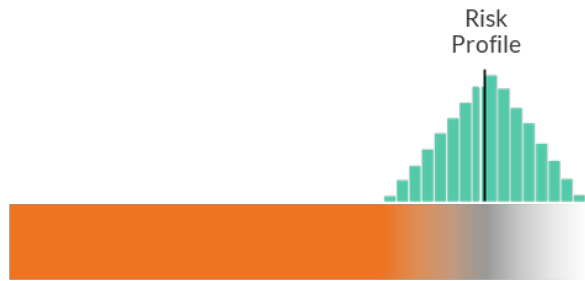


EXERCISE 5: Compare Results

- Use distribution comparisons to understand the result from varying the inputs



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Adding Discrete Risks to the Analysis

- In exercise 2 we asked “What could go wrong”
- Consider the example of hitting rock when excavating for the pool
- We might know that 2 out of the last 5 pools in the area hit rock
- If that occurs, we will need more time to:
 - Organise additional equipment
 - Excavate at a slower rate

Exercise 6: Adding Discrete Risks to the Analysis

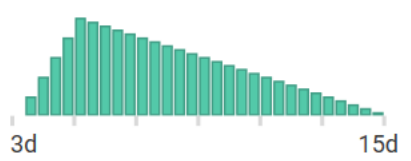
- Include a Risk with 20% probability
- Impact (absolute) of Minimum 3 days, Most Likely 5days and Maximum 15days.

| Id | Description | Risk Type | Probability |
|------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Rock | Excavation in Rock | Standard | 40% |

Schedule Impact

Type: Distribution: Min: Likely: Max:

Days Hours



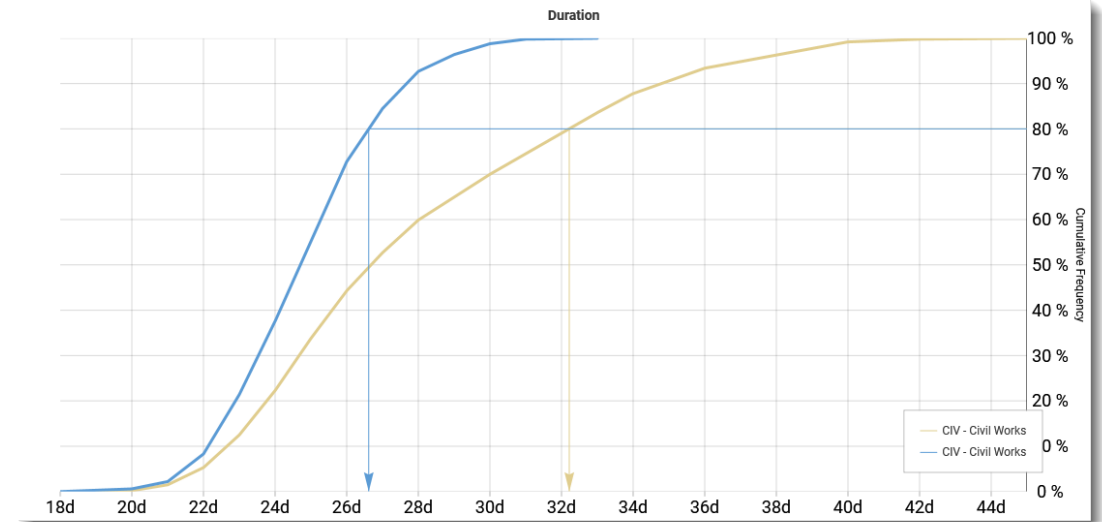
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- Map this risk to the Excavate Activity

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Exercise 7: Step through and compare analysis

- Observe the excavate activity.
- The Rock risk will only impact the excavate activity in 40% of iterations
- Turn off this risk in the analysis and compare results, note P80 difference



Recap: Introduction and Overview of Schedule Risk Analysis

- What, why, when etc..
- Inputs: Schedule, Risks
- Simple Schedule with Activity Duration ranging as risks.
- Outputs:
 - Distribution Histogram
 - Cumulative Frequency Curves
 - Correlation Tornadoes
 - Distribution Comparisons

10min Break

So far..

- Used a simple schedule
- Applied Duration Ranging only
- We want to better understand what are the risks that might affect our project schedule

Risk Driver Method

Risk Drivers

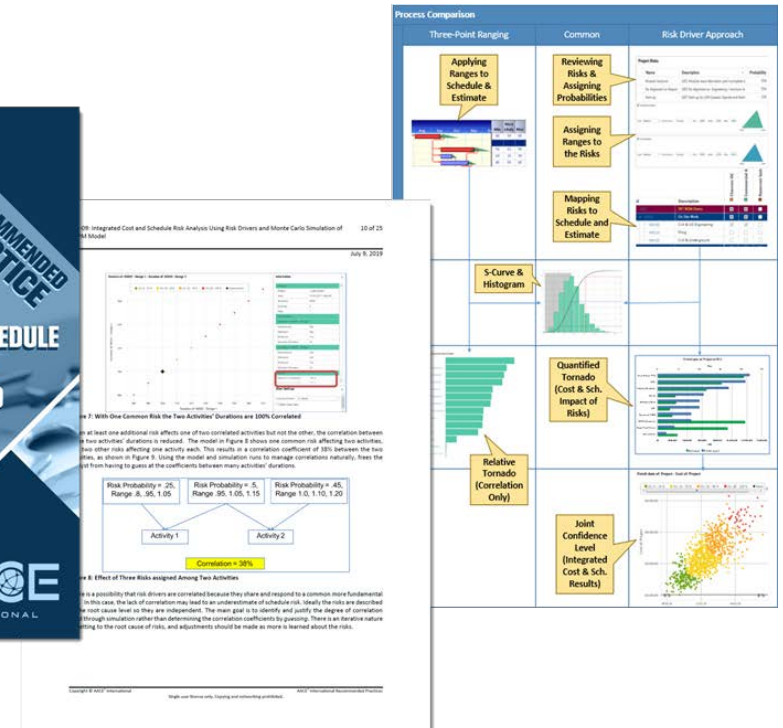
- Undertake analysis focusing on the risks **causing** delays.
- Activity duration ranging only analyses the **consequences** of uncertainty on activity duration

| | Activity Ranging | Risk Driver |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---|
| Focus | Consequence | Causes |
| Relationship to Risks | Unclear | Clear many-to-many |
| Risk Registers | Not required | Required |
| Risk Prioritisation | Tornado correlation | Risk by exclusion to determine contribution |

Risk Driver Method

More Information

- Dr David Hulett:
http://www.projectrisk.com/schedule_risk_analysis_using_risk_drivers.html
- AACEi Recommended Practice 57R-09 Integrated Cost and Schedule Risk Analysis Using Risk Drivers and Monte Carlo Simulation of a CPM Model
- AACEi 2017 International Technical Paper “From Activity-Based Ranging to Risk Driver Approach” by Craig Veteto



Risk Driver Method Steps

- Identify Root Cause Risks
- Define the Probability of the risk
 - 100% probability is similar to Duration Ranging/uncertainty
 - <100% probability is similar to Discrete Risks
- Define the **Impact** the risk will have upon schedule activities
 - Expressed as absolute values (days/hours), or
 - Expressed as relative % to schedule duration
 - Can reduce duration (opportunity) or increase (threat), even both.
- Assign Risks to schedule activities

Exercise 8: Create Risk Driver and apply to more detailed schedule

| Id | Description | Risk Type | Probability |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Tunnelling | Tunnelling Production Uncertainty | Standard | 100% |

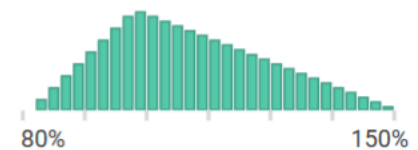
Impacts of Tunnelling

Impact independently Correlate

Pre-Mitigated Position

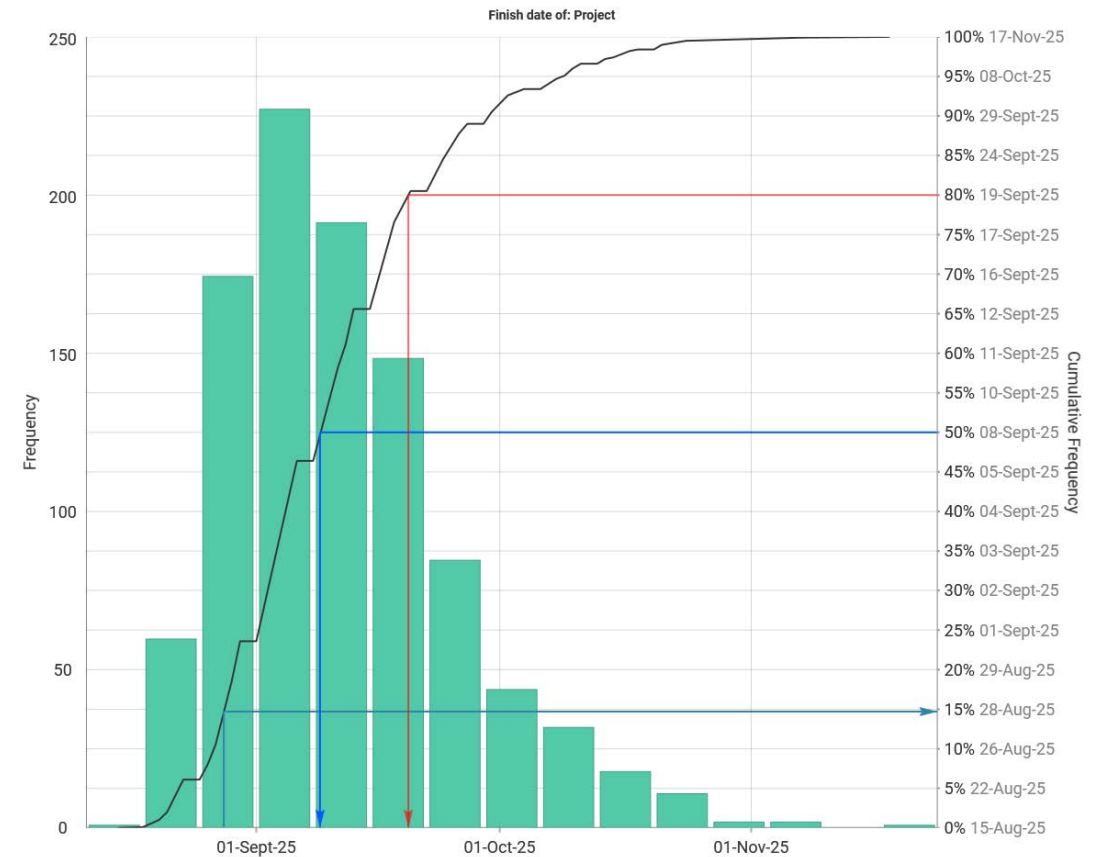
Schedule Impact

Type: Distribution: Min: Likely: Max:



