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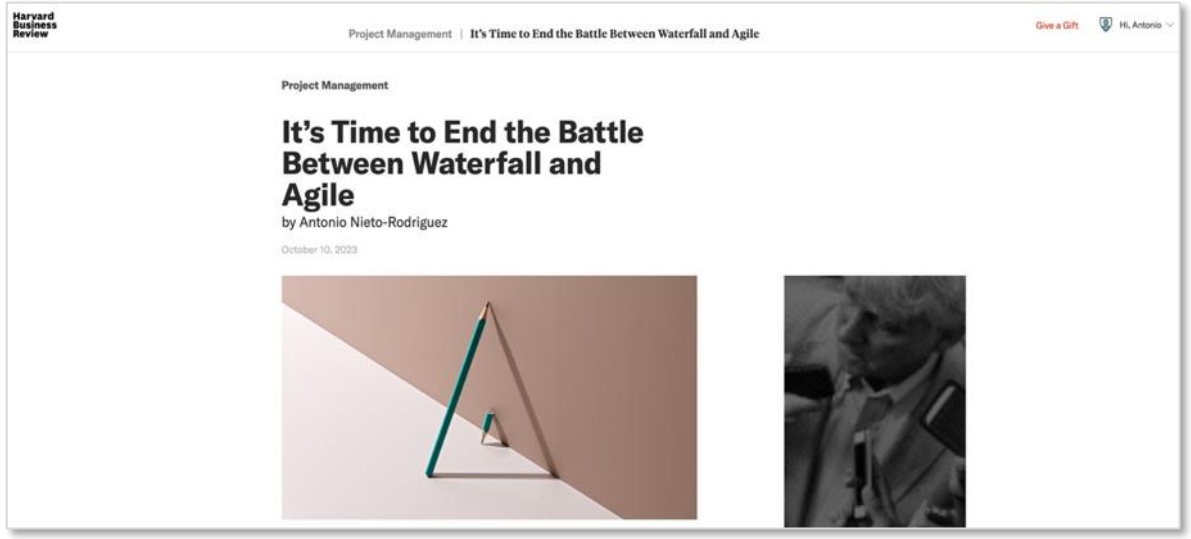

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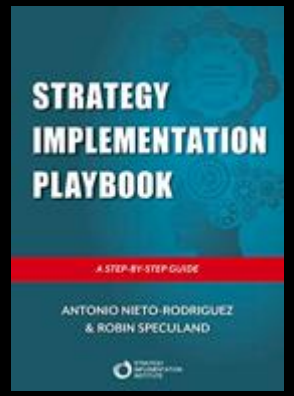

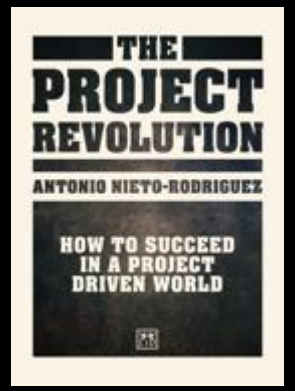

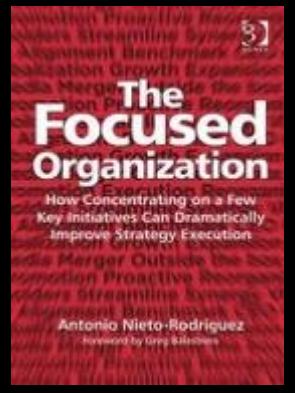

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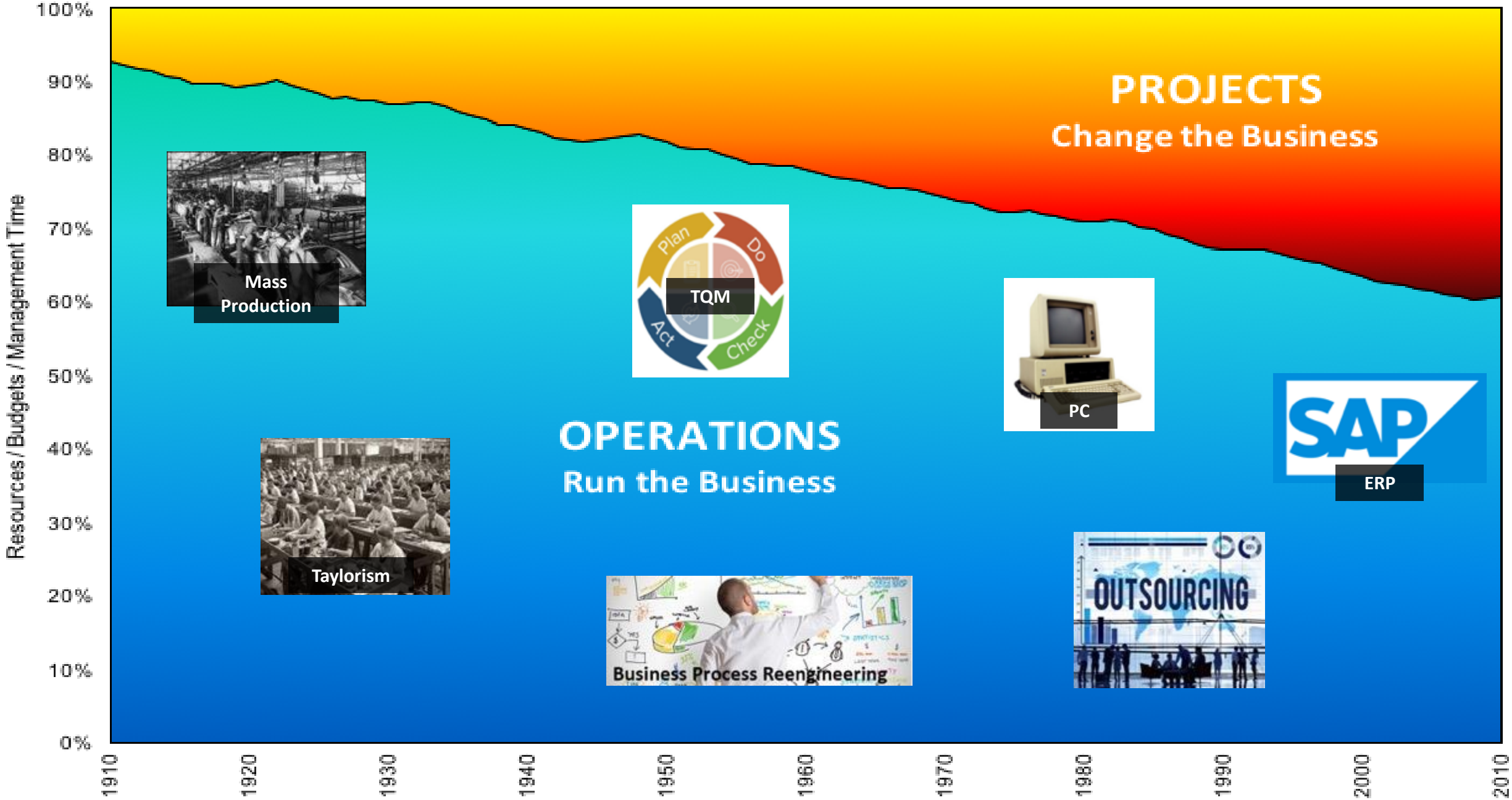

