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PAYING ATTENTION TO THE LEADING INDICATORS OF TURNAROUND OUTCOMES



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What Does the Data Say?

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... and 40 percent of all turnarounds grossly exceeded one or more success criteria and can be classified as a “train wreck”²



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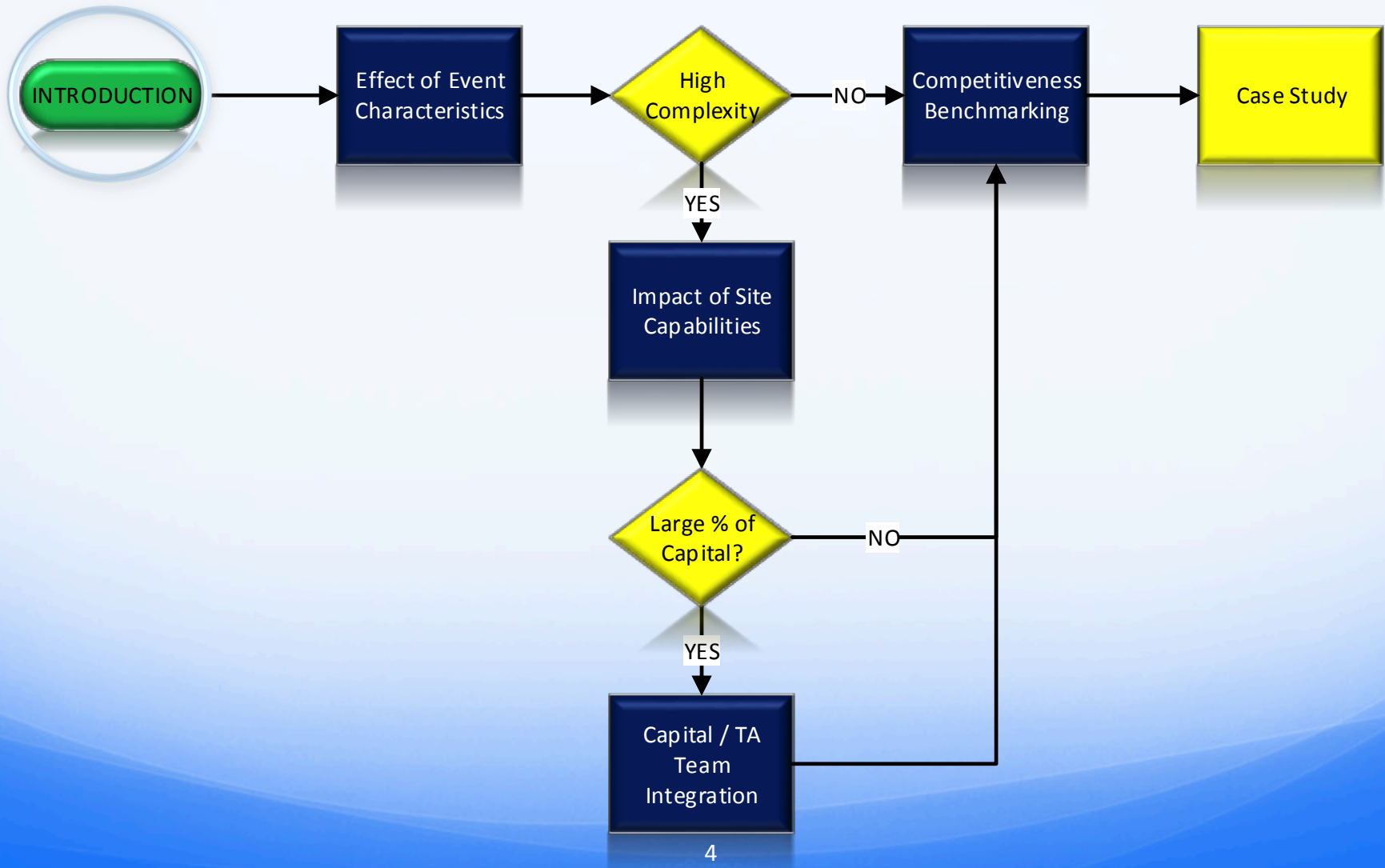
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From our database of Medium and High Complexity TAs executed since mid-2009

Ask this question...

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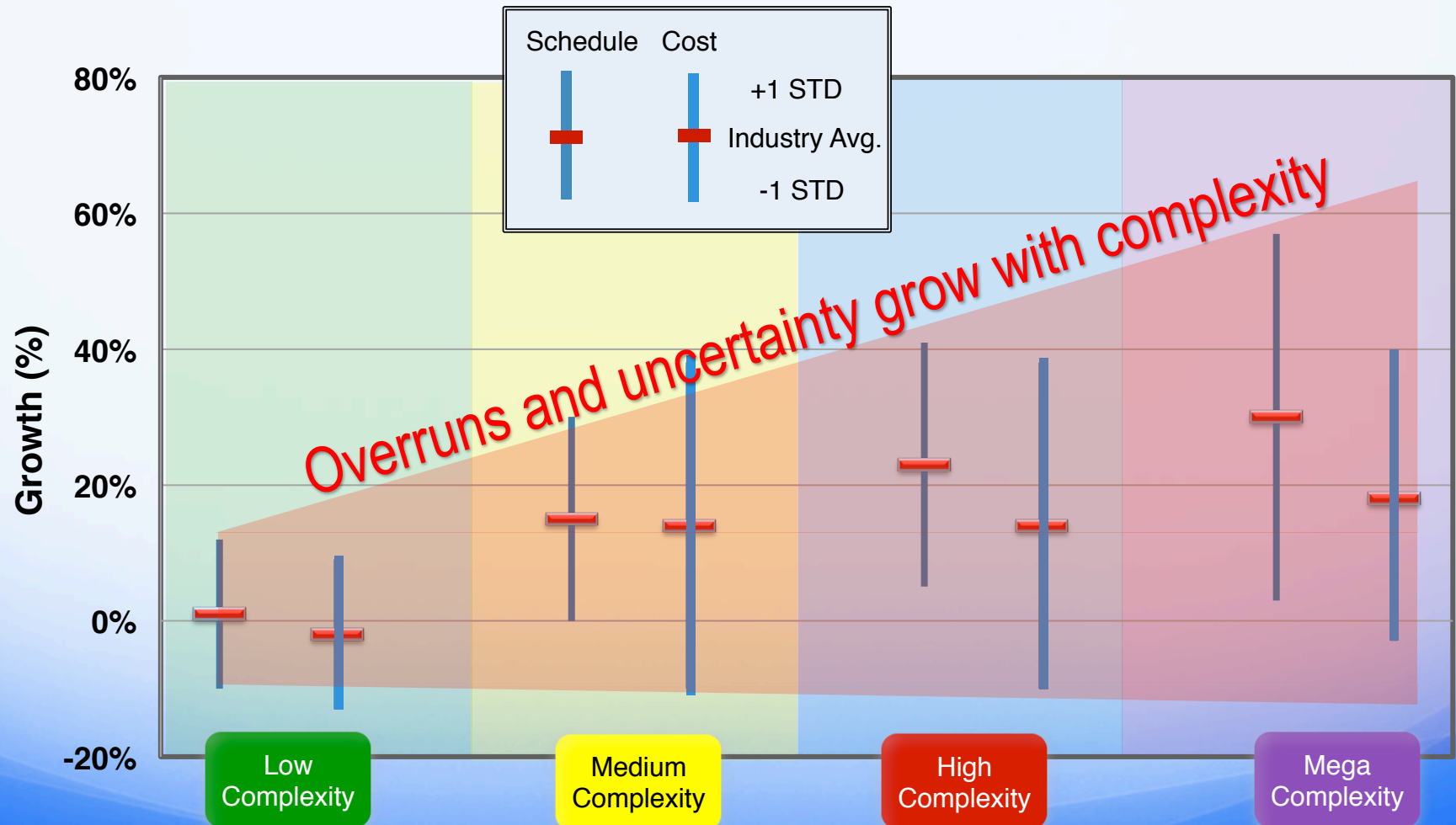
- Event results are often foreshadowed by conditions present before the event starts
- Predictors are quantifiable and measurable...



...if you see them.

Turnarounds: What Does the Data Say?

Medium, High, and Mega Complexity Turnarounds Are Unpredictable



Source: AP-Networks Turnaround Database

What does this mean?

The odds are not in your favor...

- If I know nothing about your event, I can predict you will fail by some measure and I'll be correct the majority of the time

All is not lost...