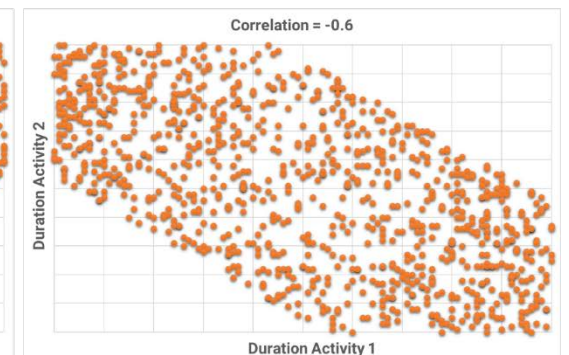
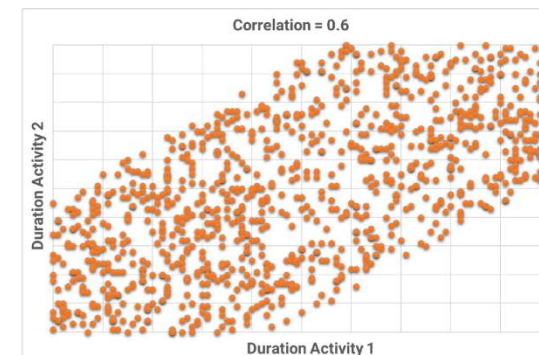
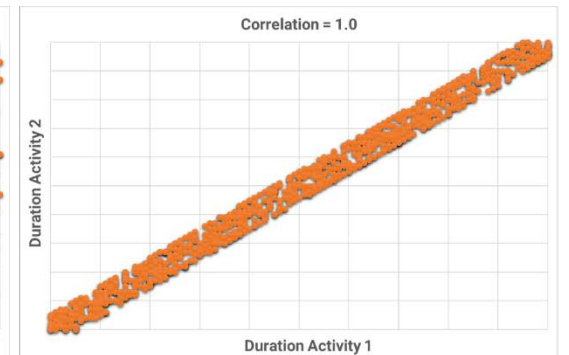
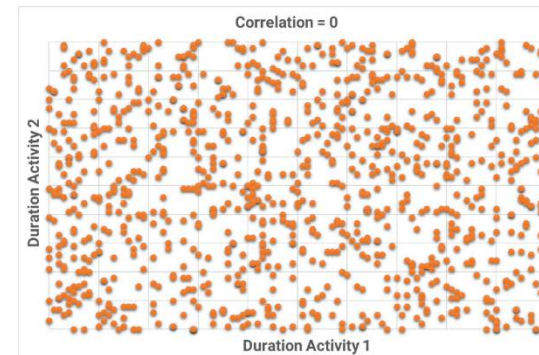
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| Id | Description | Tunnelling |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| SRA_TUNNEL | SRA TUNNEL EXAMPLE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| SRA_TUNNEL.M | Key Milestones | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| SRA_TUNNEL.1 | Procurement | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| SRA_TUNNEL.2 | Launch Shaft | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| SRA_TUNNEL.3 | Tunnel | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| SRA_TUNNEL.3.1 | Tunnel - TBM | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TC_SRA_02 | Assembly | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TC_SRA_02 | Learning Curve 140m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| TC_SRA_21 | Drive 1 605m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| TC_SRA_22 | Drive 2 220m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| TC_SRA_23 | Drive 3 770m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| TC_SRA_24 | Drive 4 825m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| TC_SRA_25 | Drive 5 765m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| TC_SRA_26 | Dis-assembly | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| SRA_TUNNEL.3.2 | Tunnel - Fitout | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TC_SRA_31 | Tunnel Infill Concrete (DR1-3) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TC_SRA_38 | Tunnel Infill Concrete (DR4-5) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TC_SRA_32 | Tunnel Fitout | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| SRA_TUNNEL.4 | Cut & Cover Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TC_SRA_300 | C&C - Stage 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TC_SRA_330 | C&C - Stage 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TC_SRA_340 | Reinstatement Works | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| SRA_TUNNEL.5 | Ground Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TC_SRA_0080 | Ground Improvement Works | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Correlation

- Correlation is a statistical measure that indicates the extent to which two or more variables Increase or decrease together
- Positive correlation indicates the degree to which variable increase or decrease together
- The inclusion of correlation can be much more significant to the results than selection of distribution profiles (triangle, beta etc)
- Traditionally correlation occurred at the activity level. Using the **Risk Driver** method, correlation can occur between the probability of risks occurring or their impacts upon activities

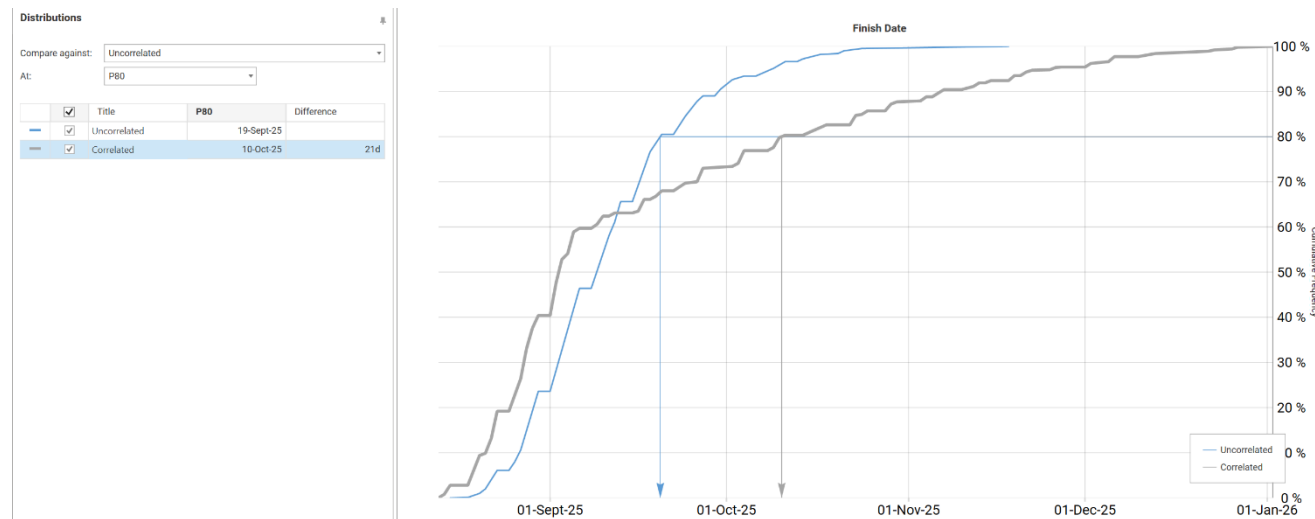


Correlation

- In the previous exercise the impact of the single risk on the 6 mapped activities mapped was uncorrelated (or correlation = 0).
- I.e. Each activity's impact was randomly assigned within the risk impact values in each iteration
- If Correlated, all activities would have the same assigned impact in each iteration

Exercise 9: Compare Correlated and Uncorrelated Result

- Correlation has the affect of earlier/lower values when selecting Confidence levels lower than P50, or later/higher values when selecting Confidence levels greater than P50



Schedule Risk Input Register

| Category | ID | Description | Probability | Min impact | Most Likely Impact | Max Impact | Risk Impacts |
|--|-----------------------------|--|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Short description of the category risk applies to | Unique identifier | Provide a short text description of the risk | Define the probability of the risk occurring | The Minimum value of the risk impact | The most likely value of the risk impact | The maximum value of the risk impact | Identify the activities within the program affected by the risk |
| Design Approvals Construction – Utilities Construction – Surface Works Site1 Construction – Surface Works Site 2 Construction – Tunnelling Site 1 M&E Commissioning Etc | SRA Analyst will provide | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% risk also known as Duration Uncertainty <100% known as Discrete Risks Can also be calendar risks if required | Relative value in % of existing activity duration (e.g. 80%/100%/120%) Absolute value in days (e.g. +2d / +10d / +2weeks) can be negative also | | | Identify using <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity ID's WBS/activity code groups Coded activities Descriptions |

EXAMPLES

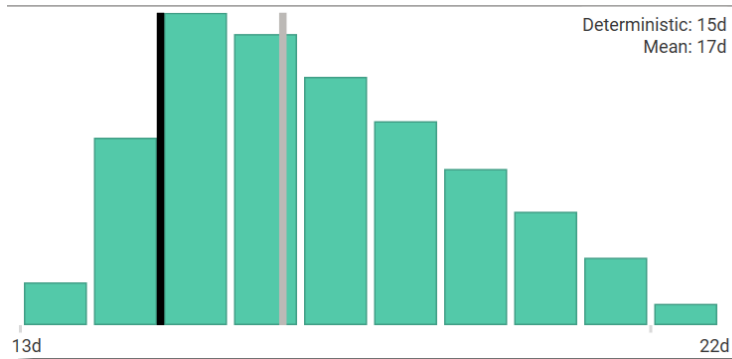
| | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Construction – Surface Works | SW01 | Delays due to Piling rig availability (ie threat only) | 100% (Duration Uncertainty) | 100% (of existing Duration) | 120% | 150% | Apply to all Piling Activities (use Coding and/or Descriptions) |
| Construction – Tunnelling | TU01 | Tunnelling Production Uncertainty | 100% | 80% (of Existing Duration) | 100% (ie most likely to be original duration) | 120% | Apply to Tunnelling from a certain site |
| Construction Tunnelling | TU51 | Unexpected Ground conditions | 20% (Discrete risk) | +2days (ie if risk occurs, min. impact is extra two days) | +5d | +10d (ie two weeks on 5d calendar) | Apply to excavation through known poor ground conditions (identify individual IDs) |

Exercise 10: Using more detailed schedule, include more risks

| Id | Description | Risk Type | Probability |
|-----------------|---|-----------|-------------|
| DISASSEMBLY | Delays to TBM Disassembly | Standard | 20% |
| EXCAVATION | Excavation Opportunities | Standard | 70% |
| GND_IMPROV | Additional Ground Improvements Required | Standard | 40% |
| TBM_BUILD | TBM Manufacturing Delays | Standard | 30% |
| TBM_FAIL | Major Failure of TBM Equipment | Standard | 10% |
| TBM_RATE | TBM Production Rate | Standard | 100% |
| CONCRETE_SUPPLY | Concrete Supply Issues to Infil Works | Standard | 100% |