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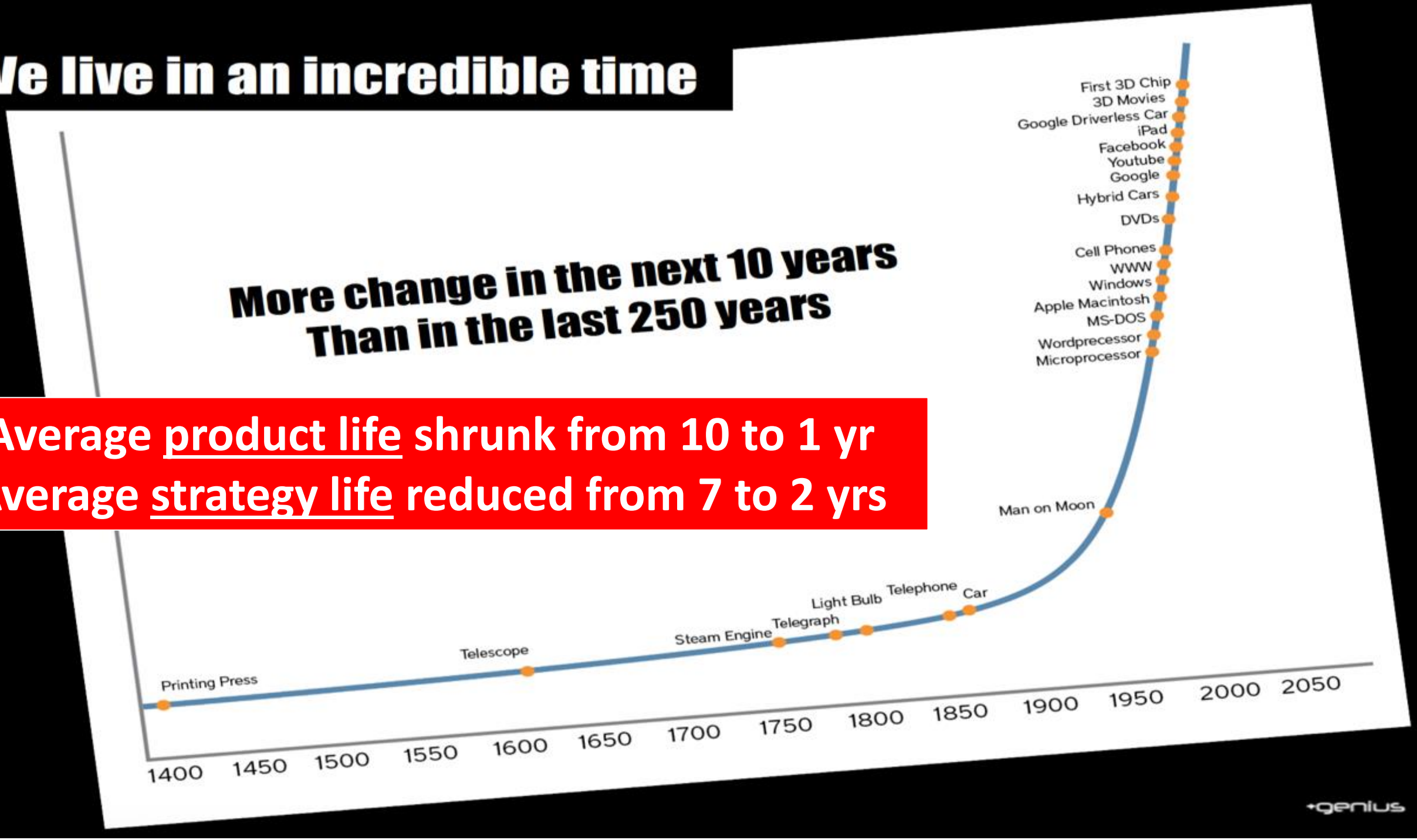

Average product life shrunk from 10 to 1 yr
Average strategy life reduced from 7 to 2 yrs

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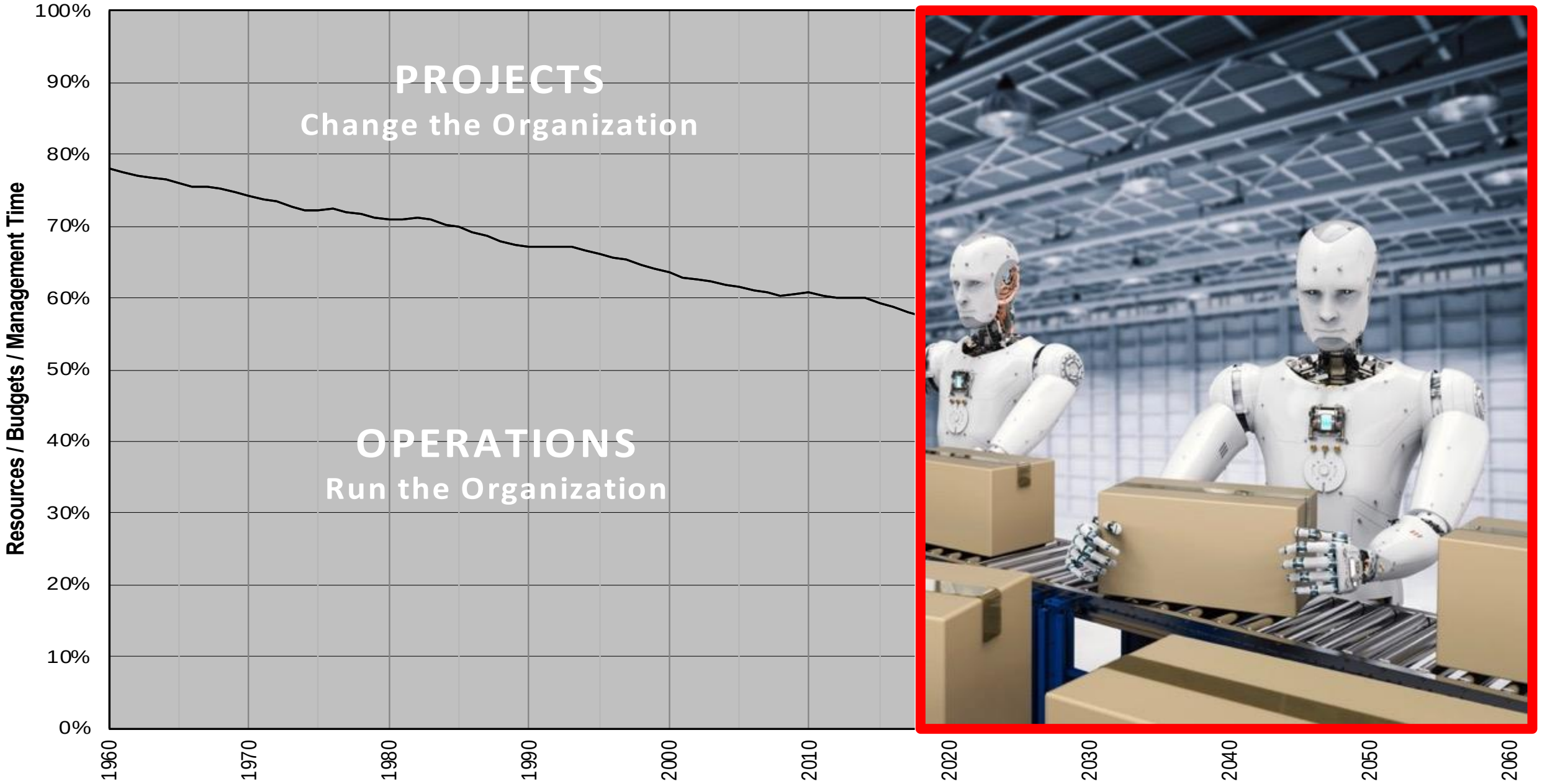
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The Future of Work