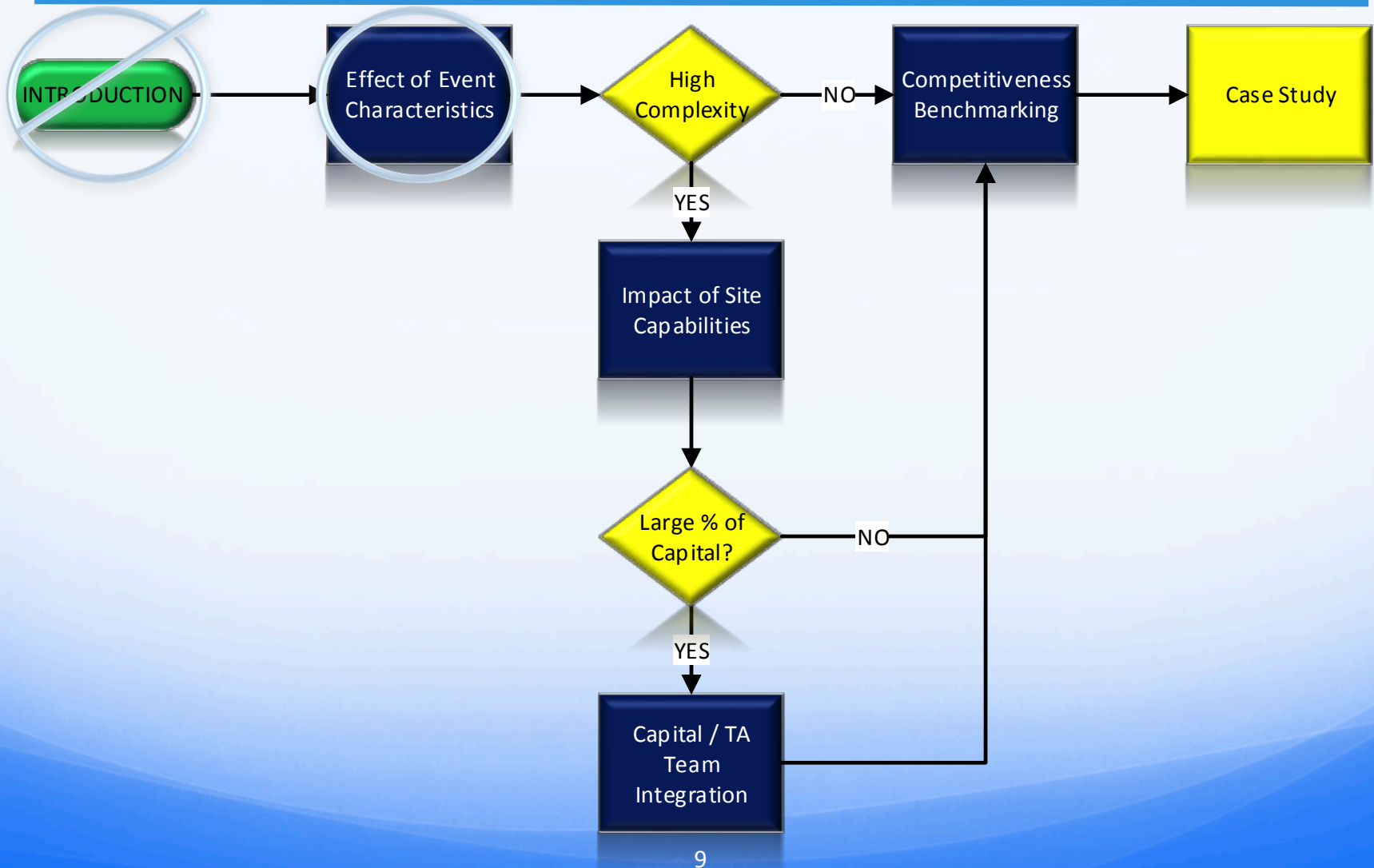
- The outcome of each turnaround can be modeled and predicted outcomes can be quantified before the event starts
- Key elements that are more likely to drive the outcome in a negative direction can be identified, addressed, and mitigated

Remember this question?

leaders *turnaround*
Would the ~~engineer~~ of that train
have done something differently if
he knew he was going to ~~crash~~?

- *Overrun cost by 30%*
- *Run long by 20%*
- *Have 2 recordables*
- *Etc.*

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Events Can Be Modeled in a Predictive Fashion



Event Complexity Impacts Performance

- A turnaround's complexity is measured by three inherent properties:
 - *Size as measured in labor-hours*
 - *Percentage of the total turnaround execution labor-hours that are considered capital work*
 - *Turnaround interval*
- Using these three measures, AP-Networks categorizes the turnarounds in its database as Low, Medium, High, and Mega Complexity

Defining Complexity Levels

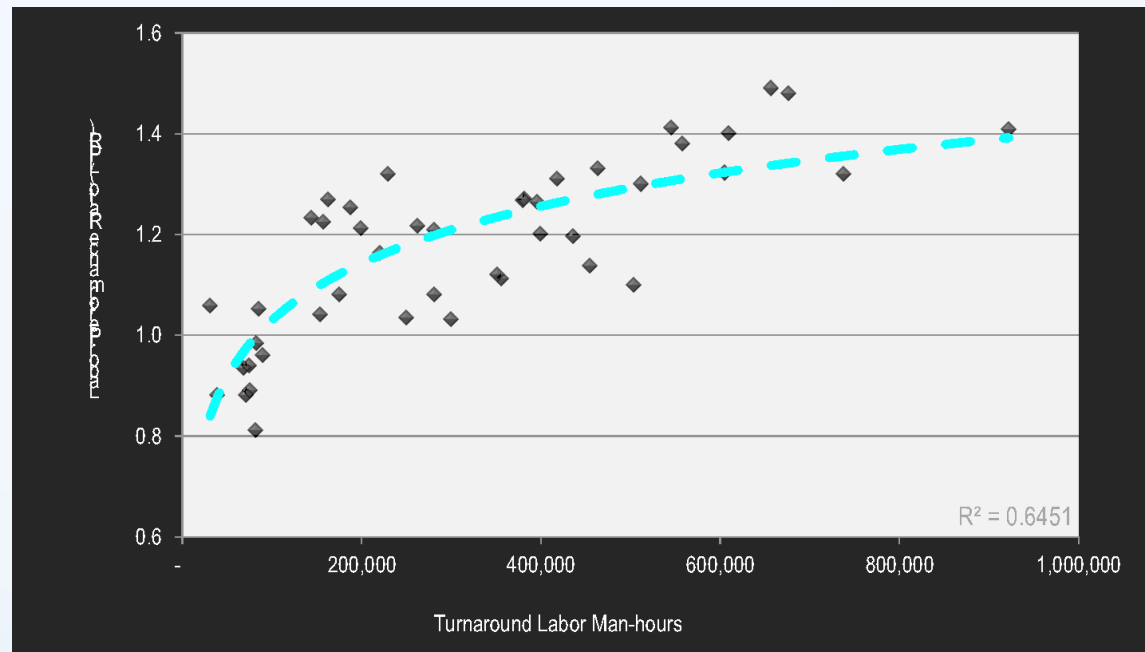
Key Characteristics

Example Complexity Level	Average Labor-Hours	% Average Capital Scope	Average Peak Labor
Low	43,563	8%	238
Medium	203,710	13%	901
High	693,960	23%	1,524
Mega	1,241,648	30%	2,518

Source: AP-Networks Turnaround Database

As Complexity Goes Up, Performance Goes Down

Labor performance deteriorates with increasing turnaround size



- Higher complexity events almost always...
 - *Stress the existing organization's ability to prepare and manage*
 - *Require organizational alignment and discipline that just isn't there*
 - *Rely on complex systems to manage information and work*
 - *Require longer preparation windows and greater efforts from the entire site*

Events Can Be Modeled in a Predictive Fashion



Profile the Risk Factors

The screenshot displays the 'Risk Manager' software interface. It features a sidebar with a 'Turnaround' section containing fields for Name, User Name, Facility, and Turnaround Date. The main area is a questionnaire with 13 numbered questions. Questions 1-4 are visible on the left, and questions 5-13 are visible on the right. Each question has multiple-choice options. A 'Calculate Risk' button is located at the bottom right of the questionnaire area.