Risk Driver Method with multiple Risks on single activity

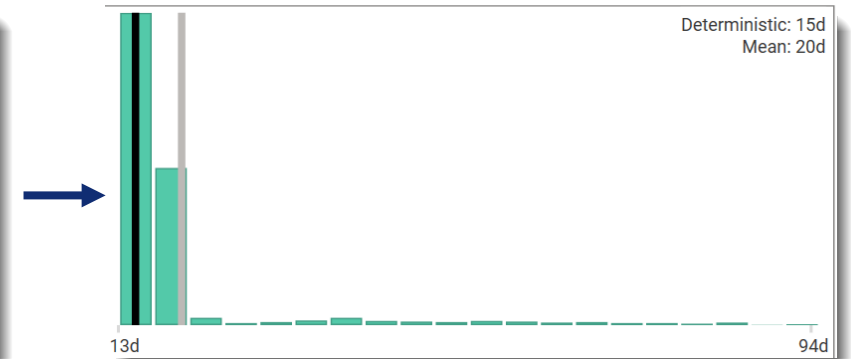
Tunnel Productivity Risk Alone



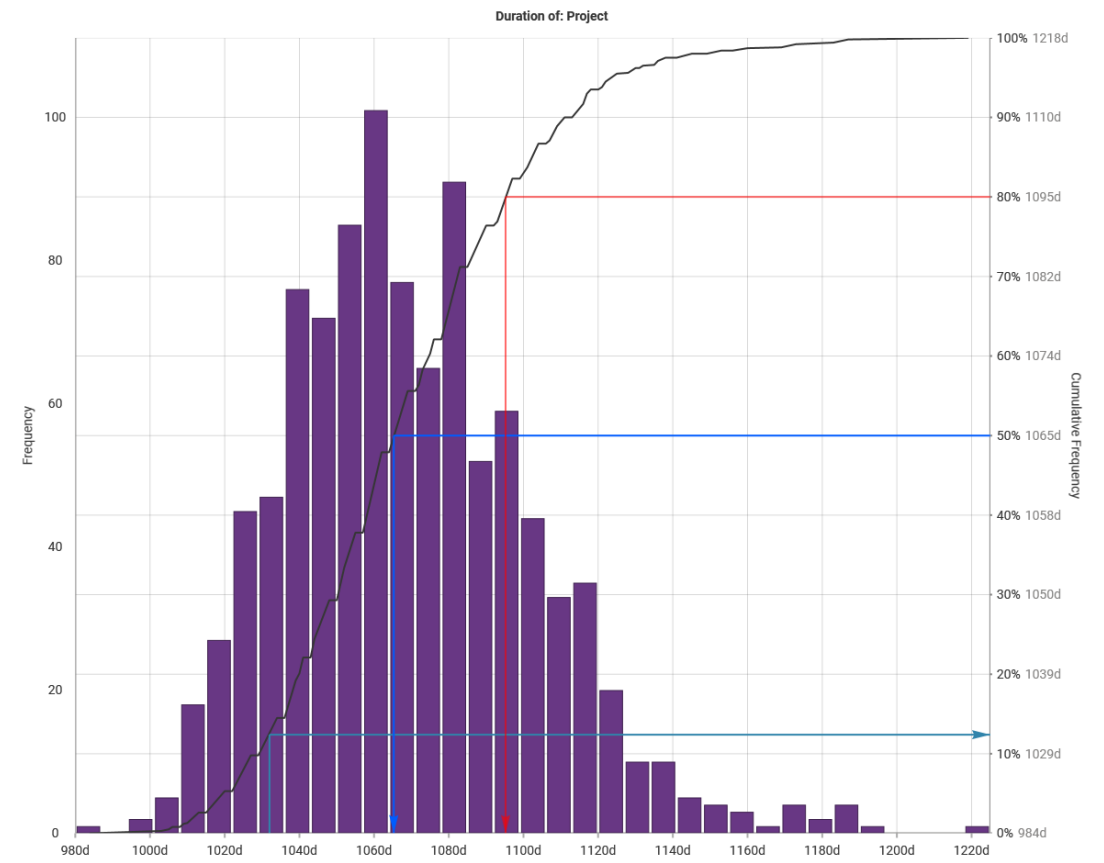
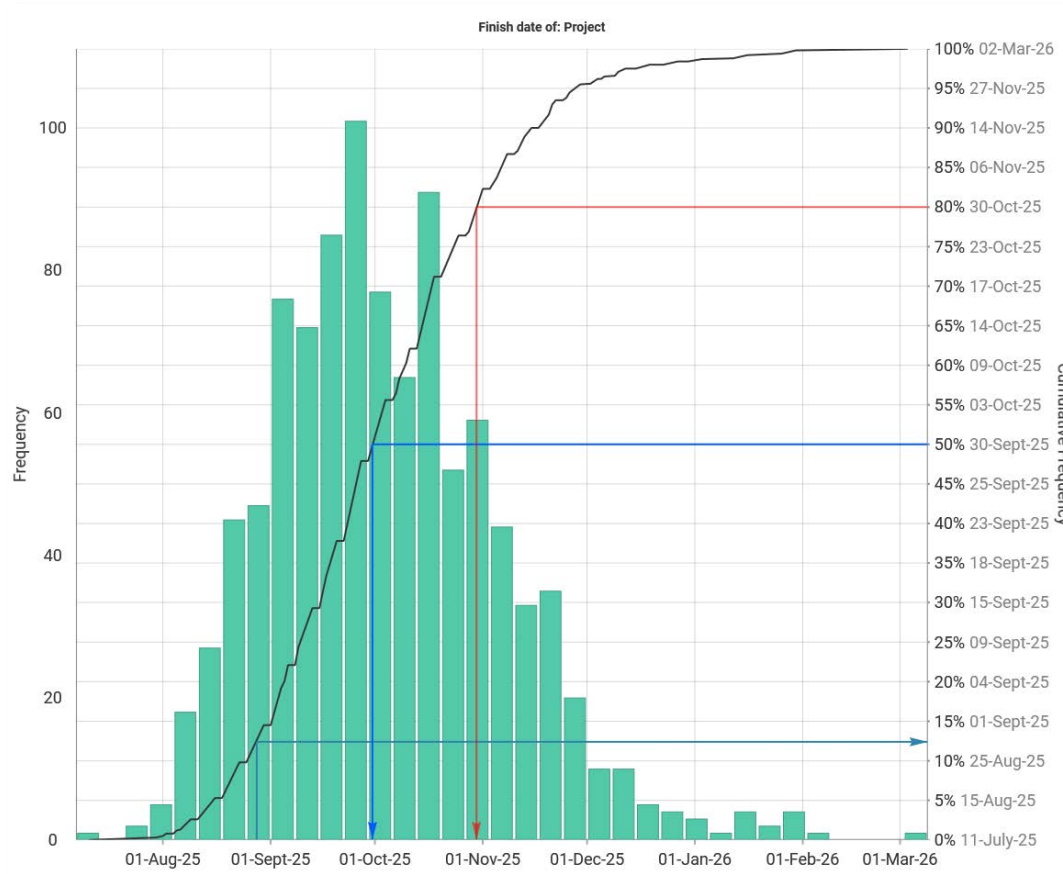
TBM Failure Risk Alone



Combined Risks

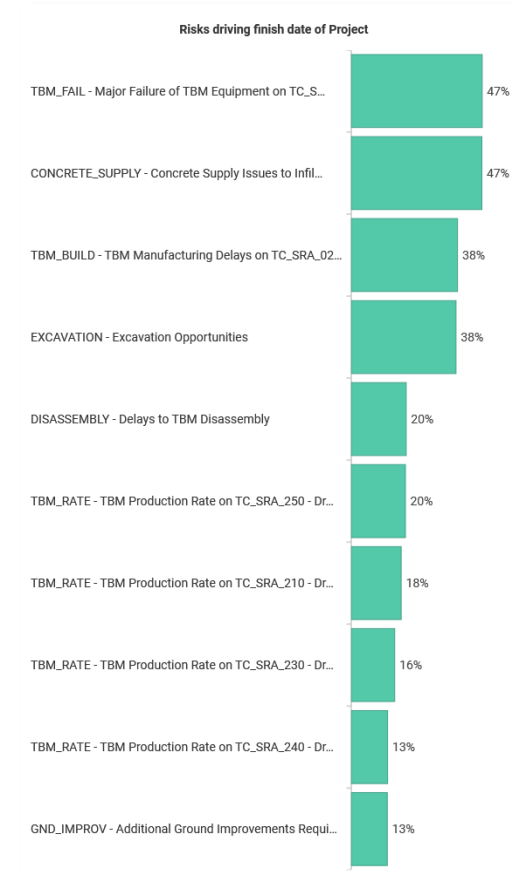


Exercise 11: Run Analysis, review results

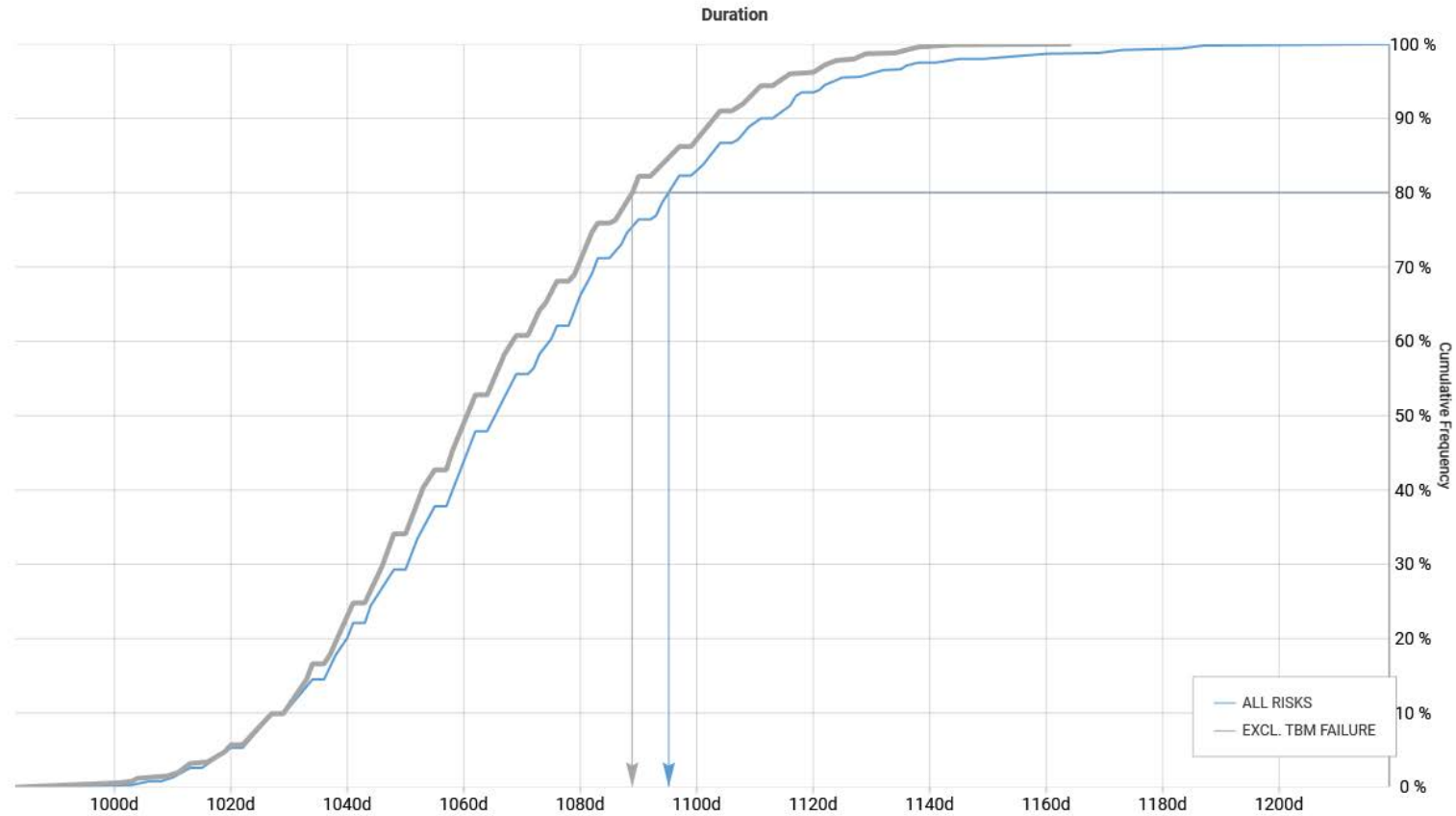


Analysis Results

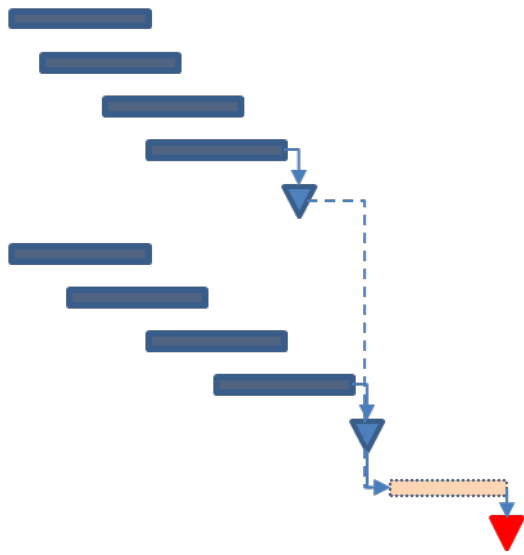
- This analysis suggests that using a P80 level of confidence, the project completion will be approximately 60days later than our planned schedule finish.
- What is the main risk driving this?
- Consider the tornado Graph on the previous slide – suggests that TBM failure is the top risk driving the result.