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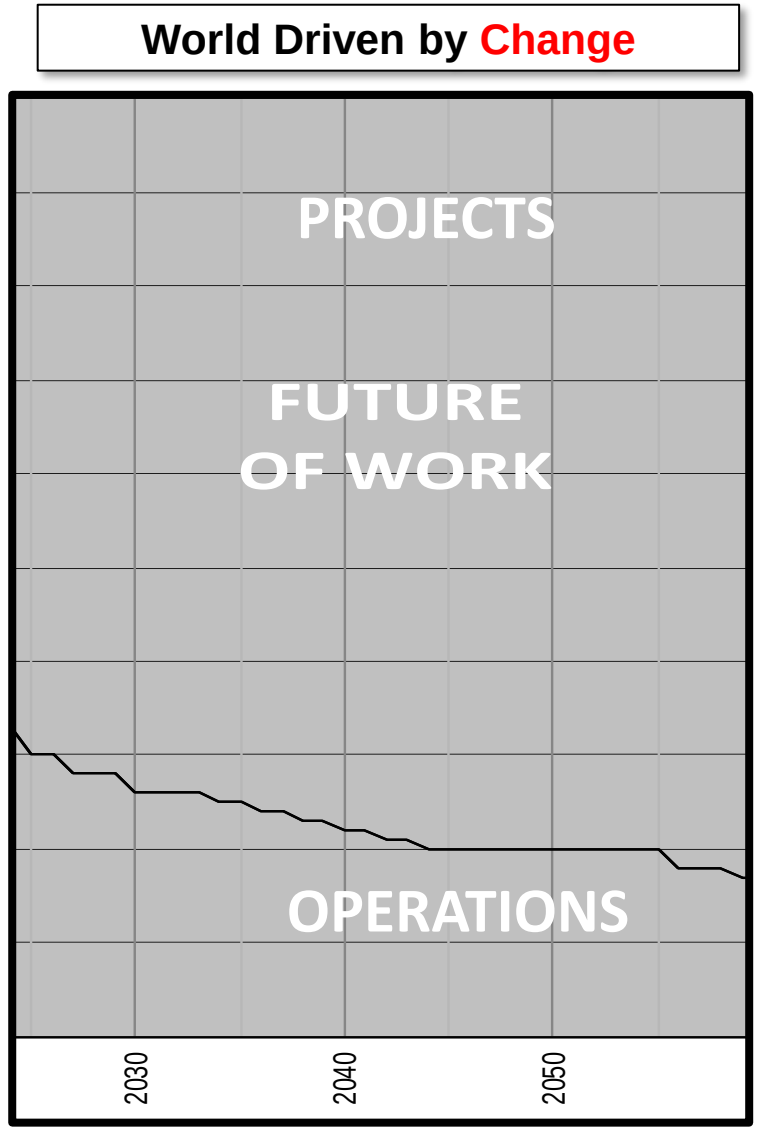
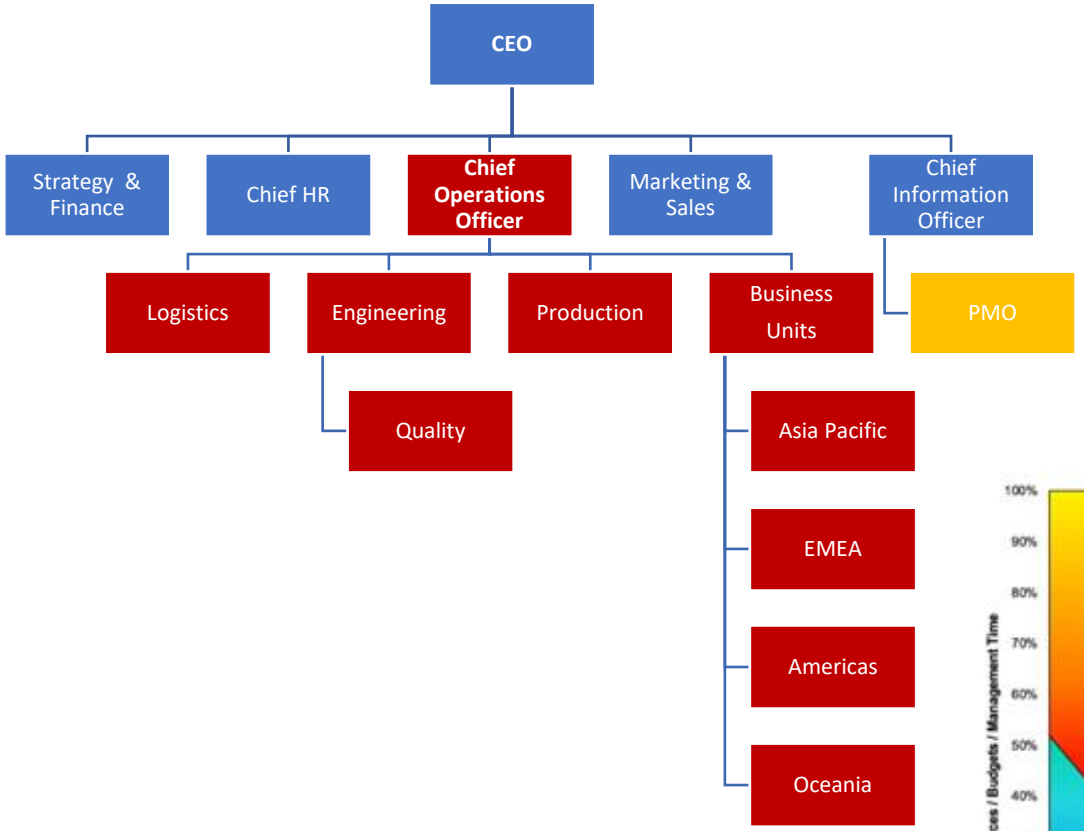
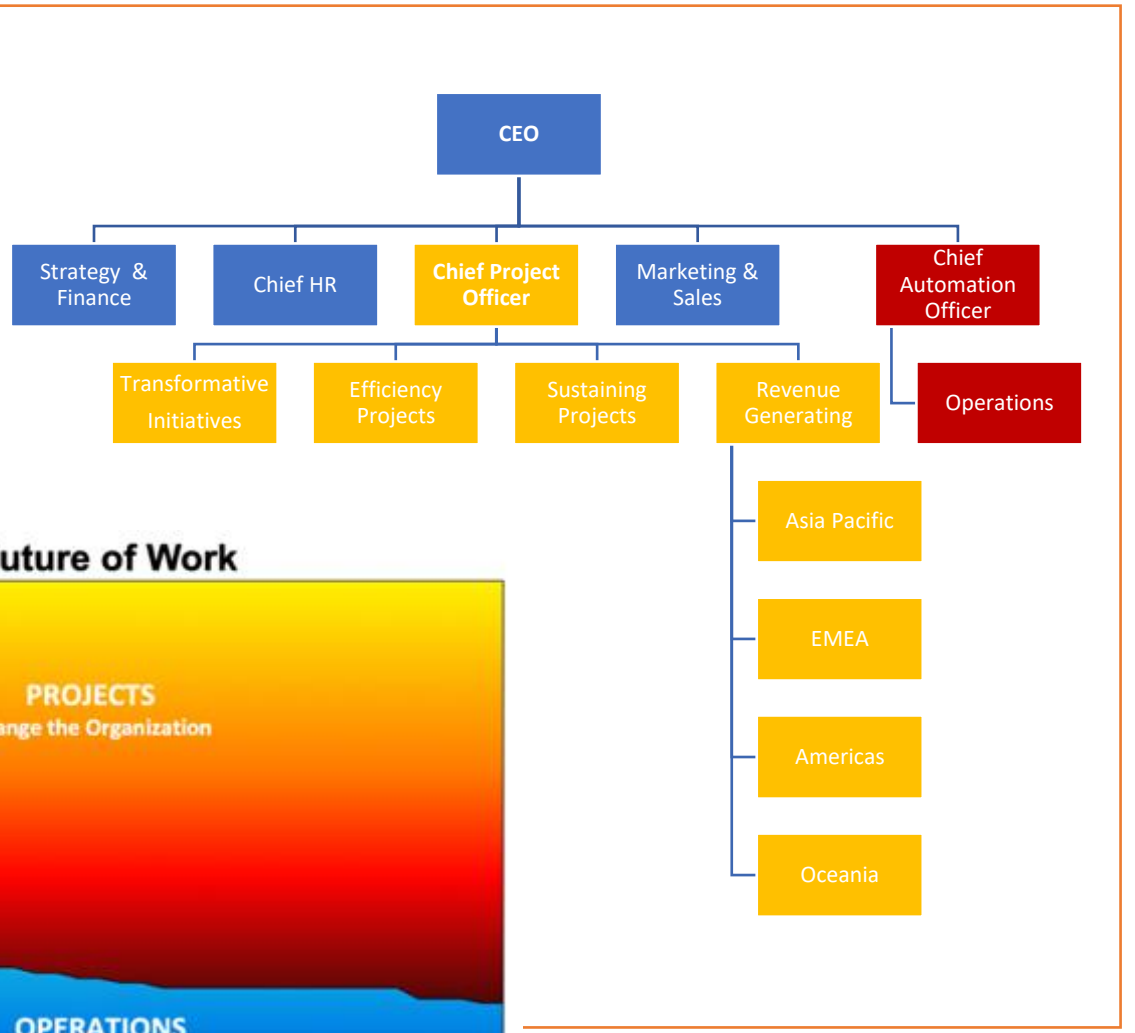
Project Economy - Major Disruptions