Turnaround
Name: _____
User Name: _____
Facility: _____
Turnaround Date: _____
Evaluation Date: _____

1. What is the size of the turnaround - i.e. including capital work?
☐ Less than 50,000 labor hours
☐ Between 50,000 and 150,000 labor hours
☐ Between 150,000 and 400,000 labor hours
☐ More than 400,000 labor hours

2. What is the percentage of feed labor hours major capitalised engineered modification?
☐ Less than 10%
☐ Between 10% and 25%
☐ Between 25% and 50%
☐ More than 50%

3. From the planned start of this turnaround major planned turnaround?
☐ Less than 24 months
☐ Between 24 and 48 months
☐ More than 48 months

4. Does this turnaround involve any modification to existing equipment?
☐ No
☐ Yes

5. Is there a major change in the contracting strategy and the turnaround organization (i.e. different from typical)?
☐ No change or Minor changes
☐ Major changes

6. How would you quantify the percentage of typical?
☐ Typical
☐ Higher

7. How would you quantify the percentage of higher?
☐ Typical
☐ Higher

8. Will there be any changes to the design?
☐ No change - Typical
☐ Minor changes
☐ Major changes

9. Will there be any changes to the location?
☐ No change - Typical
☐ Minor changes
☐ Major changes

10. What is the estimated number of feed labor hours?
☐ Less than 500
☐ More than 500

11. Does your inspection scope include any inspection?
☐ No
☐ Yes

12. Is this the largest turnaround at this site?
☐ No
☐ Yes

13. Has this turnaround been delayed, postponed?
☐ No
☐ Once
☐ More than Once

14. Do you have any difficulty finding skilled crafts in your area?
☐ Typical - Not an issue
☐ Difficult
☐ Very difficult

15. When would you estimate you will have all engineering packages completed and issued, without exception?
☐ At least 9 months prior to the turnaround
☐ At least 6 months prior to the turnaround
☐ At least 3 months prior to the turnaround
☐ At least 1 month prior to the turnaround

16. Do any critical long lead materials threaten achieving the current schedule?
☐ No
☐ Yes

17. Is equipment and site congestion a problem for the particular turnaround scope?
☐ Typical, although congestion is always an issue
☐ Especially critical and problematic for current scope

18. Have you established a fixed turnaround start date?
☐ Yes
☐ No

19. Have you established an effective scope development and/or scope freeze process?
☐ Yes
☐ Yes, but not sure how effective the process will be
☐ No

Calculate Risk

- Build a Risk Profile
- Predicted outcomes are sensitive to several key factors:
 - *Peak labor force*
 - *Amount of piping work*
 - *First inspection on new equipment*
 - *Etc.*

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Readiness and the Turnaround Readiness Pyramid

- Readiness relative to industry best practices can be measured and quantified



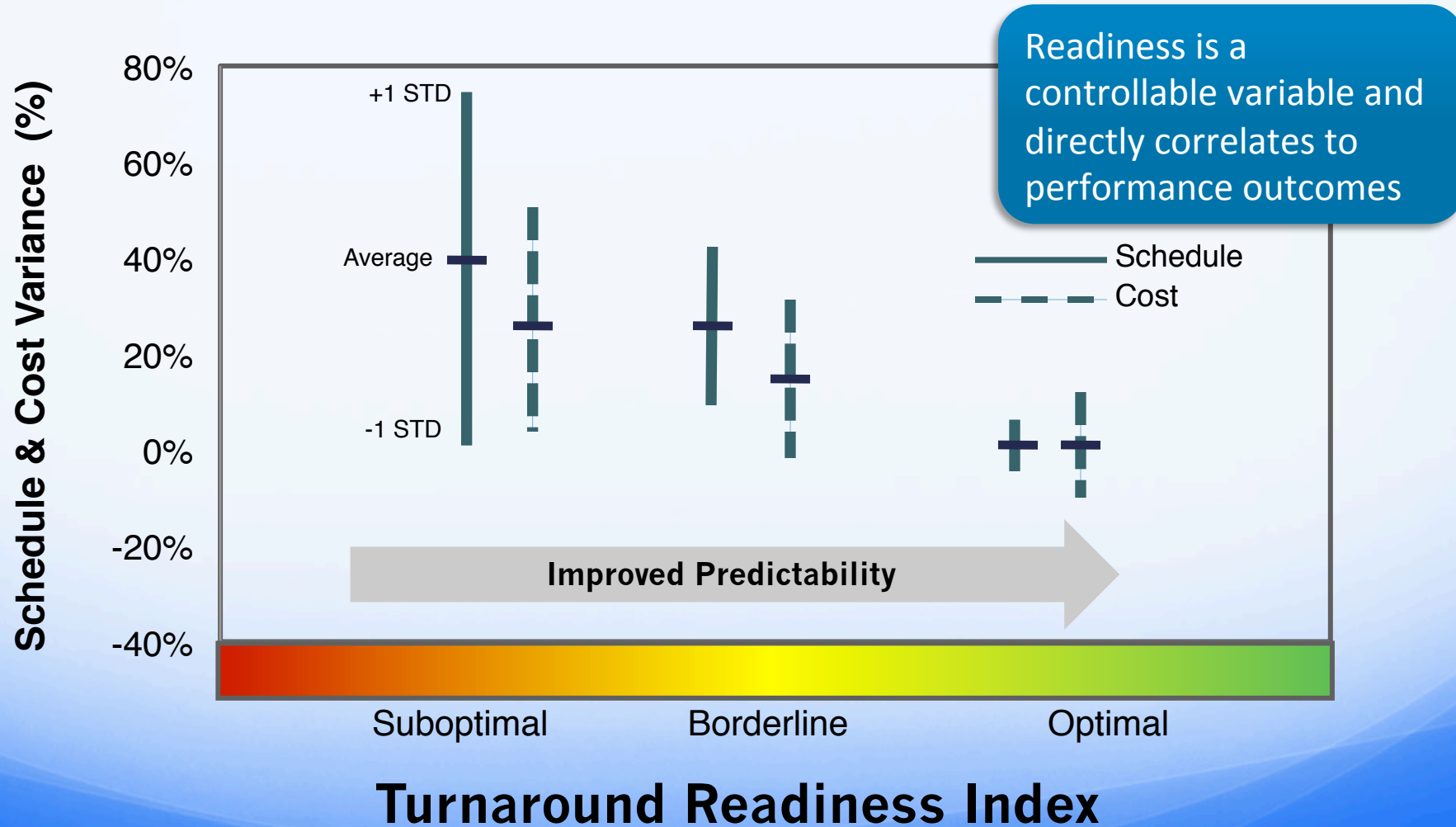
**Turnaround
Readiness
Index**

**Planning
Status
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**Team
Alignment
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Readiness Drives Turnaround Performance

Industry Data Shows Strong and Consistent Correlation

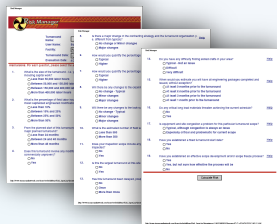


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Statistical Modeling Can Predict Event Outcomes

$$\text{Turnaround Readiness Index} = f(\text{Planning Status [average]}, \text{Team Alignment [variance]})$$