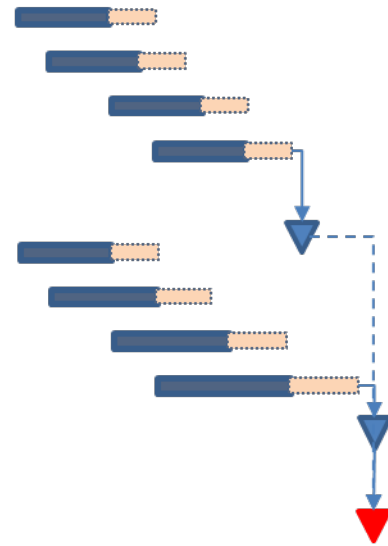
Exercise 12: Run Analysis, turning off one risk at a time & compare



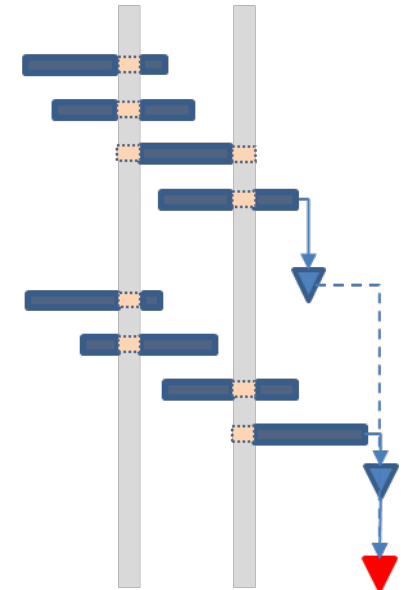
Special Note on Calendar Risks



SINGLE ACTIVITY BEFORE
FINISH MILESTONE



SPLIT AND PORTION TO
DURATION OF ACTIVITIES

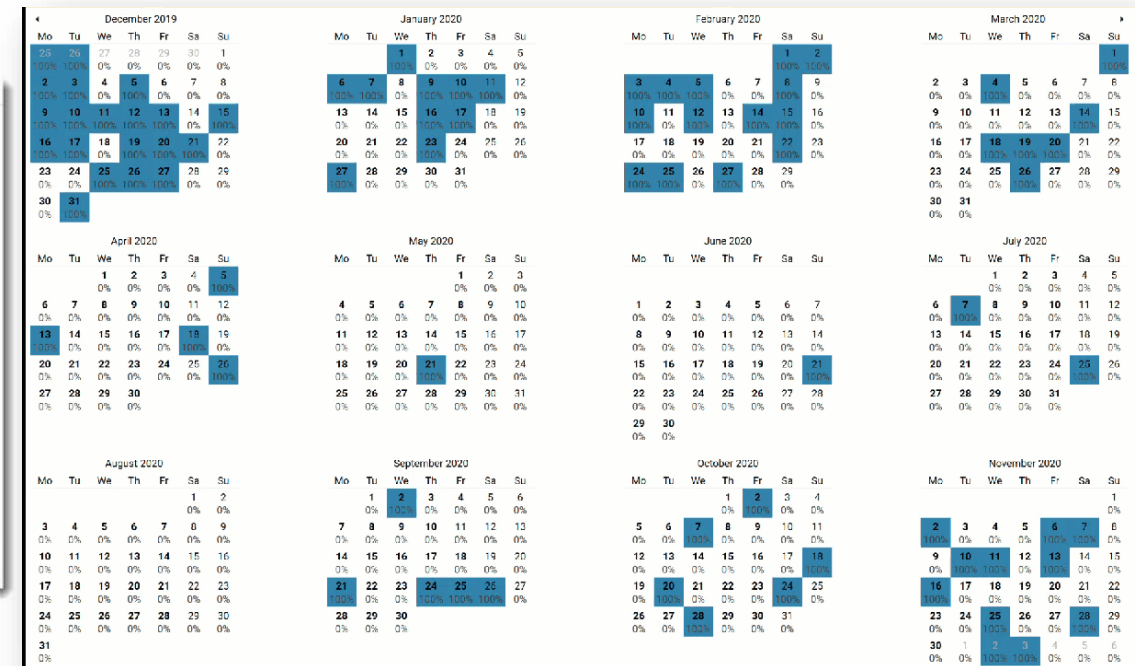


ALLOCATION OF
NON-WORK DAYS

Special Note on Calendar Risks

- Generate Weather as Probabilistic Calendars
- **NOTE** these do not affect activity durations, only the available work periods

| Name | Year | Earliest Start | Latest Start | Block Size | Nbr of Blocks |
|------|-----------|----------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| Jan | All Years | 01/01 | 31/01 | 1 | Triangle(8;10;12) |
| Feb | All Years | 01/02 | 28/02 | 1 | Triangle(8;13;16) |
| Mar | All Years | 01/03 | 31/03 | 1 | Triangle(5;7;10) |
| Apr | All Years | 01/04 | 30/04 | 1 | Triangle(2;5;8) |
| May | All Years | 01/05 | 31/05 | 1 | Triangle(0;1;3) |
| Jun | All Years | 01/06 | 30/06 | 1 | Triangle(0;1;3) |
| Jul | All Years | 01/07 | 31/07 | 1 | Triangle(0;1;3) |
| Aug | All Years | 01/08 | 31/08 | 1 | Triangle(0;1;3) |
| Sep | All Years | 01/09 | 30/09 | 1 | Triangle(2;5;10) |
| Oct | All Years | 01/10 | 31/10 | 1 | Triangle(5;7;10) |
| Nov | All Years | 01/11 | 30/11 | 1 | Triangle(8;13;16) |
| Dec | All Years | 01/12 | 31/12 | 1 | Triangle(10;15;20) |



Exercise 13: Run Analysis, including weather risk

| Id | Description | Risk Type | Probability |
|-----------------|---|-----------|-------------|
| CONCRETE_SUPPLY | Concrete Supply Issues to Infil Works | Standard | 100% |
| DISASSEMBLY | Delays to TBM Disassembly | Standard | 20% |
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| TBM_RATE | TBM Production Rate | Standard | 100% |
| WEATHER | Weather Risk | Calendar | 100% |

Impacts of WEATHER

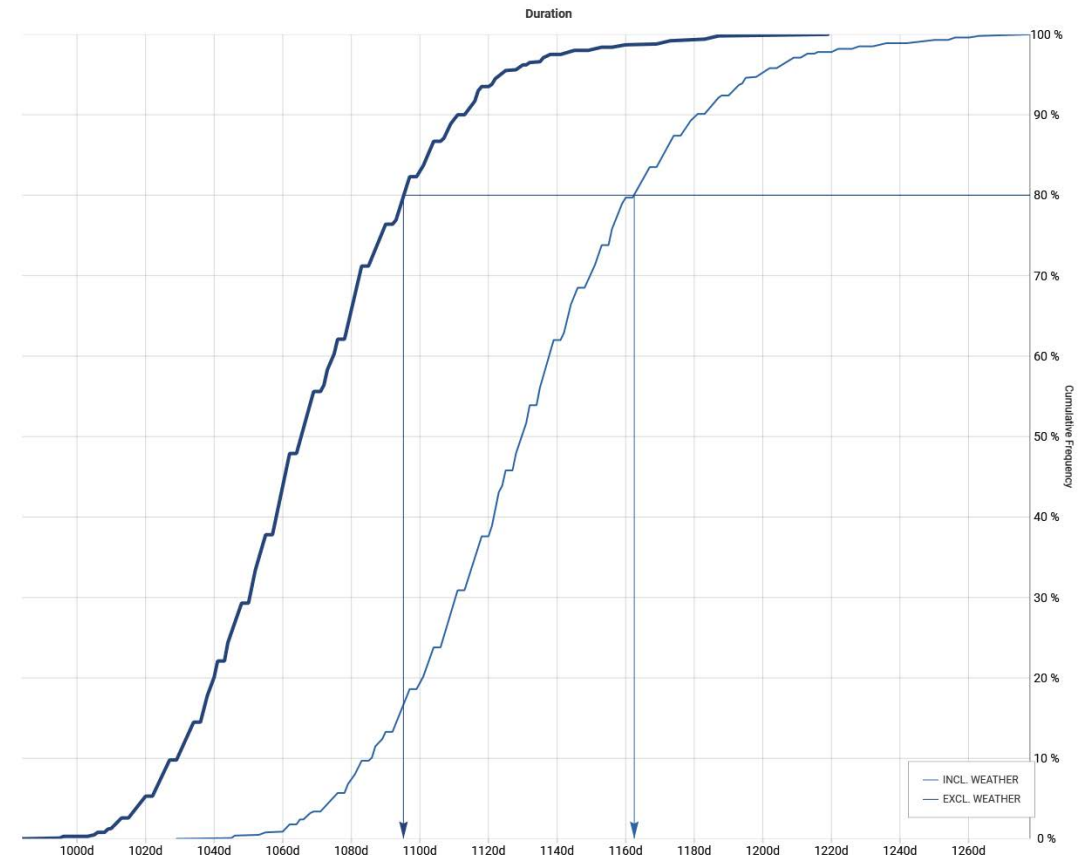
- Impact independently Correlate
 Combine with deterministic calendar Replace deterministic calendar

Pre-Mitigated Position

Risk Calendar: Weather

Description: Weather Risk
 Period: 01-Oct-22 - 30-Dec-26
 Number of Samples: 1000
 Notes: This probabilistic calendar was generated from template: Downtime Template

| | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr |
| 12% | 12% | 12% | 12% |
| May | Jun | Jul | Aug |
| 12% | 12% | 12% | 12% |
| Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| 12% | 12% | 12% | 12% |



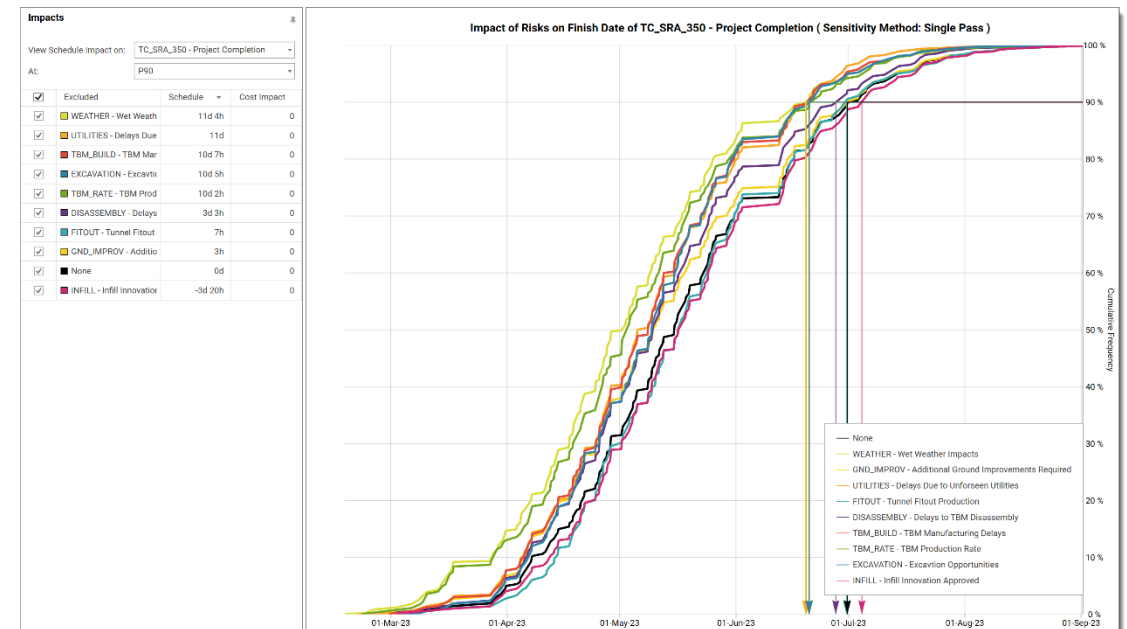
How to find the driving risks?