1. **COO, Job Descriptions, PMO, Resource Allocation -> RIP**
2. **Prioritization and Focus on Strategy Implementation is key**
3. **Project Managers need generate Revenues/Value (faster)**
4. **It is not Waterfall or Agile; it is both and more**
5. **Need to develop new competencies, for all**



The World of the **Chief Project Officer**





CHIEF PROJECT OFFICER

Source: www.bcg.com

Key Responsibilities

1. Translating strategy into execution through project selection & prioritization
2. Promoting a “less is more” mindset
3. Establishing accountability and governance
4. Optimization of resource allocation
5. Modernizing organization and project management practices
6. Value creation and delivery of major initiatives, like the sustainability transformation

Every year, approximately $48 trillion are invested in projects.

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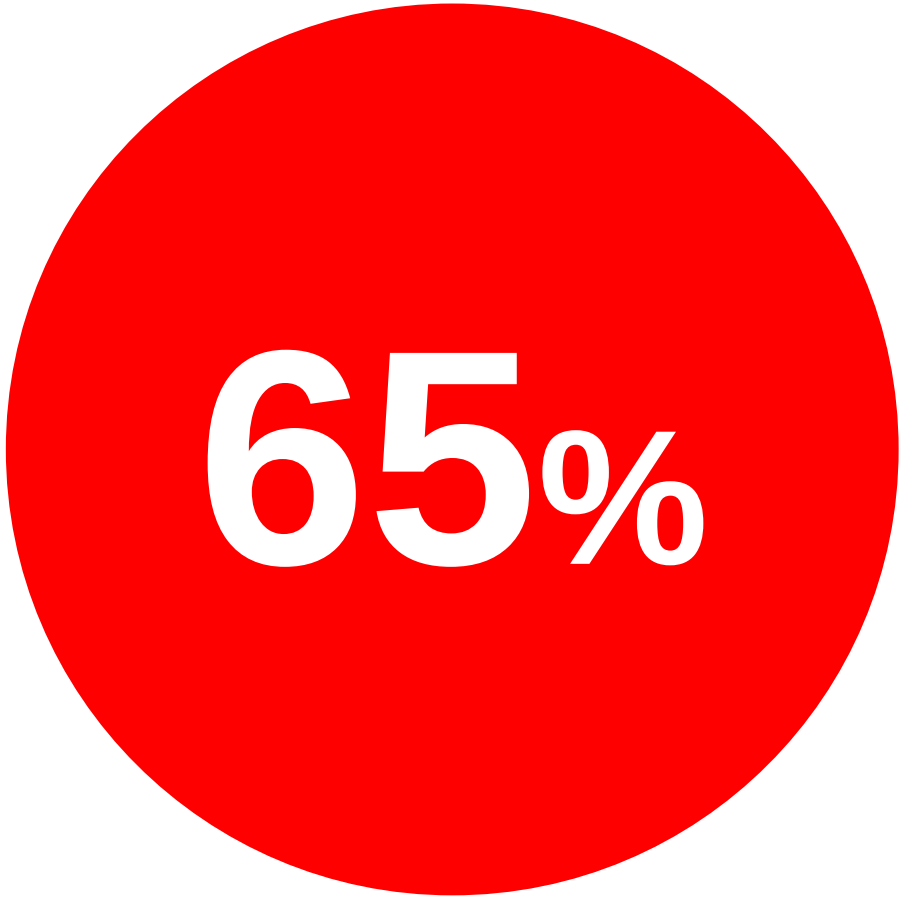
The wasted resources and unrealized benefits of the other 65% are mind-blowing.



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Project, Programme, Portfolio and PMO Methods were developed for this world !!!

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Business Process Reengineering

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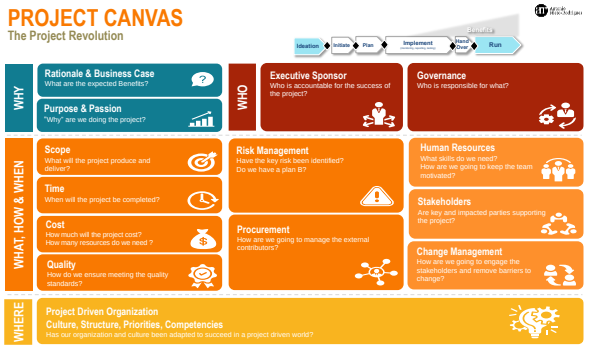
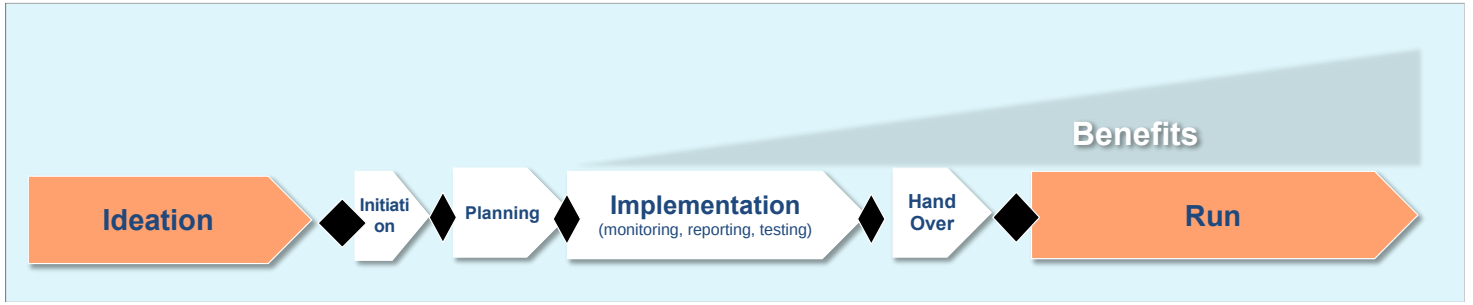
Reinventing Project Management