Readiness



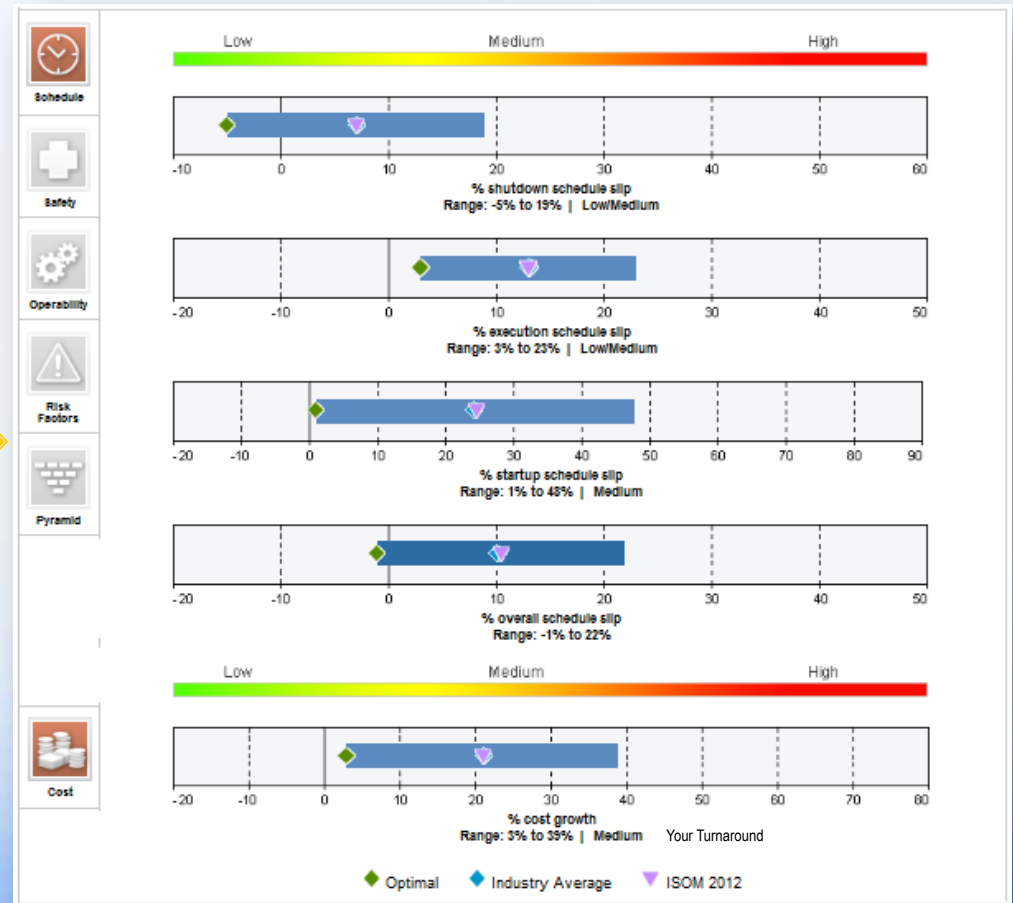
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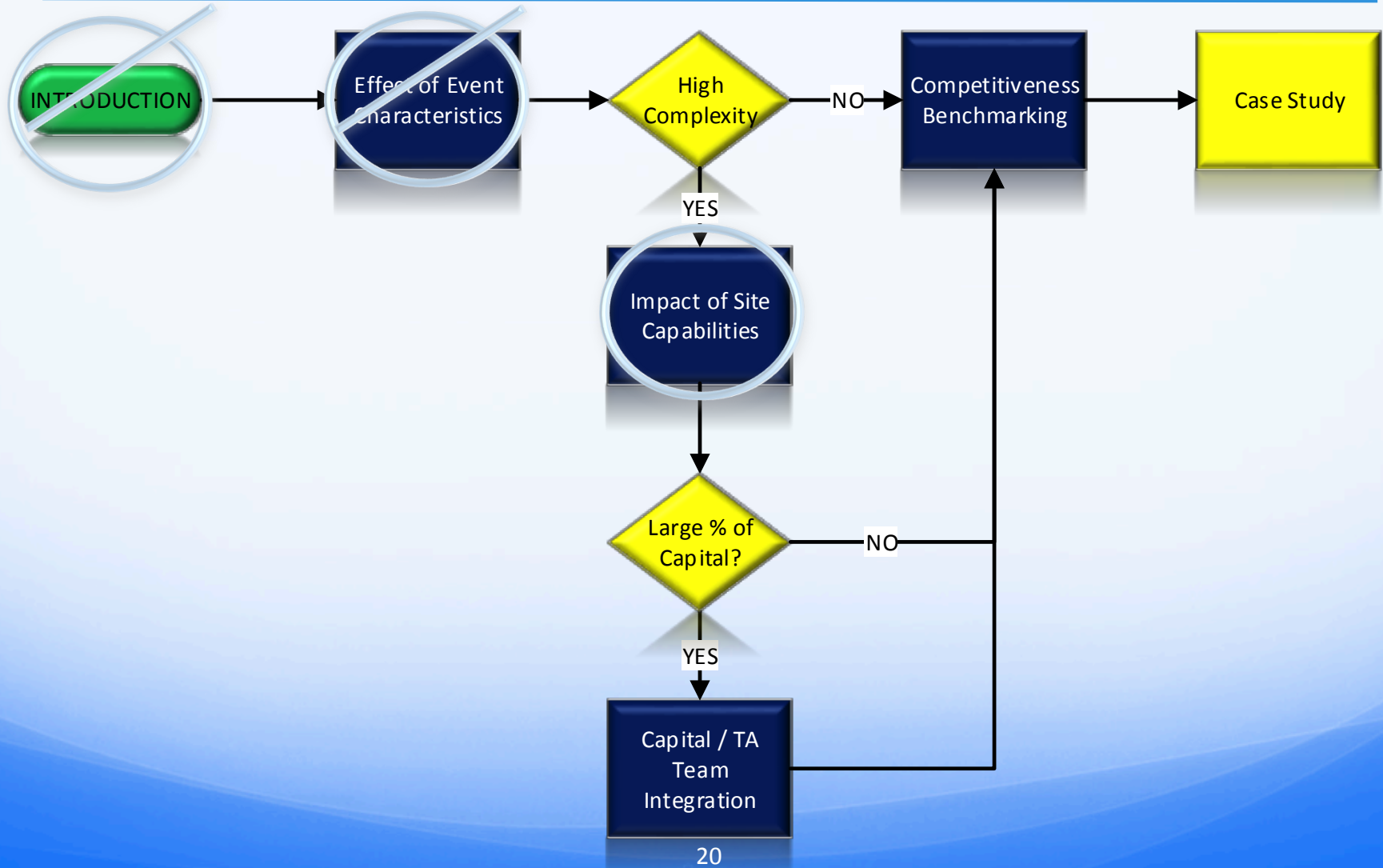
Complexity



Industry Database



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Organizational Tipping Points