- Activity Duration Ranging does not relate risks to the resulting durations
- Correlation tornado graphs may produce odd results, and do not indicate the risks as a value of time, or at a specified confidence level
- However, using the Risk Driver Method, it is possible to turn on/off risks to understand the impact of that risk

Risk by Exclusion Method

Which Risks to prioritize?

- Select the schedule task to analyse
- Select the confidence level to analyse
- Run full analysis, each time excluding one risk at a time from register

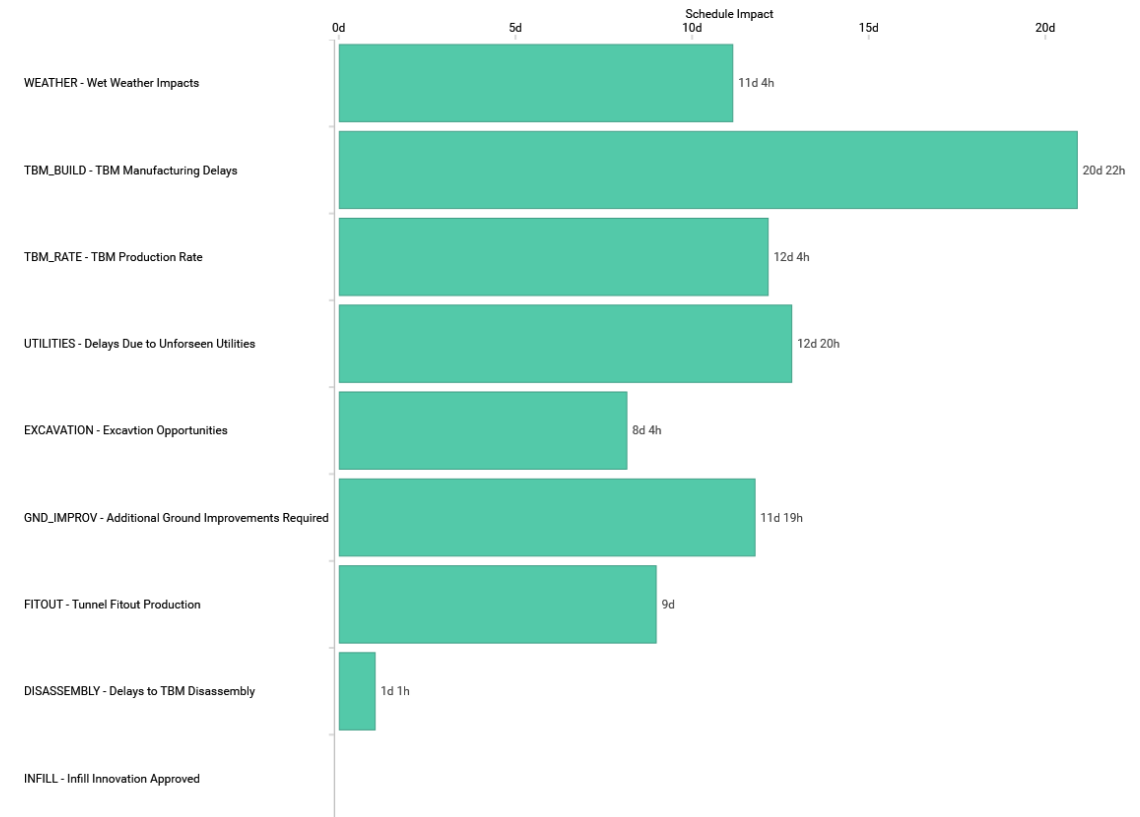


Risk by Exclusion Method

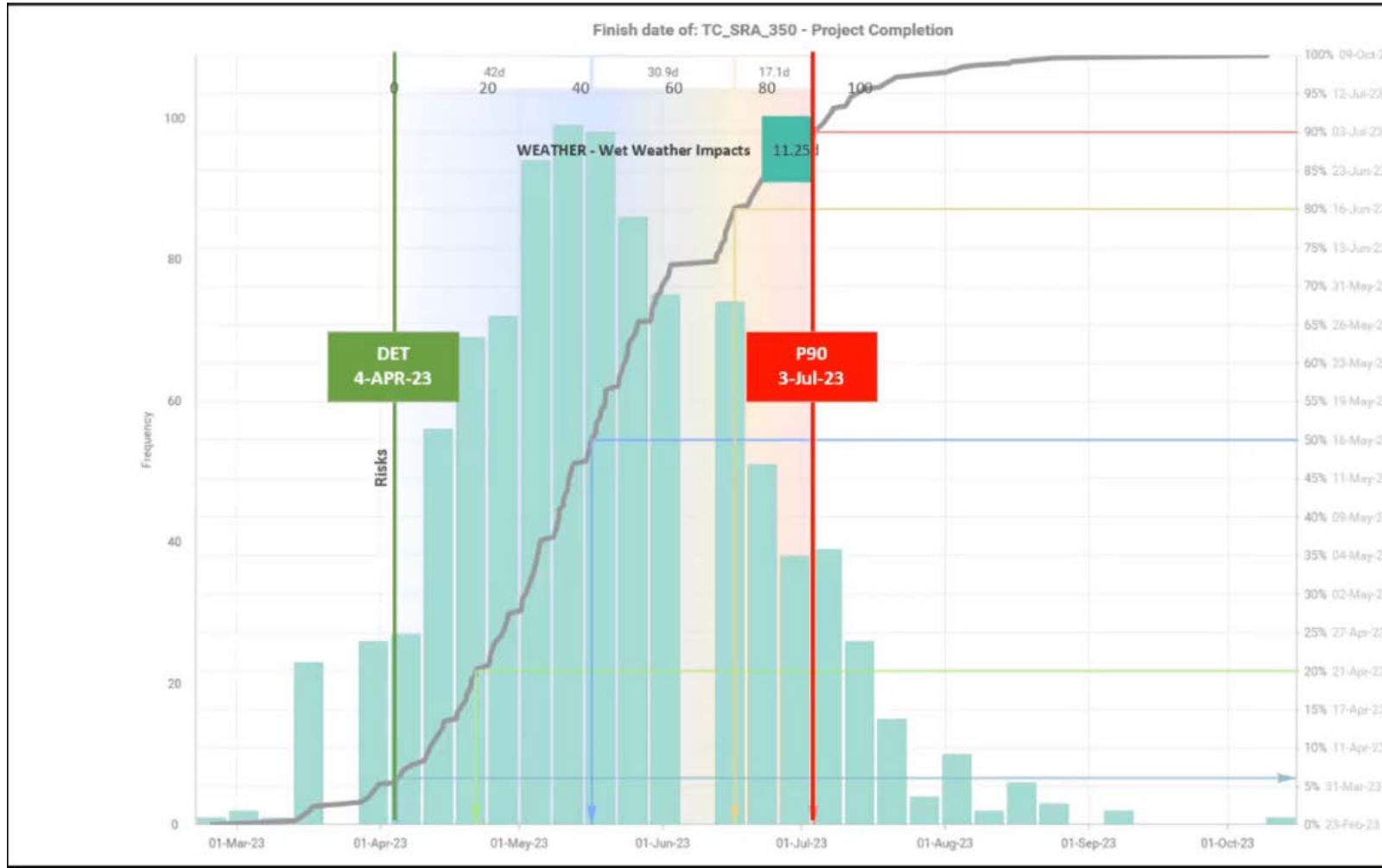
Which risks to prioritize?

- Once the largest contributing risk is identified, then re-run analysis excluding each of the remaining risks.
- Repeat process until all risks are removed, or until a set% of the variance is achieved.