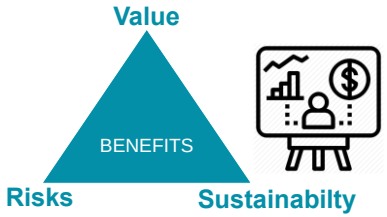
1 Simplification of **Project Management Frameworks** so that anyone can apply them and be successful

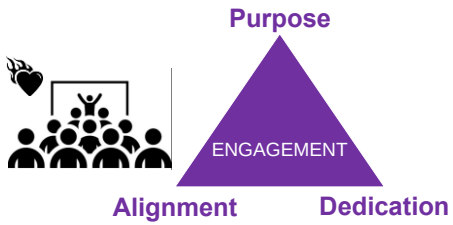


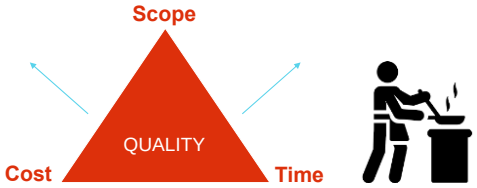
2 Expanding the reach of **Project Life Cycle** to encompass the start and end stages



3 Developing two additional **Project Triple constraints** to reflect the new reality







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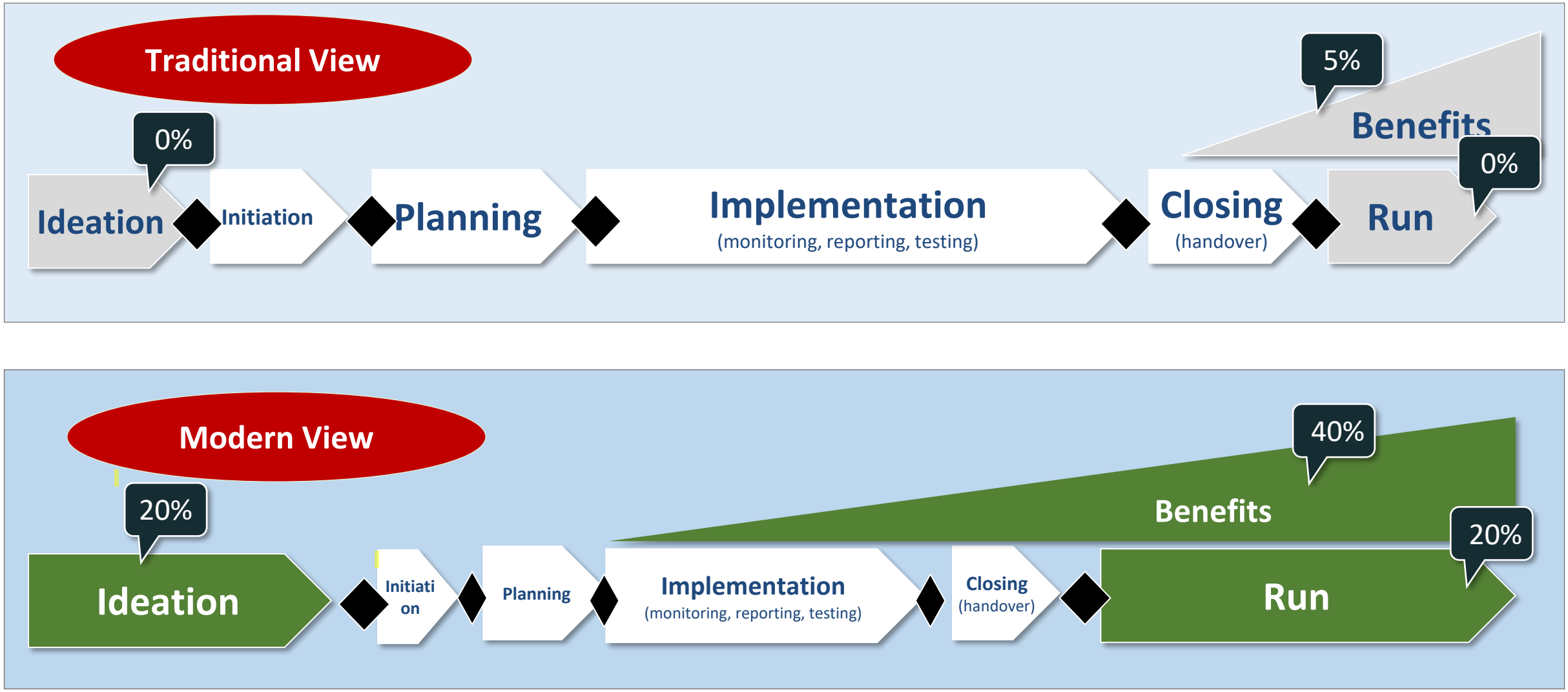

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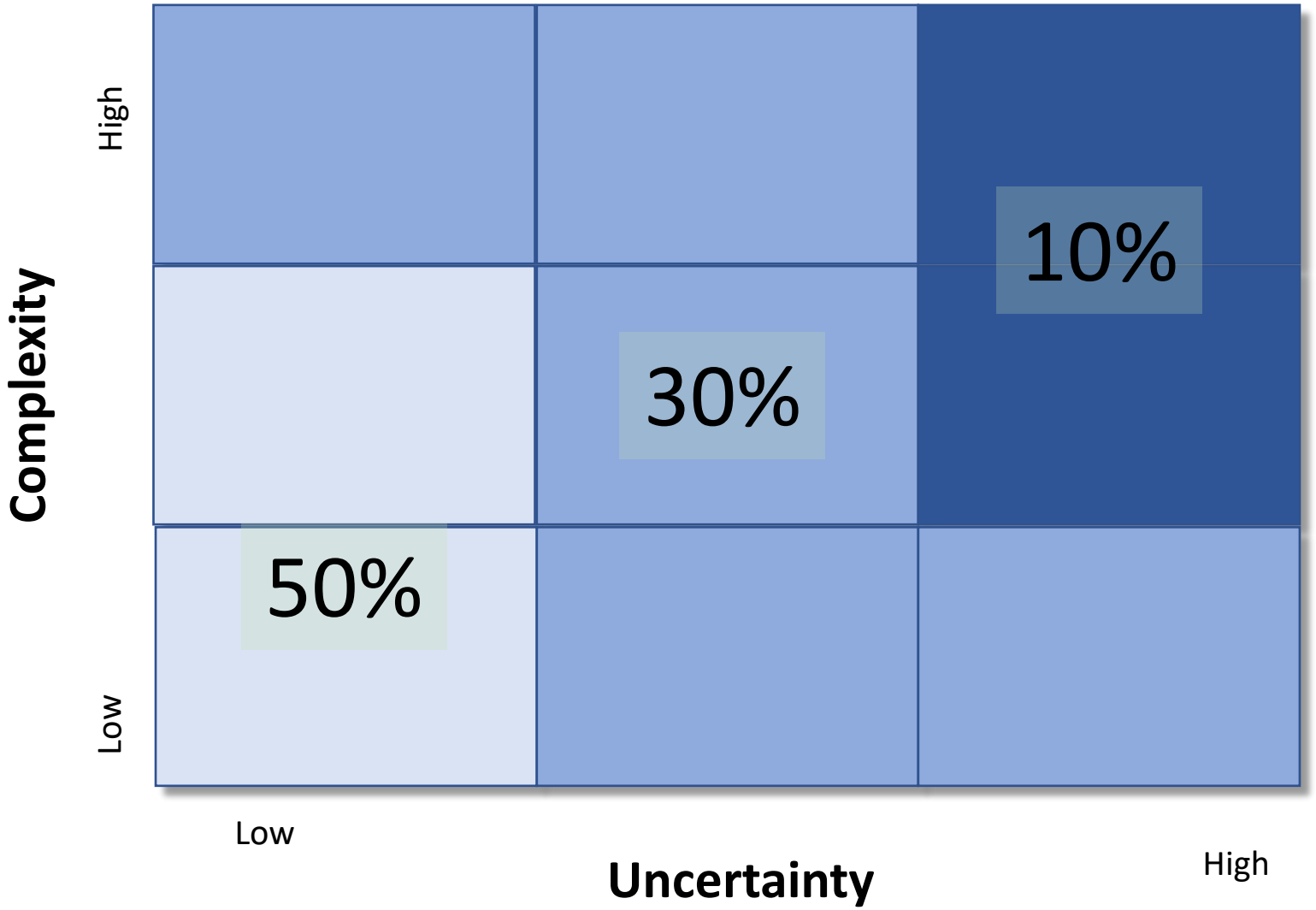