Key Questions Posed by the Analysis

1. Is this turnaround too large for the site?
2. Is this turnaround too large for this turnaround department?



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85 Mega

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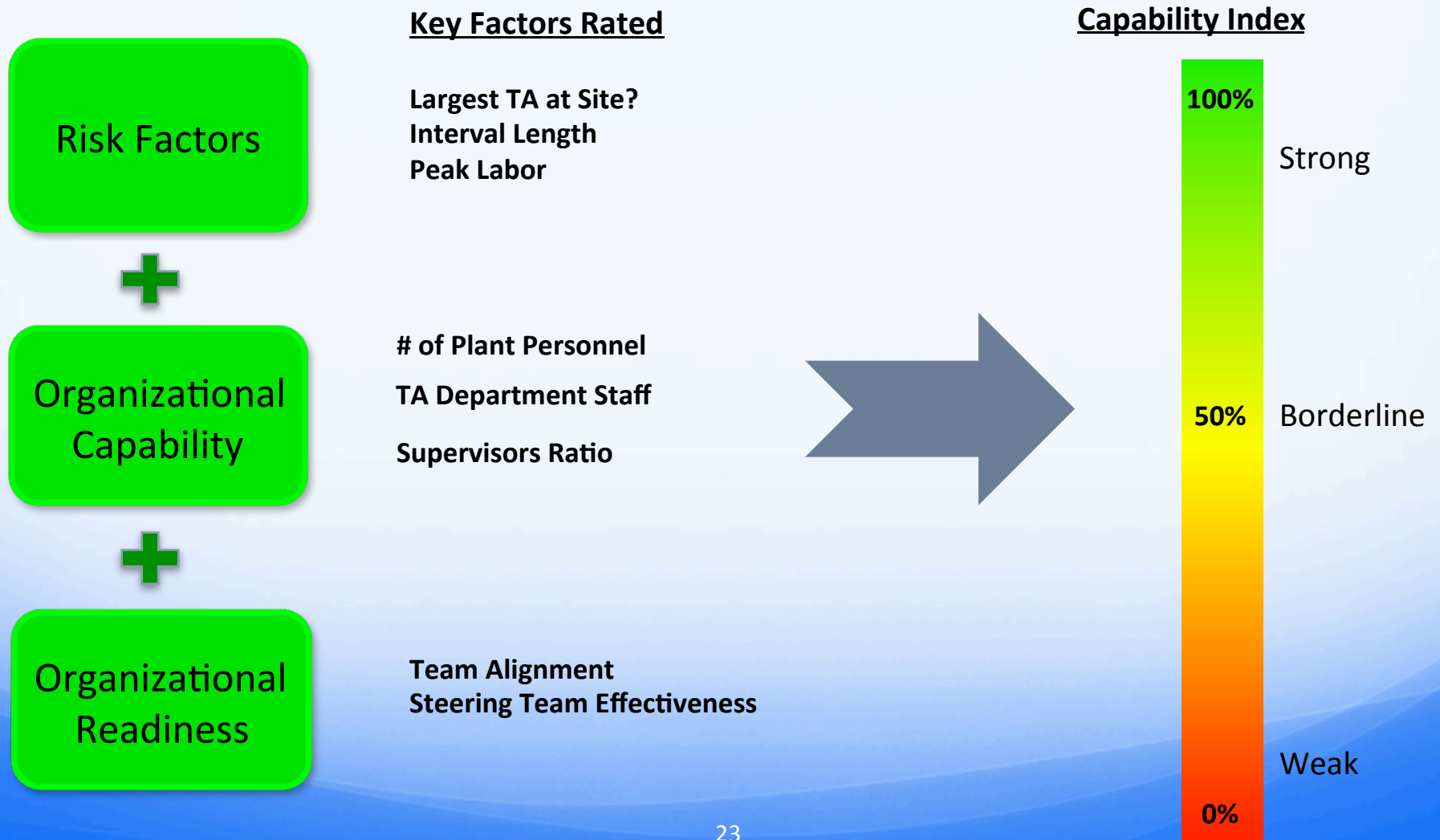
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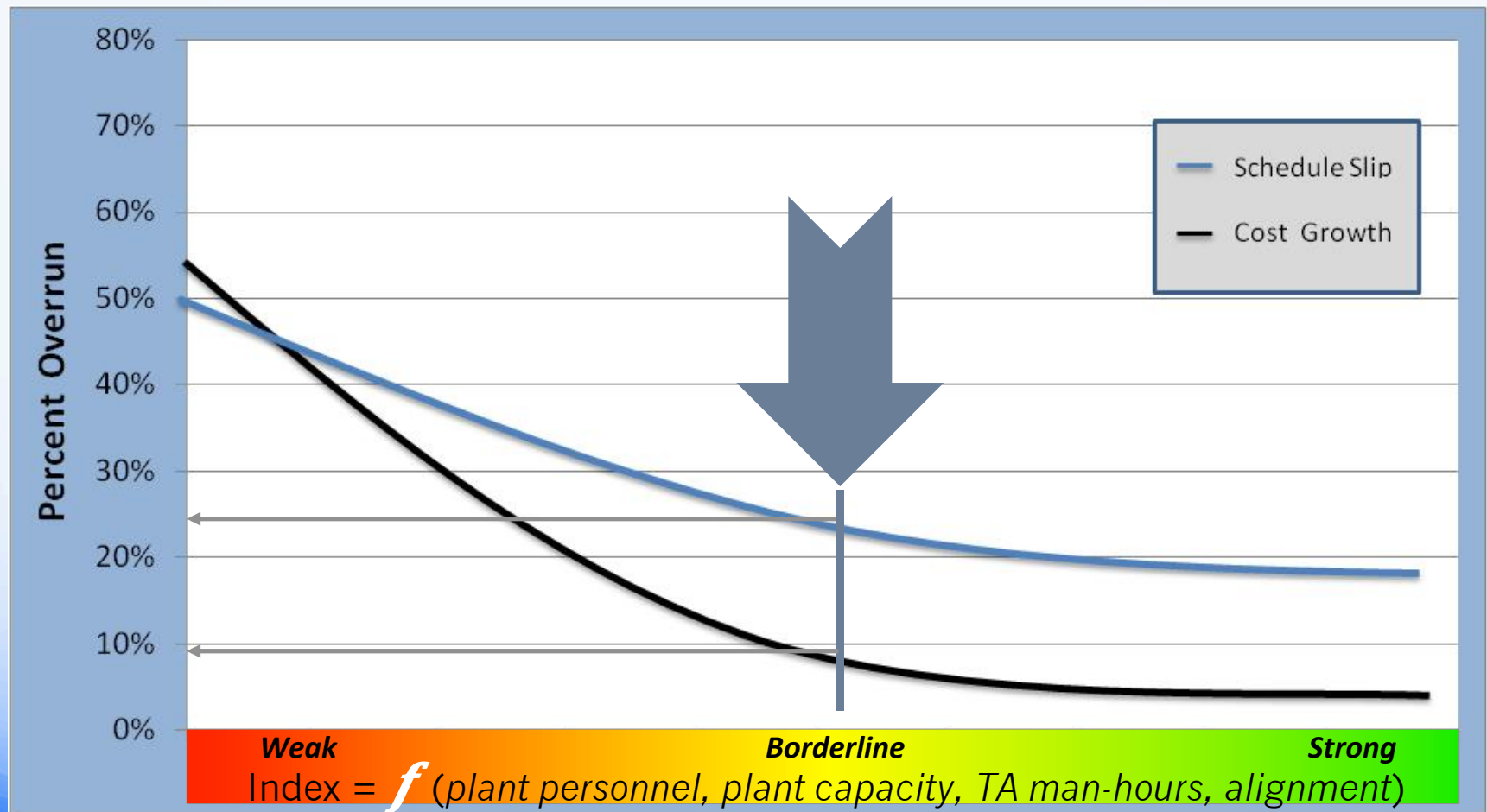
Capability Index