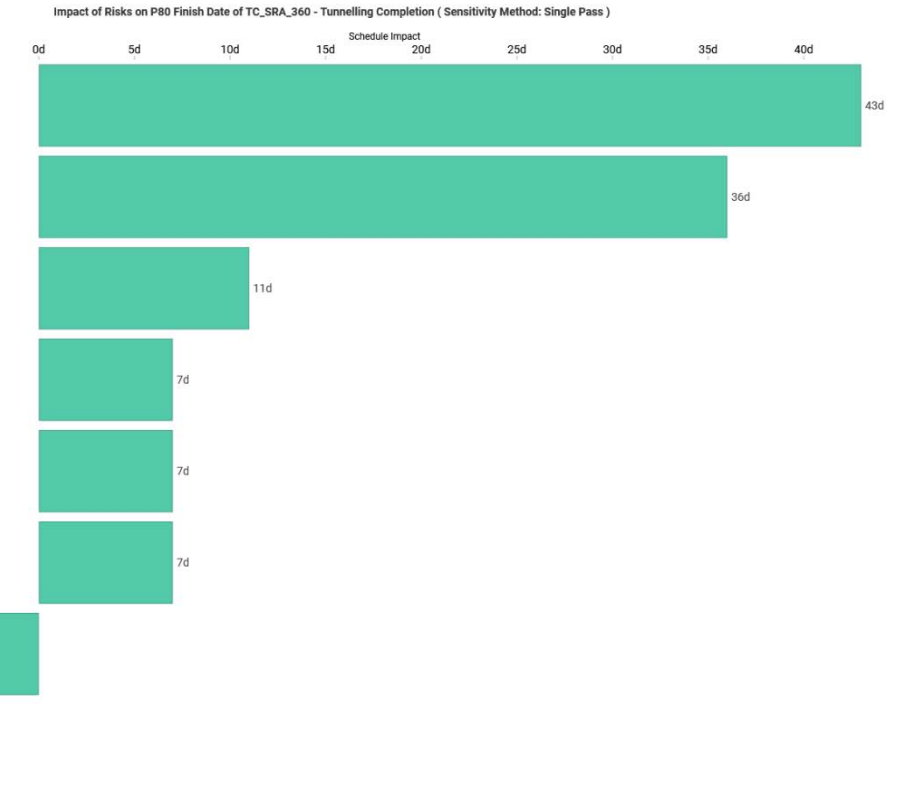
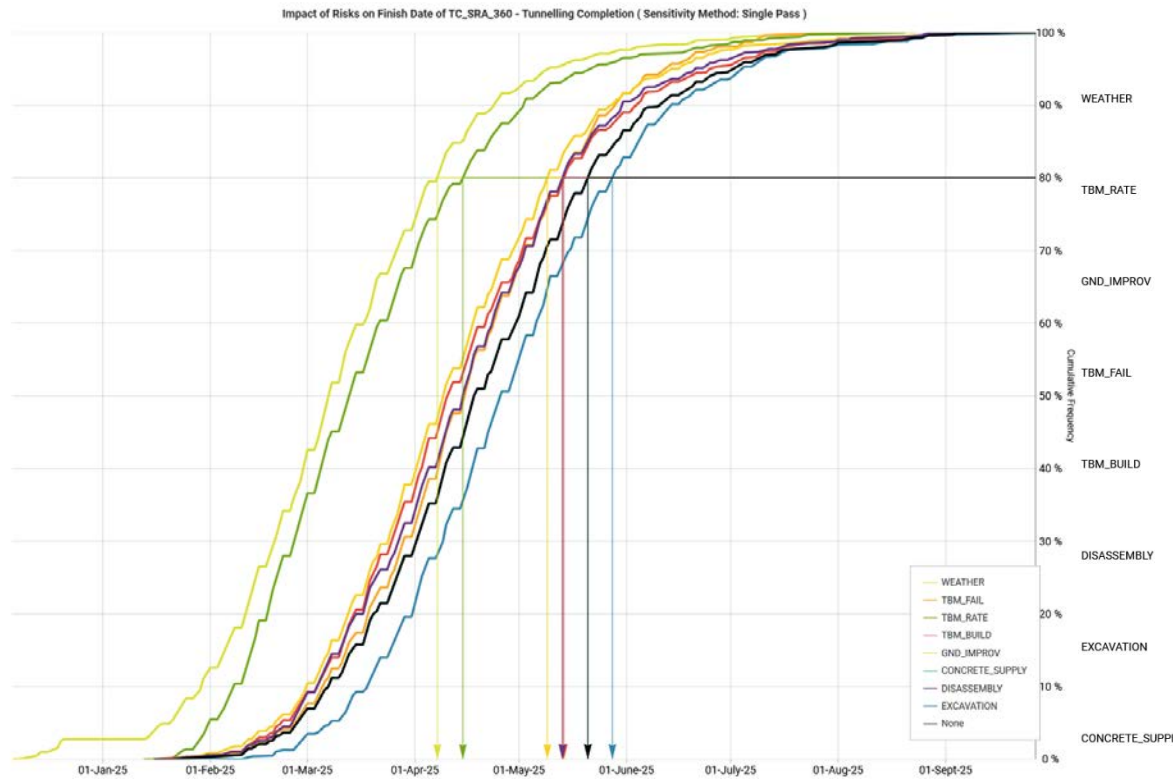
Impact of Risks on Finish Date of TC_SRA_350 - Project Completion (Sensitivity Method: Multiple Passes)



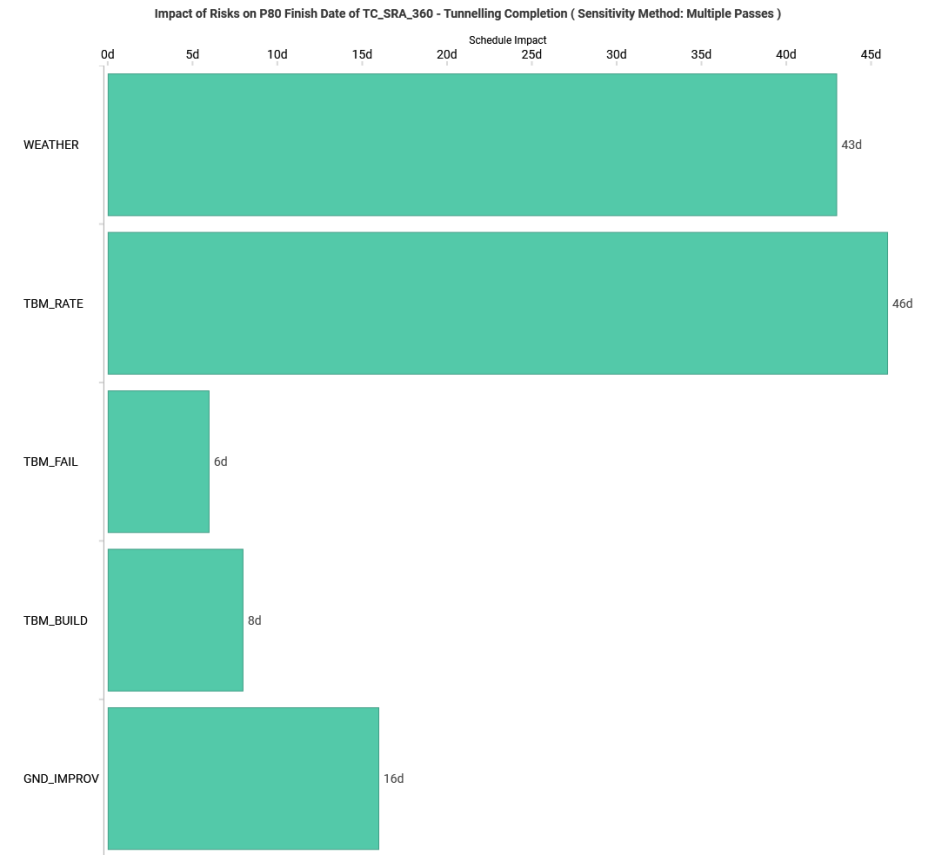
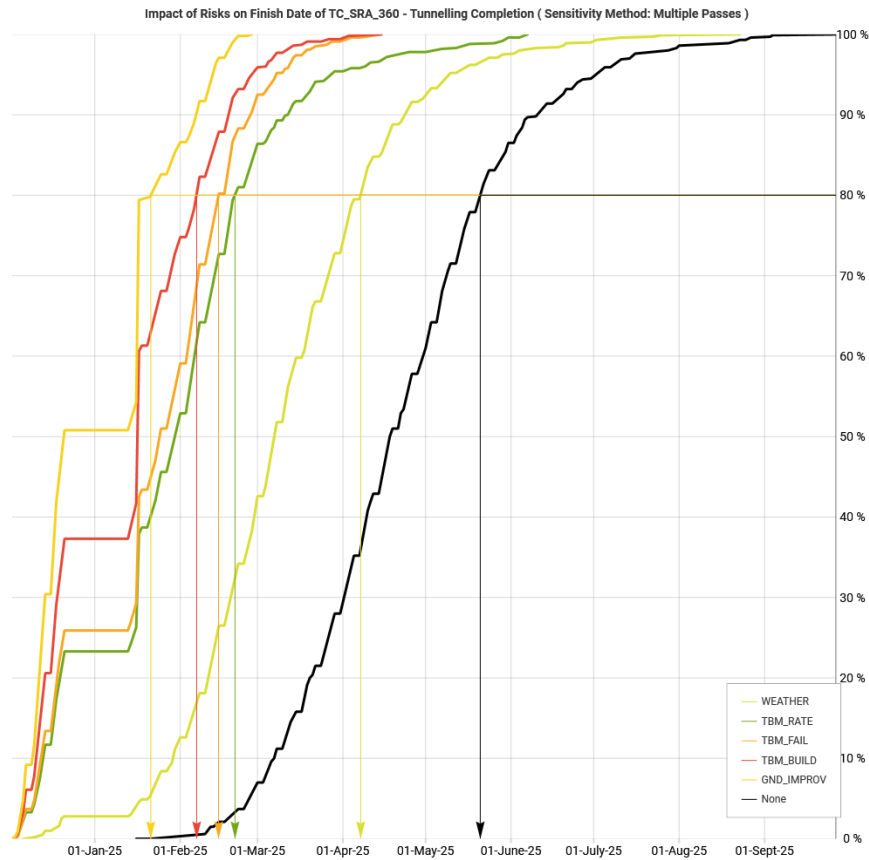
Outputs – Risk by Exclusion - Walkthrough



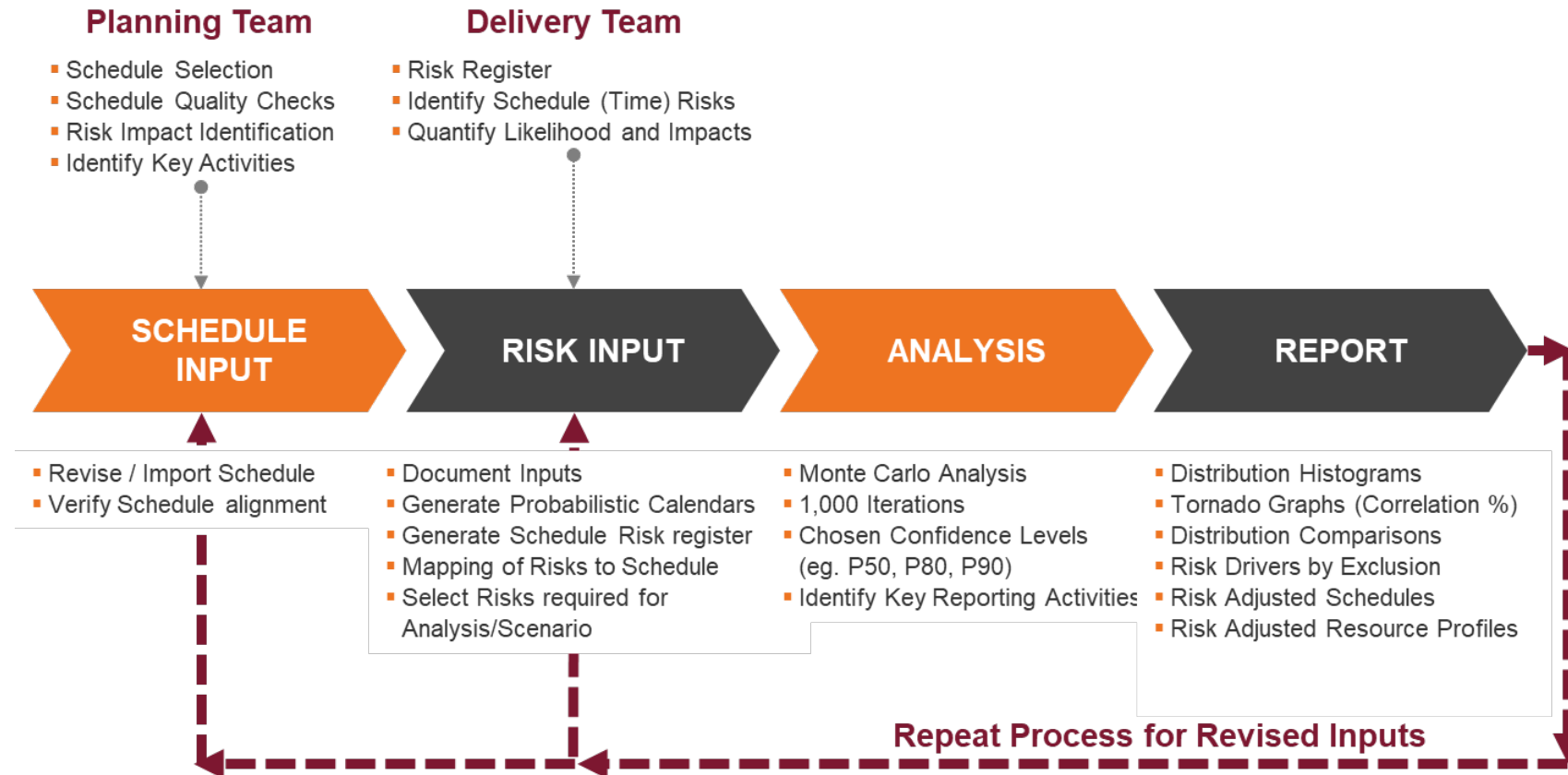
Exercise 14: Run Risk by Exclusion to find Top contributing Risk