Efficiency*
Projects

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Transformative*
Projects

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** source: Clayton Christensen*

PROJECT CANVAS

The Project Economy

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WHY

Rationale & Business Case
What are the expected Benefits?

Purpose & Passion
"Why" are we doing the project?

WHO

Executive Sponsor
Who is accountable for the success of the project?

Governance
Who is responsible for what?

WHAT, HOW & WHEN

Scope
What will the project produce and deliver?

Time
When will the project be completed?

Cost
How much will the project cost?
How many resources do we need ?

Quality
How do we ensure meeting the quality standards?

Risk Management
Have the key risks been identified?
Do we have a plan B?

Procurement
How are we going to manage the external contributors?

Human Resources
What skills do we need?
How are we going to keep the team motivated?

Stakeholders
Are key and impacted parties supporting the project?

Change Management
How are we going to engage the stakeholders and remove barriers to change?

WHERE

Project Driven Organization
Culture, Structure, Priorities, Competencies
Has our organization and culture been adapted to succeed in a project driven world?

Moving from Deliverables to Benefits

	Task Name	Duration	Start	End
1	Construction of a House	20 days?	2/13/2014	3/12/2014
2	1. Internal	18 days	2/13/2014	3/10/2014
3	1.1 Electrical	12 days	2/13/2014	2/28/2014
4	1.1.1 Rough-in electrical	4 days	2/13/2014	2/18/2014
5	1.1.2 Install and terminate	3 days	2/19/2014	2/24/2014
6	1.1.3 HVAC equipment	5 days	2/24/2014	2/28/2014
7	1.2 Plumbing	18 days	2/13/2014	3/10/2014
8	1.2.1 Rough-in plumbing	3 days	2/13/2014	2/18/2014
9	1.2.2 Set plumbing fixtur...	4 days	3/3/2014	3/6/2014
10	1.2.3 Test and clean	2 days	3/7/2014	3/10/2014
11	2. Foundation	10 days	2/13/2014	2/26/2014
12	2.1 Excavate	6 days	2/13/2014	2/20/2014
13	2.1.1 Pour Concrete	3 days	2/13/2014	2/17/2014
14	2.1.2 Cure & Strip Forms	3 days	2/18/2014	2/20/2014
15	2.2 Steel Erection	10 days	2/13/2014	2/26/2014
16	2.2.1 Steel Columns	2 days	2/21/2014	2/24/2014
17	2.2.2 Beams	4 days	2/21/2014	2/26/2014

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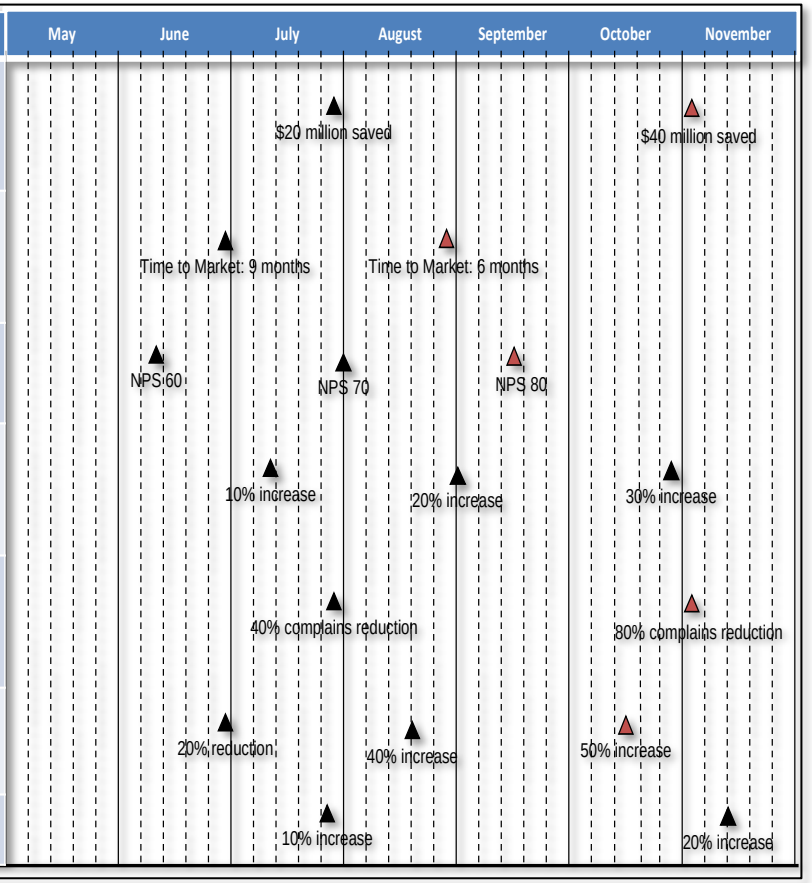
BENFIT	DUE
Save $40 million in maintenance costs	11 November
Reduce time to market from 12 to 6 months	28 August
Increase net promoter score from 50 to 80	15 September
Expand product offering to deliver an increase of 30% in revenues from new products	31 October
Improve real-time data on client issues to increase product reliability and reduce customer complaints by 80%	5 November
Reduction of time spent in meetings by 50% to increase productivity	27 October
Increase the the number of patents by 25%	11 November