Primary Components



Capability Index

Higher Score Reduces Overrun Risk

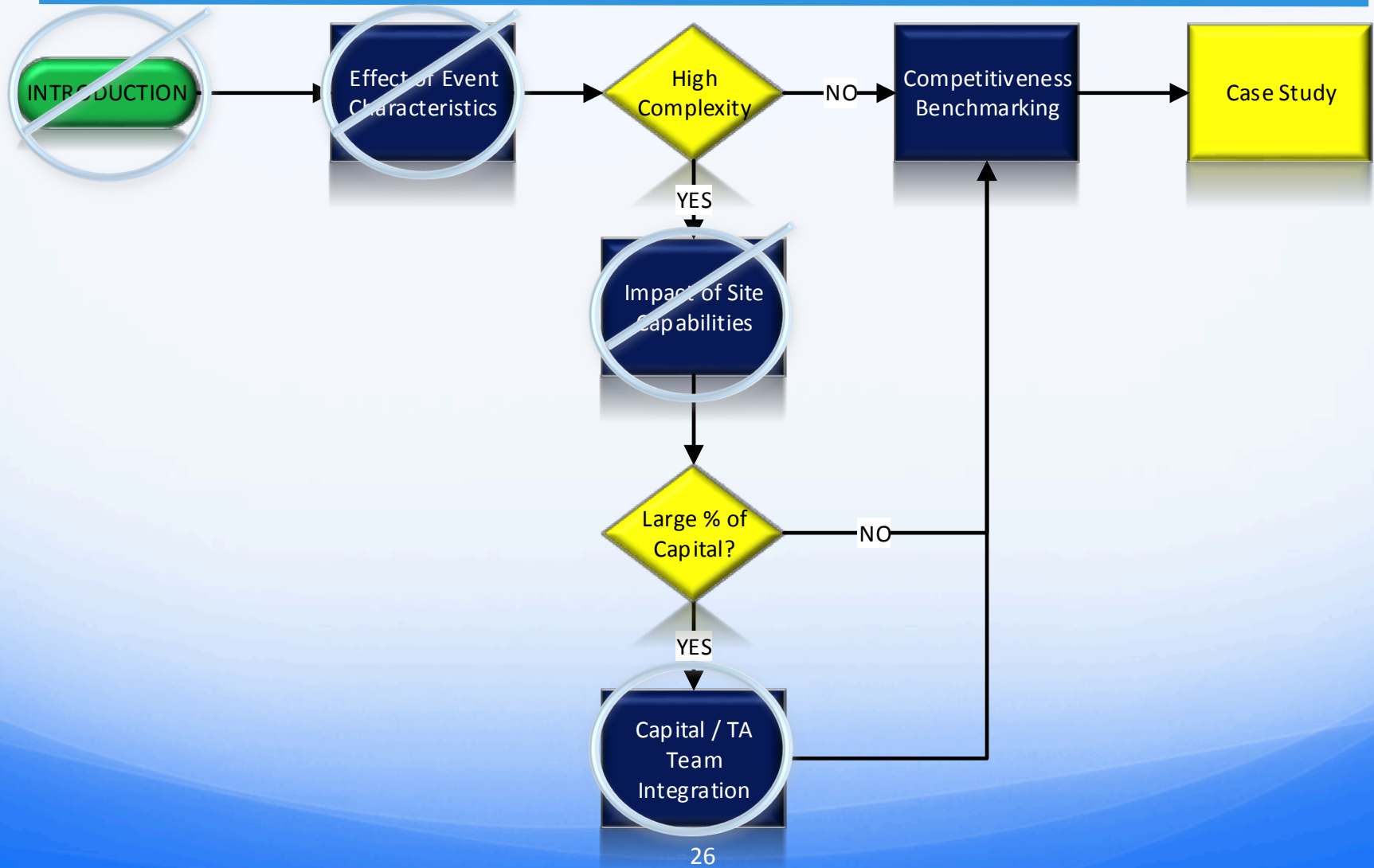


Site Capability Index

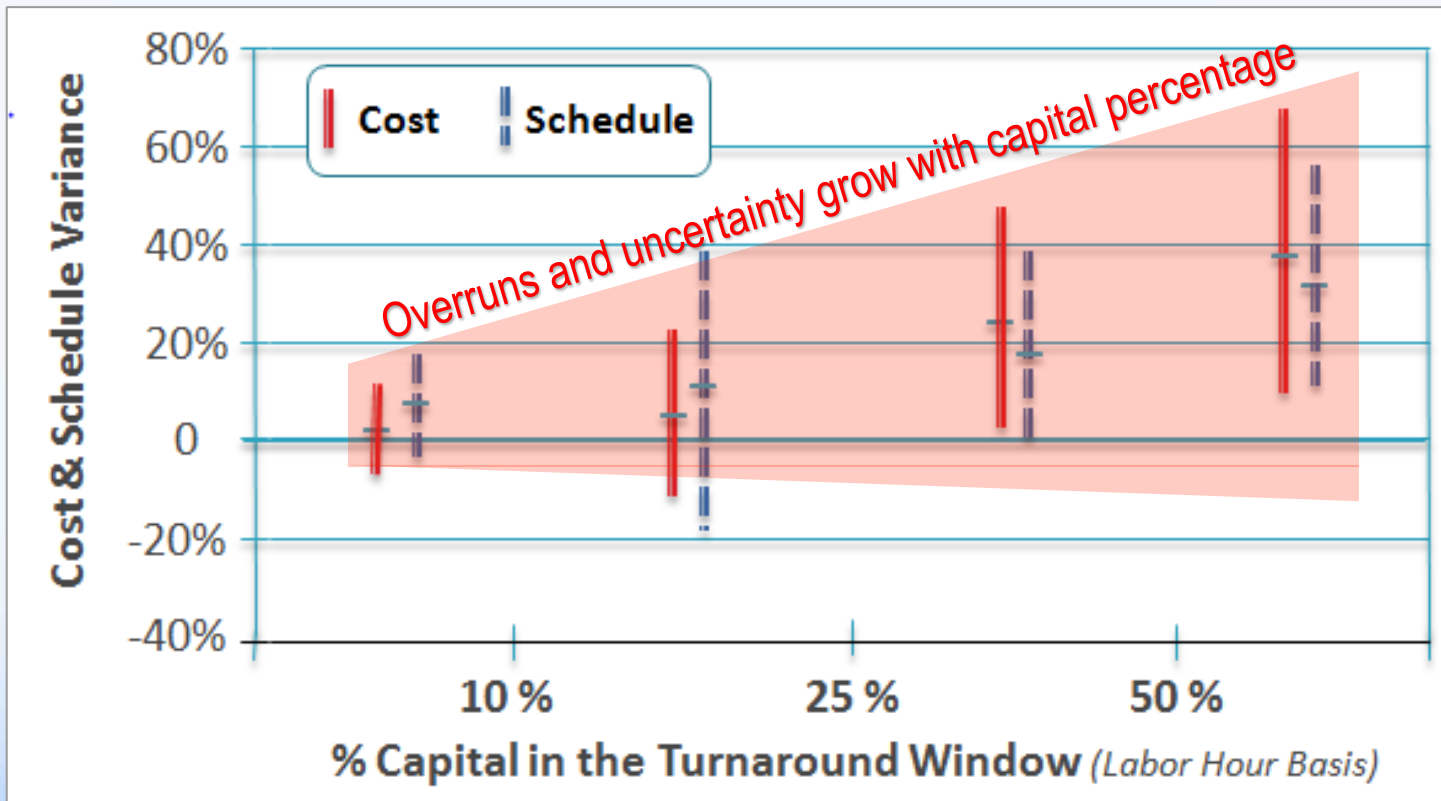
Organizational Capability Takeaway

- The ability to successfully manage a Mega Turnaround is highly dependent on several key factors:
 - *Leadership's role in either galvanizing or splintering the organization*
 - *Properly staffed organization with no shortages or turnover in key positions*
 - *Aligned long-range plan*
 - *Well-developed plan that can be used to manage work and keep work force productive*
 - *The ability of the site to manage the sheer scope of activities*
 - *Disciplined approach to turnaround preparations by the entire site*
 - *Disciplined scope control*

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Turnarounds Become More Unpredictable as Capital Increases



Capital Project Hours



TA Predictability

Source: AP-Networks Turnaround Database

Capital/TA Integration Can Be Problematic

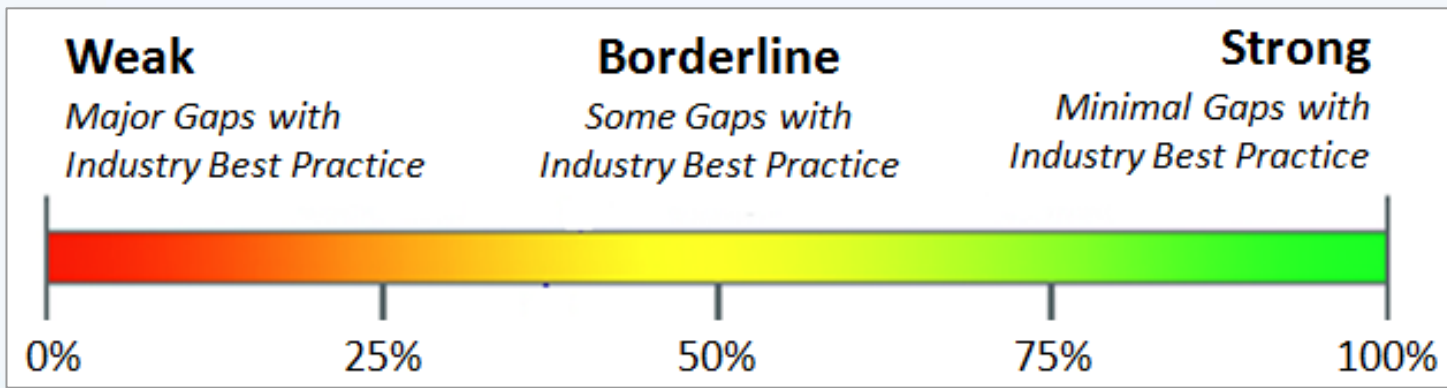
- Repeatability:
 - *Turnarounds have practical (repeatable) experience doing their work*
 - *Projects are typically “one-off” without repeatability*
 - *Project costs are probabilistic in nature, whereas turnaround costs are informed by historical data and outcomes*
- Systemic and cultural issues impede teams from exchanging information
 - *Schedule integration is difficult*
 - *Goals and contractual terms are often misaligned*
 - *Conflicting team reporting structures and decision authorities*
 - *Physical interfaces are not well understood*
- Project quality problems that are not resolved prior to installation compound when they are found during execution

Capital Projects

Evaluations

- There are several ways to evaluate a capital project:
 - *Project Assessments*
 - *Risk Workshops*
 - *Monte Carlo Assessment*
- There are two tools to quantify the status and predict the outcome:
 - *Projects Integration Index – How well are my project and turnaround teams integrated?*
 - *Project Readiness Index (PRI) – How well-prepared is my project for execution?*

Integration Index



- Measures the quality of organizational and planning integration between the capital project and turnaround organizations
- Measured on a scale of 0% to 100%
- Effectively pinpoints gaps between project and turnaround teams
- Indicator of Turnaround Performance outcomes