Exercise 15: Run Risk by Exclusion to find Top 5 Contributing Risks



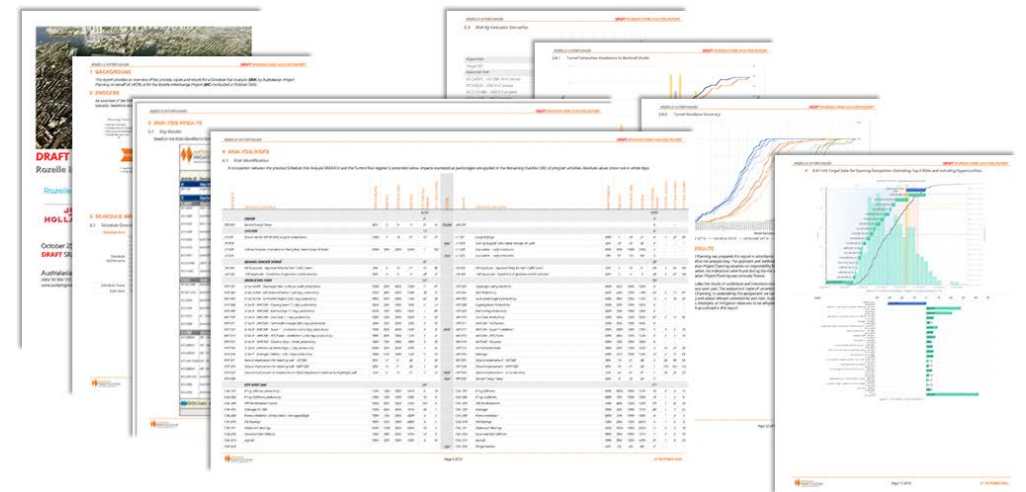
Scenarios and Sensitivities



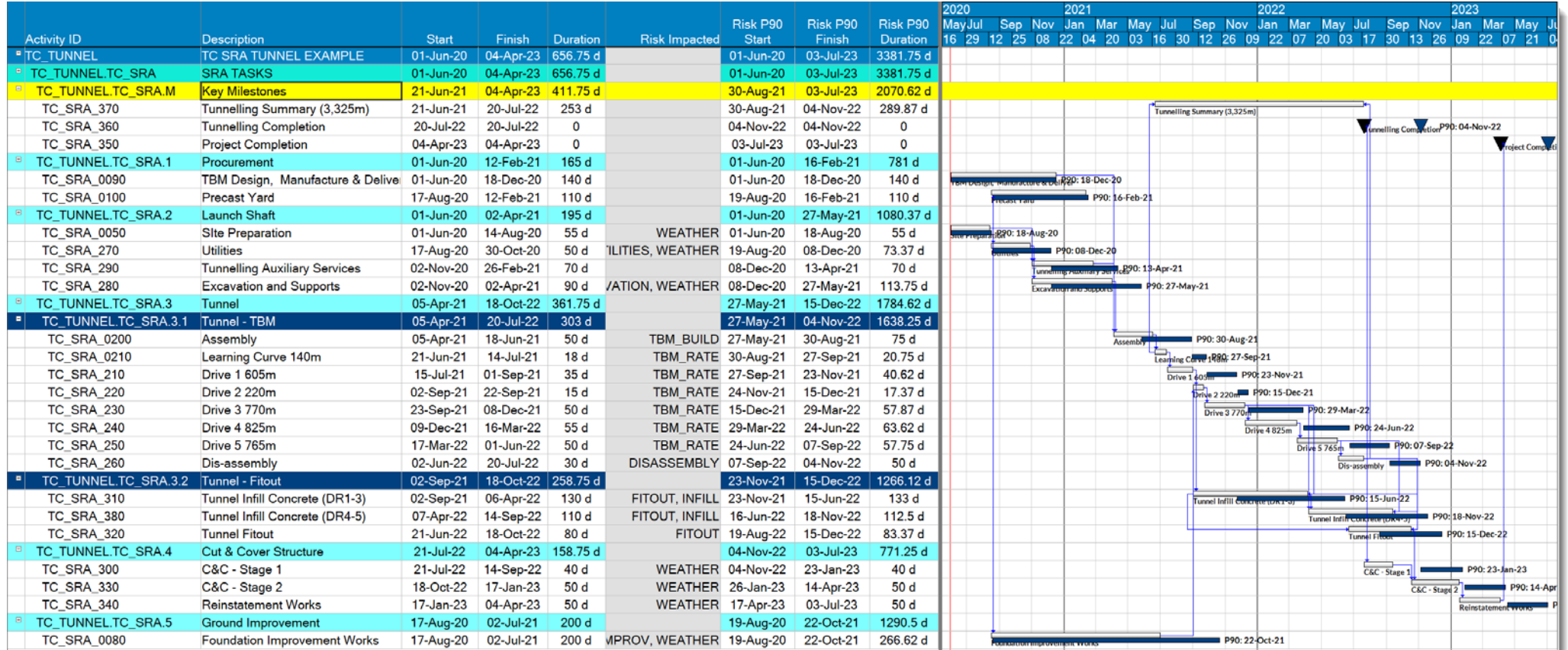
Outputs – SRA Report

Contents of a Schedule Risk Analysis Report

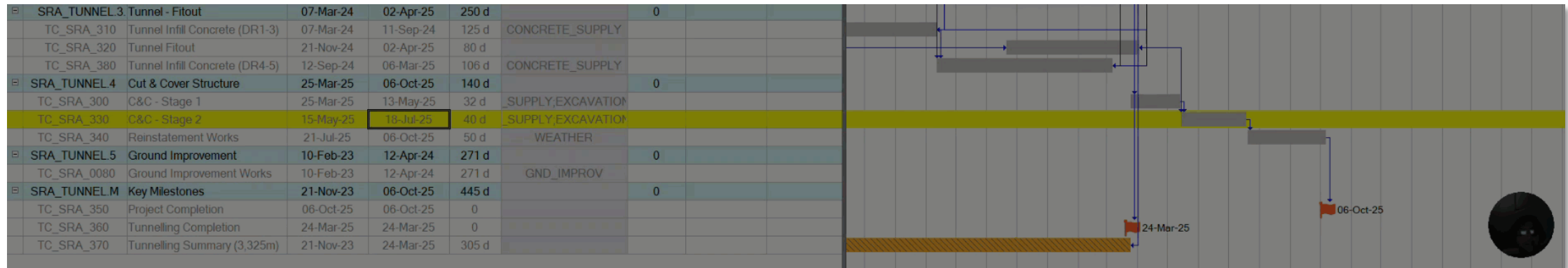
- **Overview/Background:** the purpose for the analysis
- **Schedule:** Identify the schedule, key details (e.g. Id, data date, No. of Activities etc) , schedule quality. Any modifications made to the schedule for SRA requirements
- **Key Activities:** Identify the key milestones or activities that the analysis will monitor and their corresponding deterministic date
- **Risks:** clearly document the risks being analysed, with key details (e.g. name, description, probability, impact values, impacted activities)
- **Results:** Selected confidence levels, distribution graphs, comparisons, sensitivities, risk adjusted schedules
- **Commentary:** Conclusions, key driving risks, further actions