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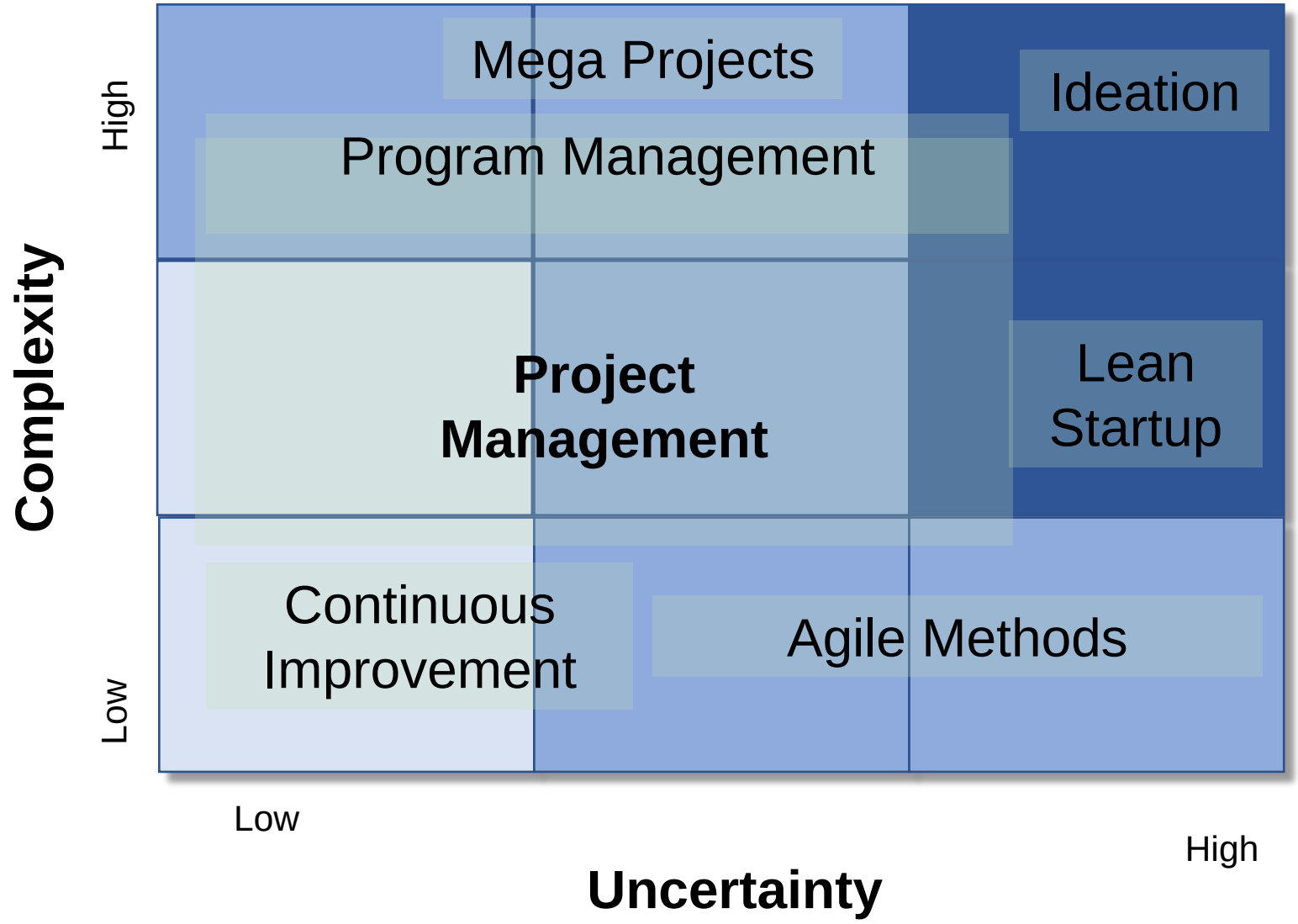

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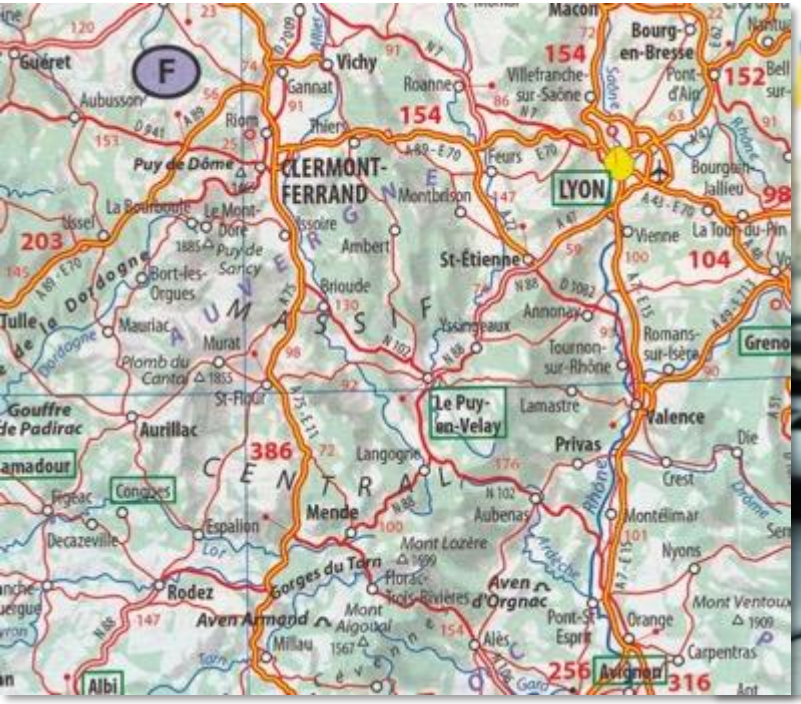
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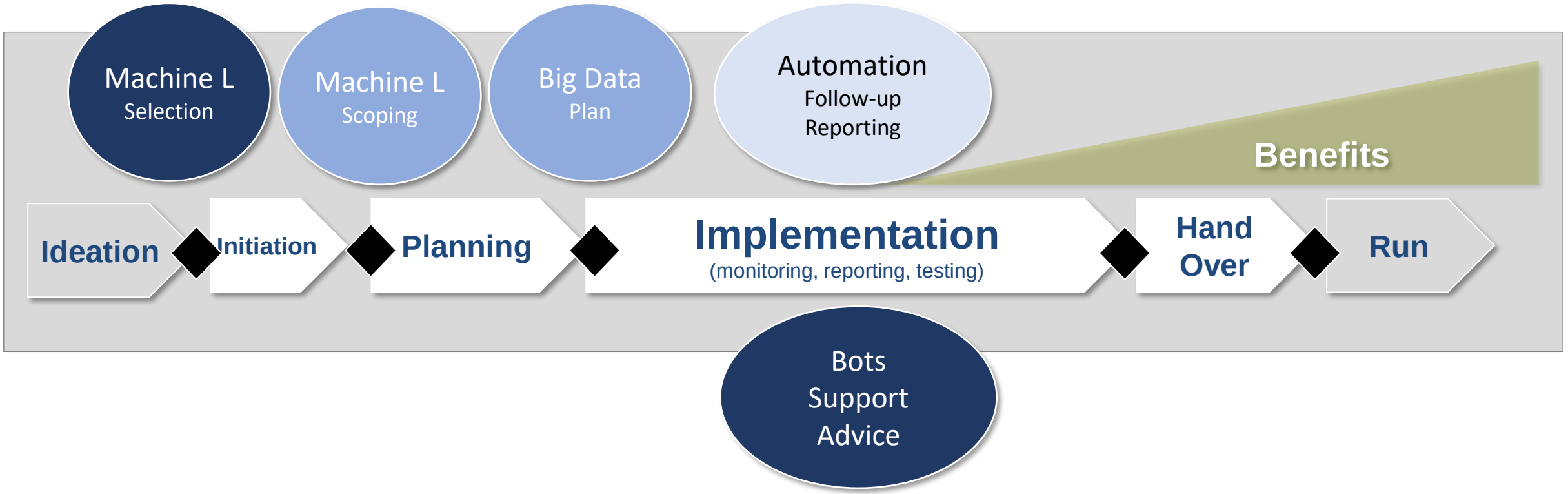
Areas Where AI will Impact Project Management