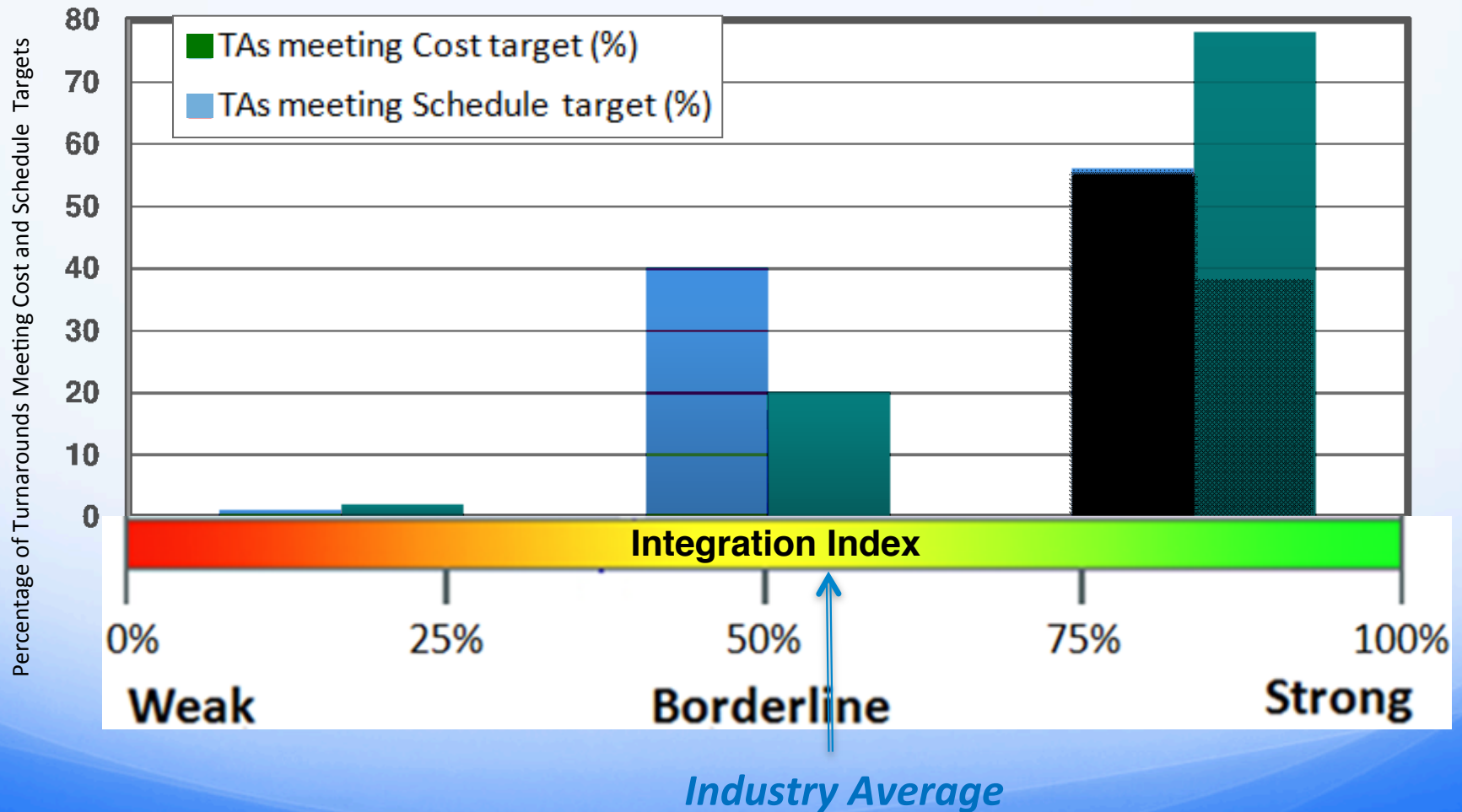
Integration Index

Drivers are organized into three areas to quantify the level of project and turnaround integration



Integration Index

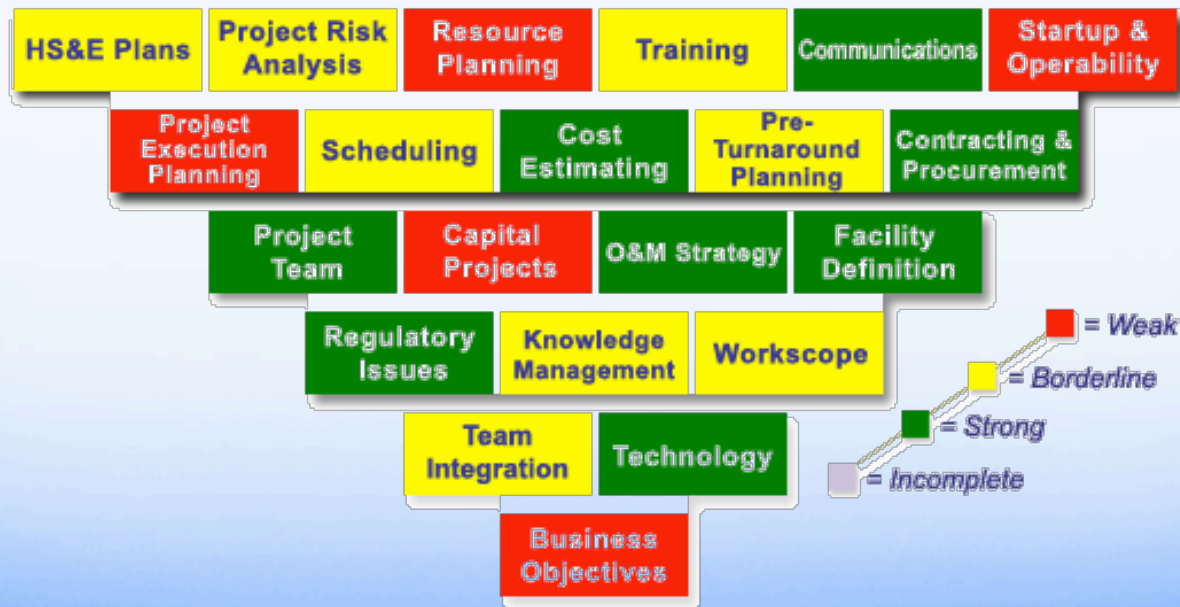
Probability of Success is Low Without a Strong Integration Index



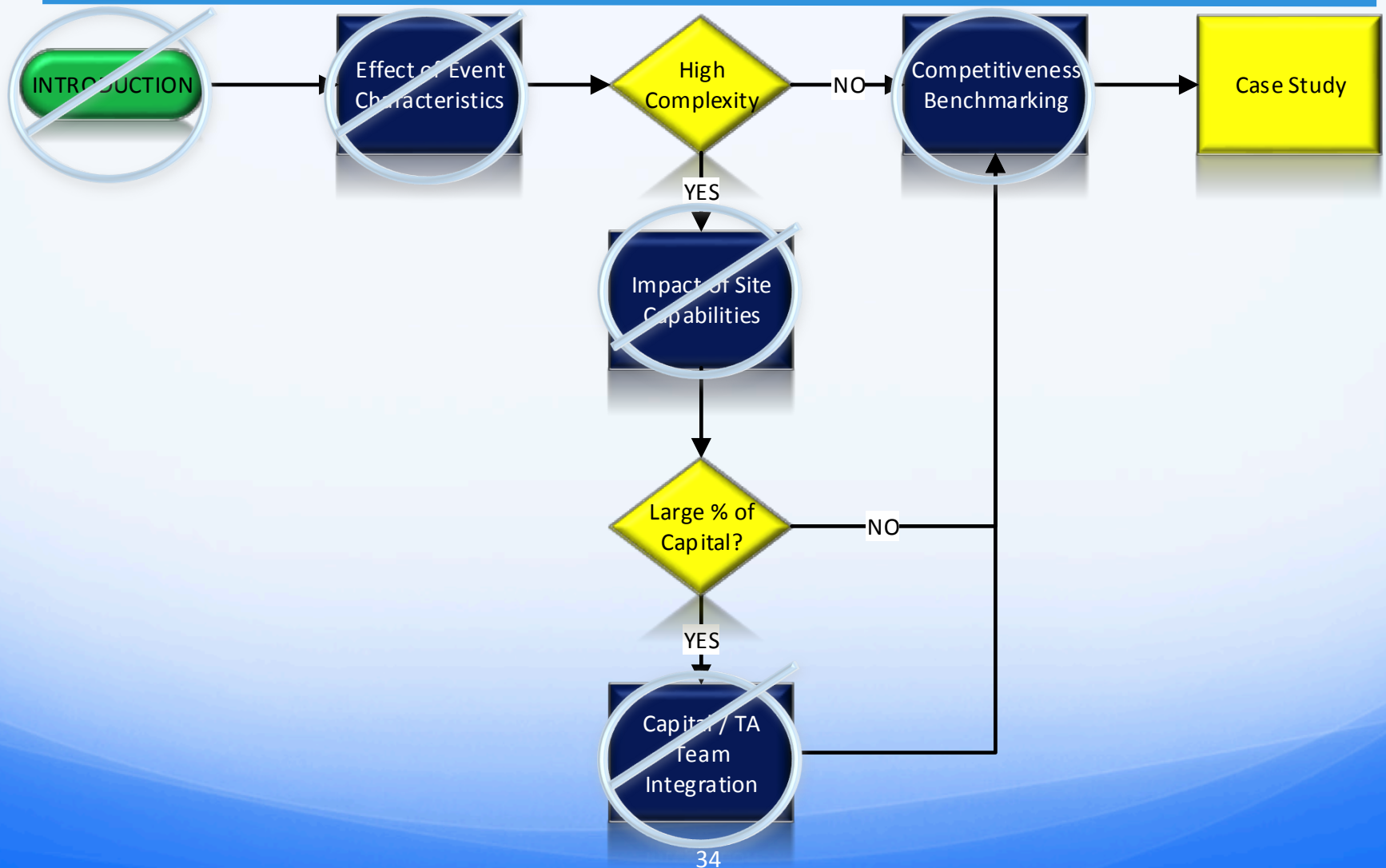
Project Readiness Index

PRI is measured and quantified across 21 key elements

Potential execution concerns and gaps from best practices are identified



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Competitiveness Benchmarks

How did industry perform under similar circumstances?