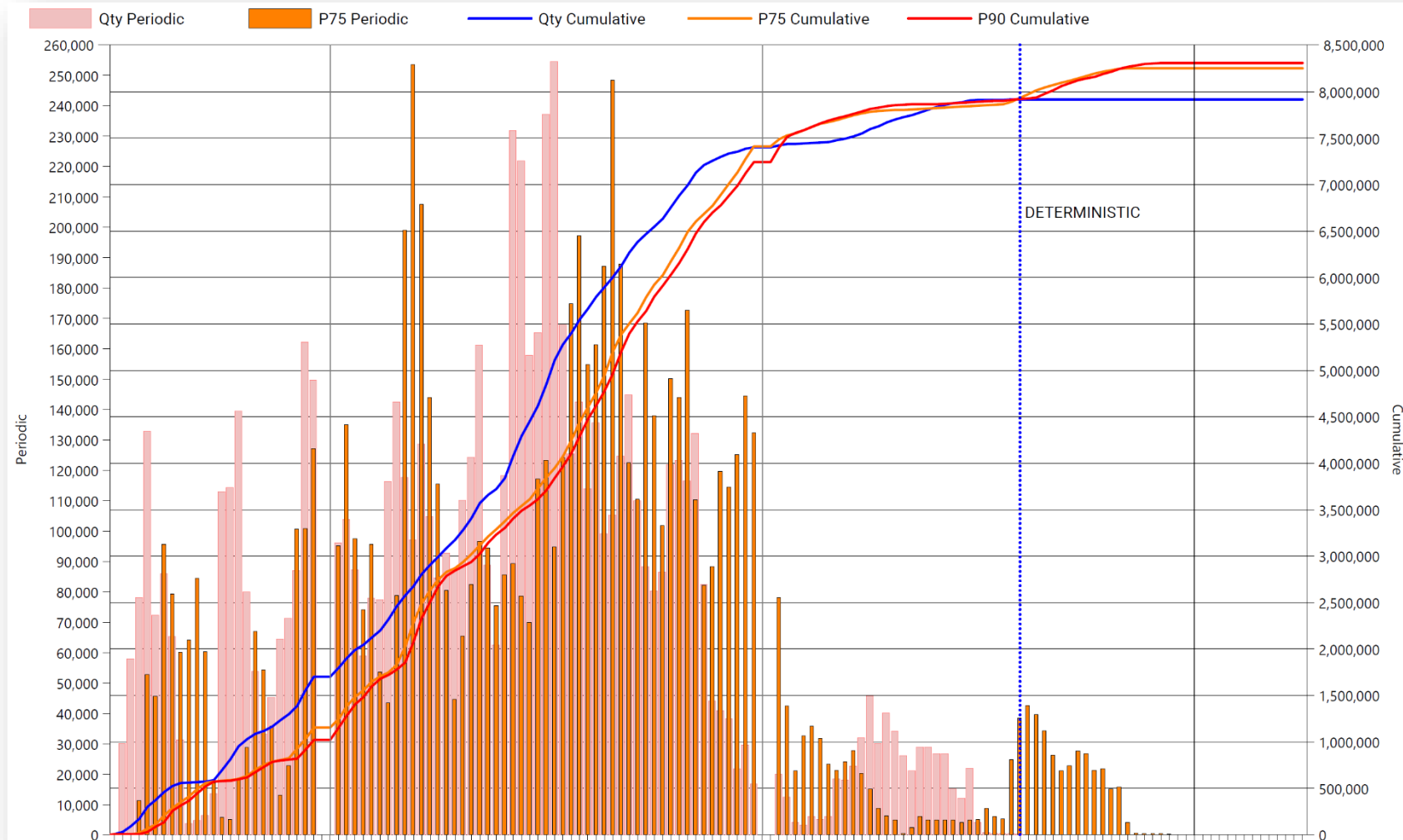
Outputs – Risk Adjusted Schedule



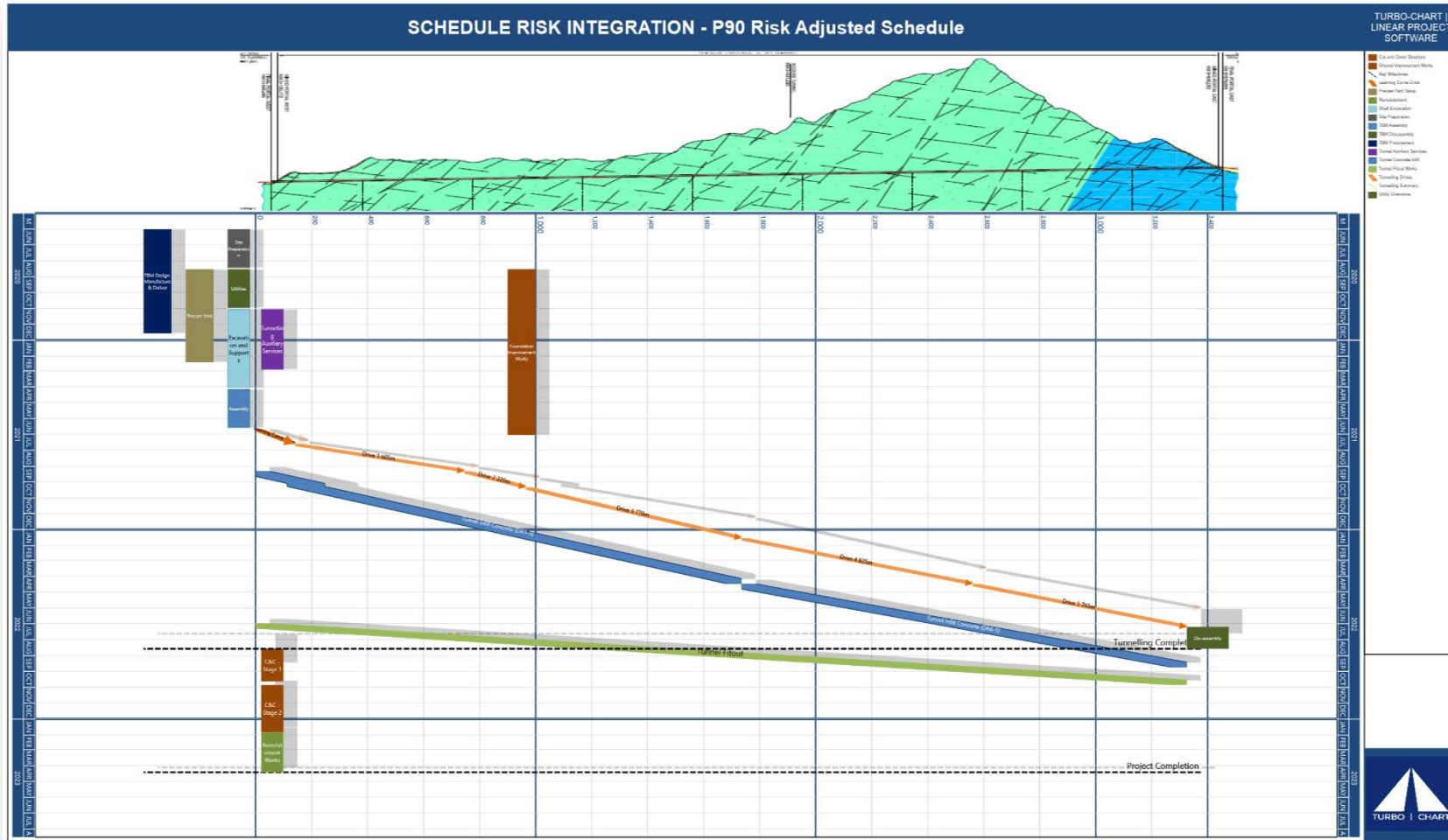
Exercise 16: Can the P80 dates be a “Risk Adjusted Schedule?”



Outputs – Risk Adjusted Resource Histogram



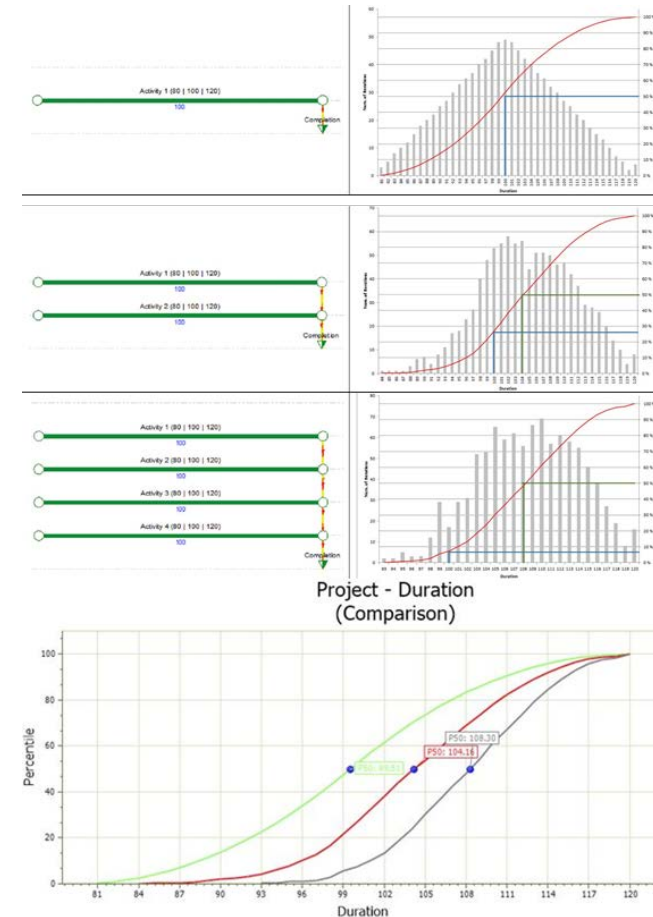
Outputs – Risk Adjusted Linear Schedule



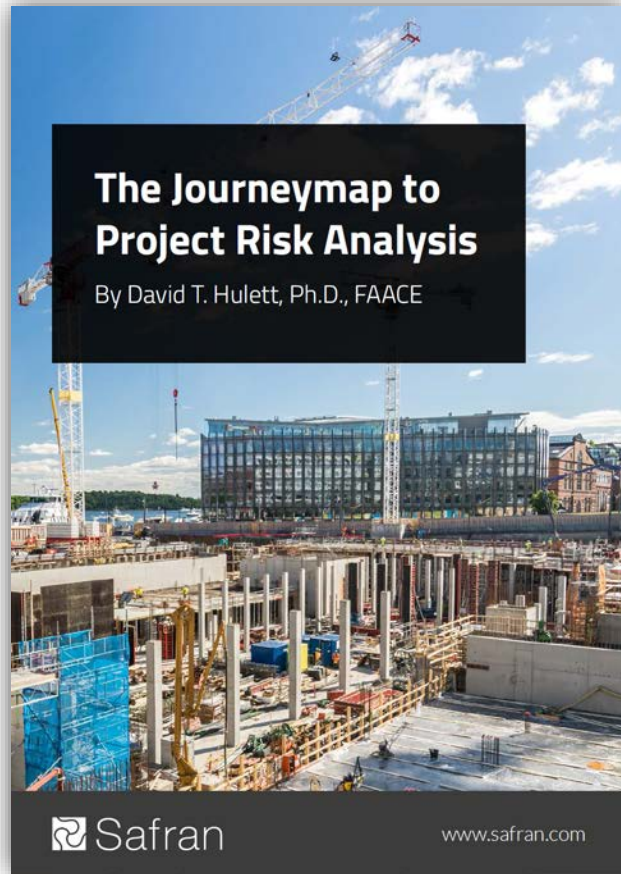
Note on Merge Bias

Merge Bias is an intrinsic feature of schedules

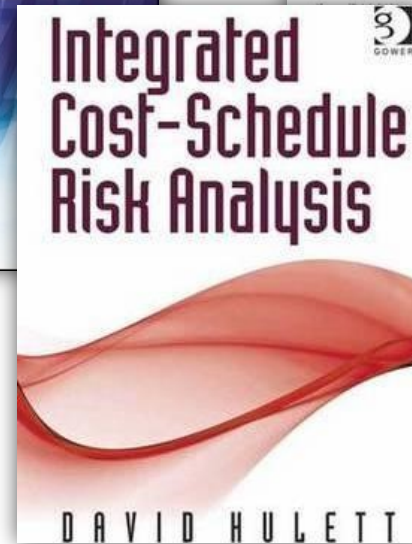
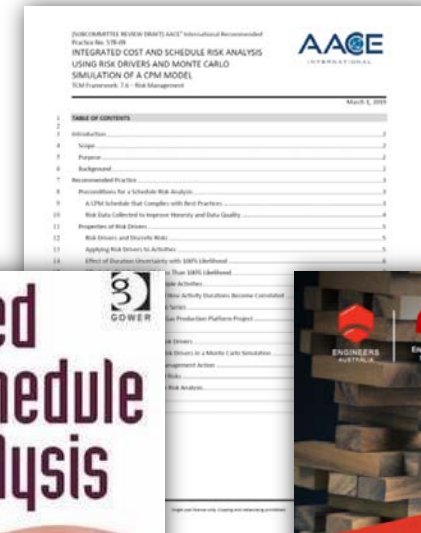
- Due to the **logical relationships between activities**. Has no equivalent in Cost Risk analysis
- Consider a milestone driven by four activities. Each activity has a 50% probability of being early, or 50% of being late. What is the probability of the milestone finishing early?
- Given that the completion milestone is driven by all four activities, the only situation where the completion is early, occurs, when ALL four activities are completed early. This only occurs $50\% * 50\% * 50\% * 50\%$, i.e. in **6.25%** of possible outcomes
- This is the merge bias effect, and the results for project completion are **compounded by the number of merge bias points** through a schedule that are effected by schedule risk



Where to?



Further Reading



Workshop Overview & Objectives

- Introduction to Schedule Risk Analysis, benefits and issues
- Use worked example to explain the concept, techniques and outputs of schedule risk analysis
- Demonstrate use of specialised tools for risk analysis
- Walk away with greater knowledge of the methods for application on your projects

What are your objectives?

Q+A



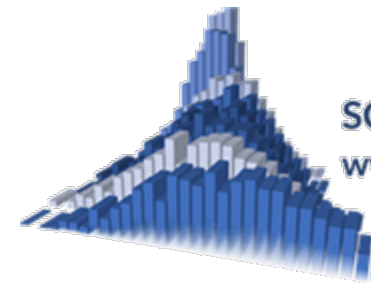
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