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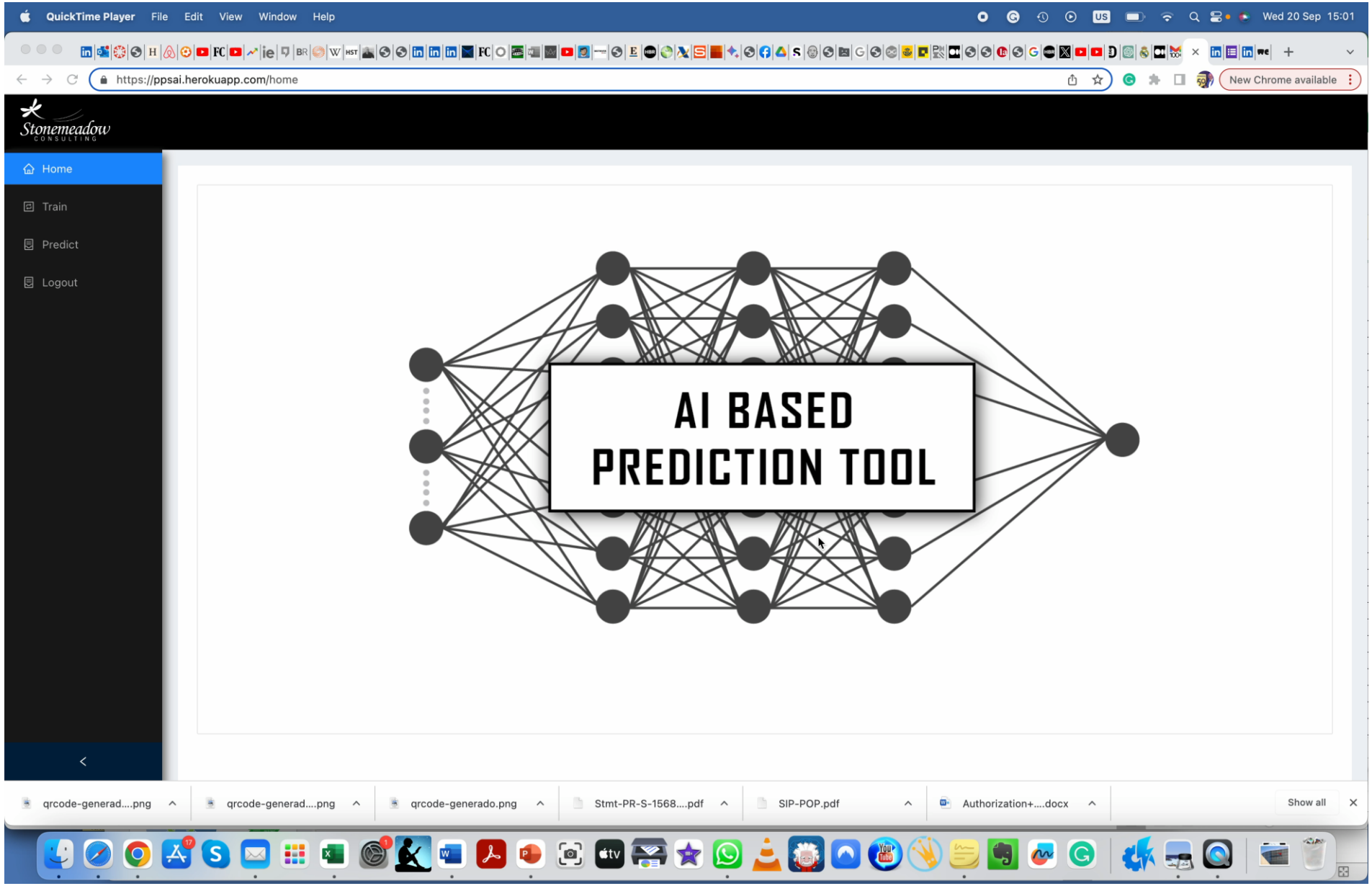
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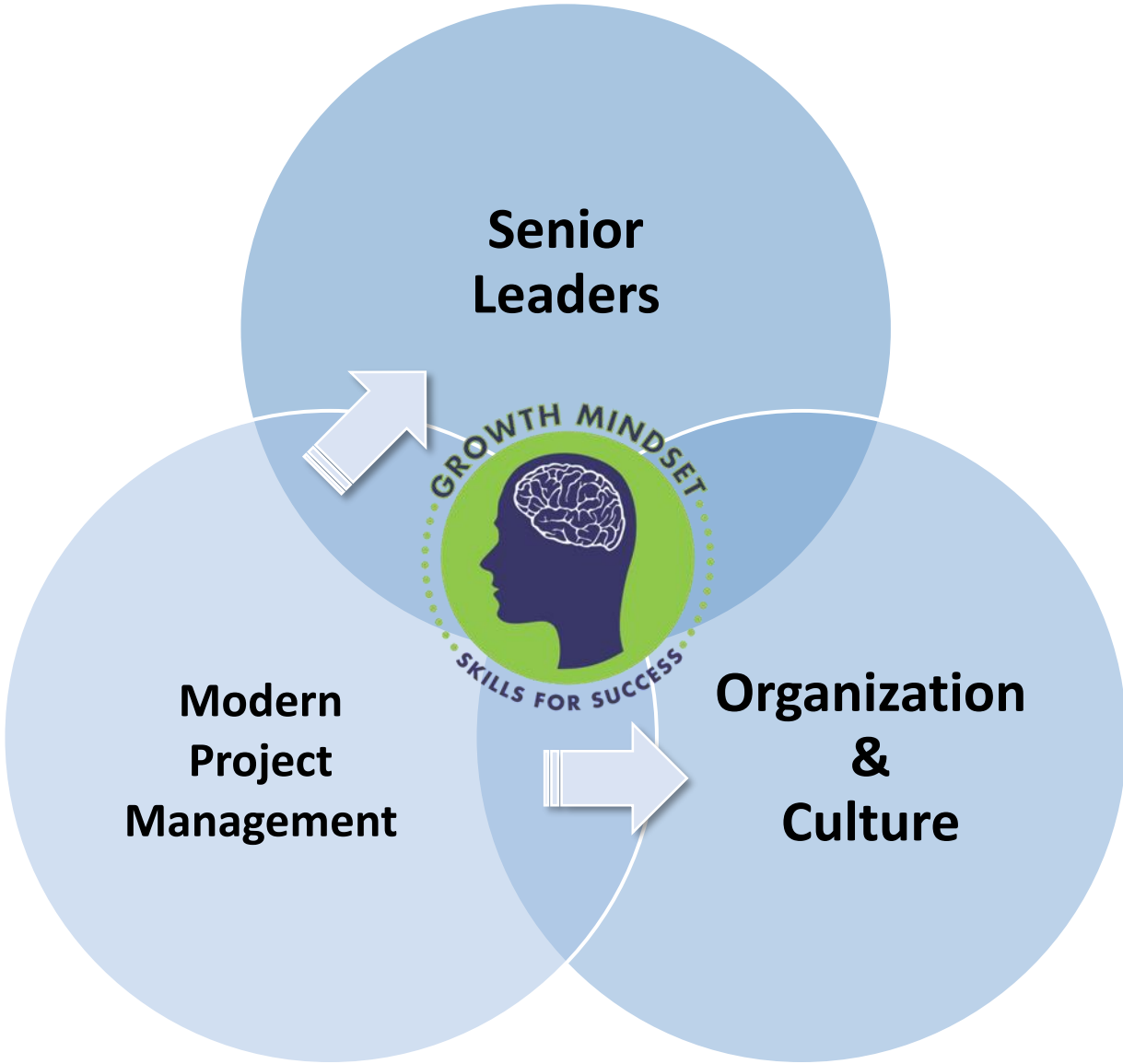

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