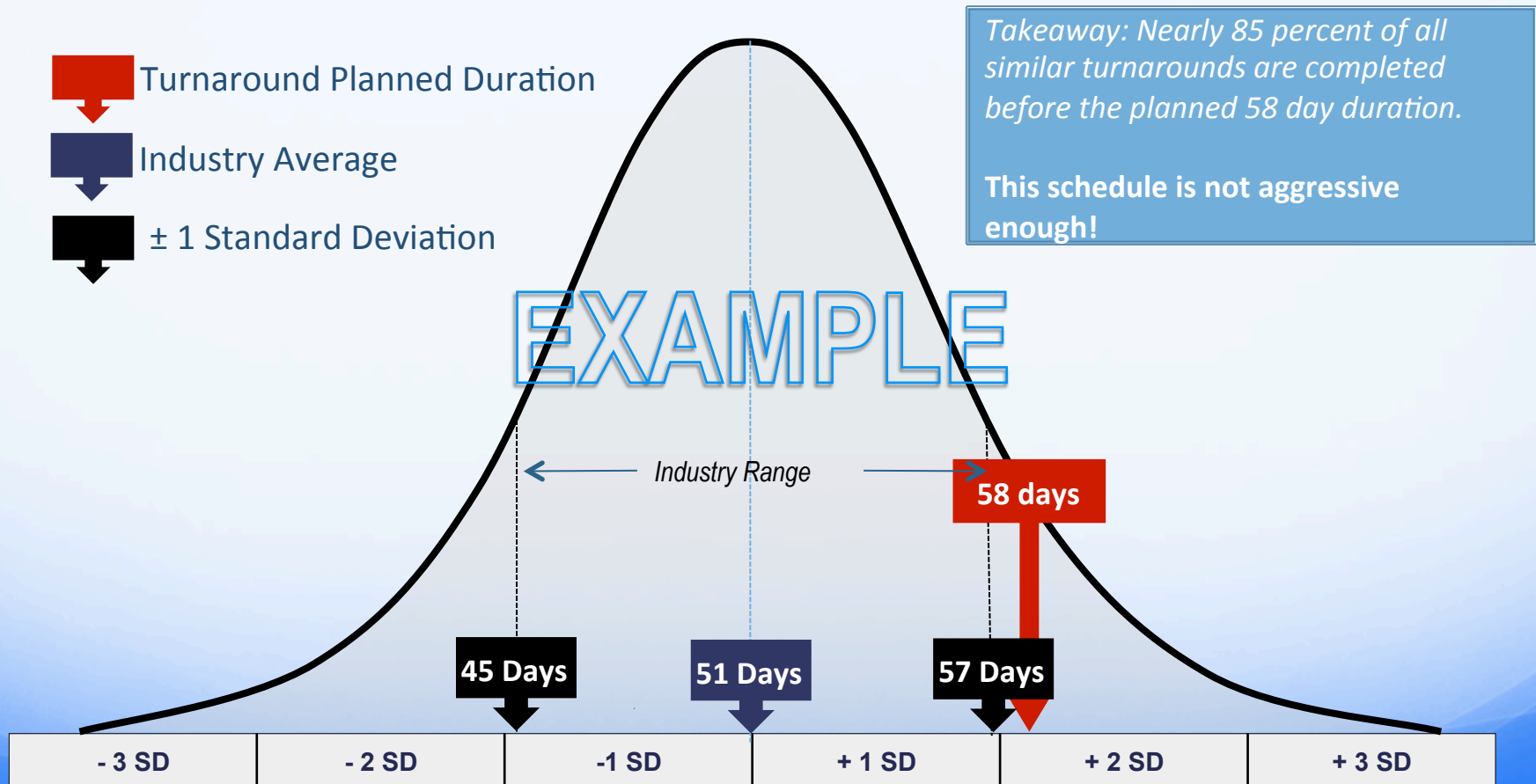
Addresses the questions...

- Is my schedule too aggressive or too conservative?
- Is my budget too aggressive or too conservative?

Schedule Duration Benchmark

Schedule is Conservative Relative to Industry

Based on units with similar characteristics, # of units, labor-hours, complexity, etc.



The schedule distribution is based on a statistical regression model that includes a number of independent variables and leading indicators. The independent variables and model coefficients are proprietary to AP-Networks and are not shared.

Cost Benchmark

Cost Estimate is Aggressive Compared to Industry

Based on units with similar characteristics, # of units, labor-hours, complexity, etc.



Turnaround Cost Estimate
(Maintenance and Projects)



Industry Average

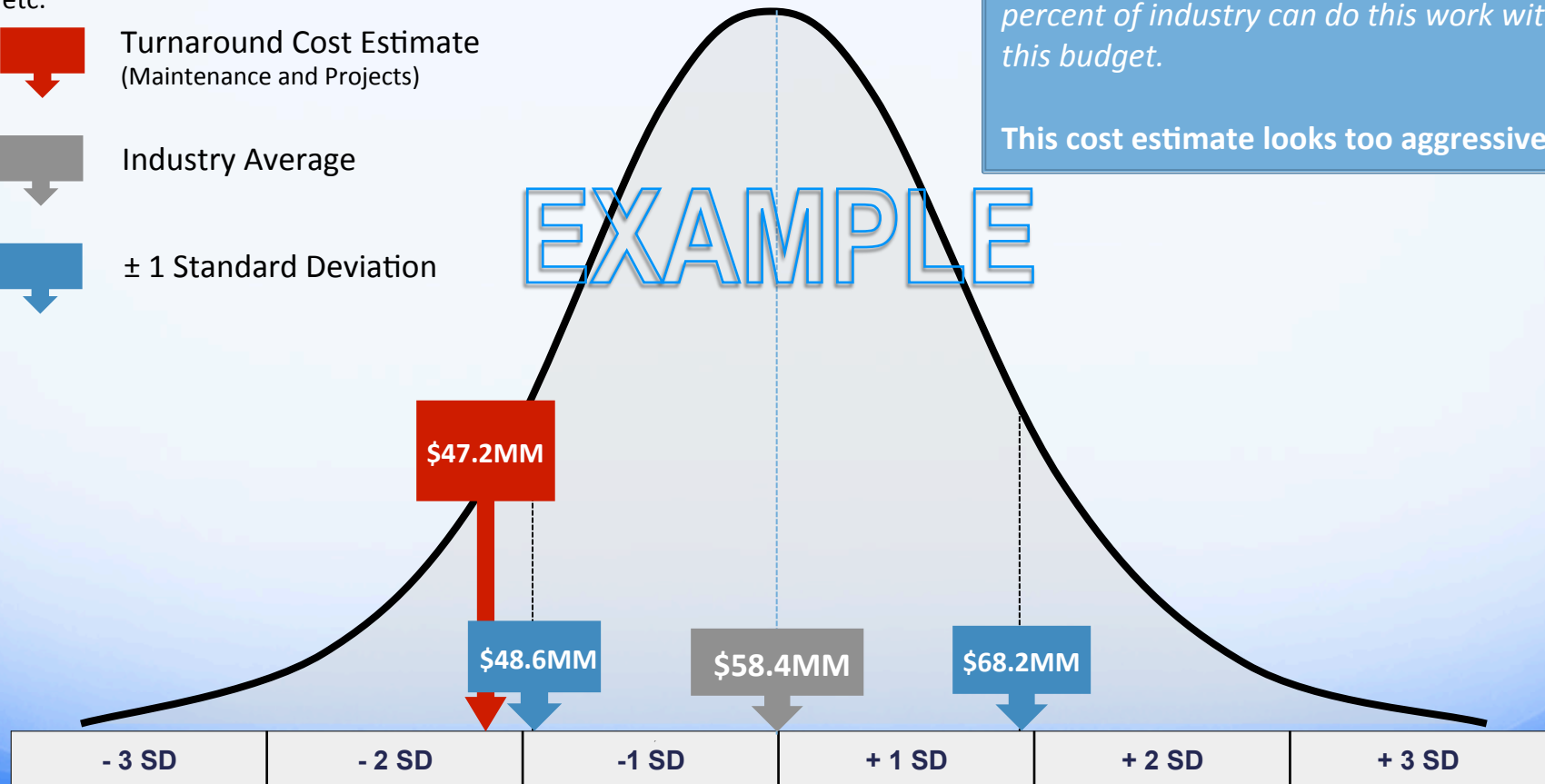


± 1 Standard Deviation

Take-away: Only approximately 14 percent of industry can do this work with this budget.

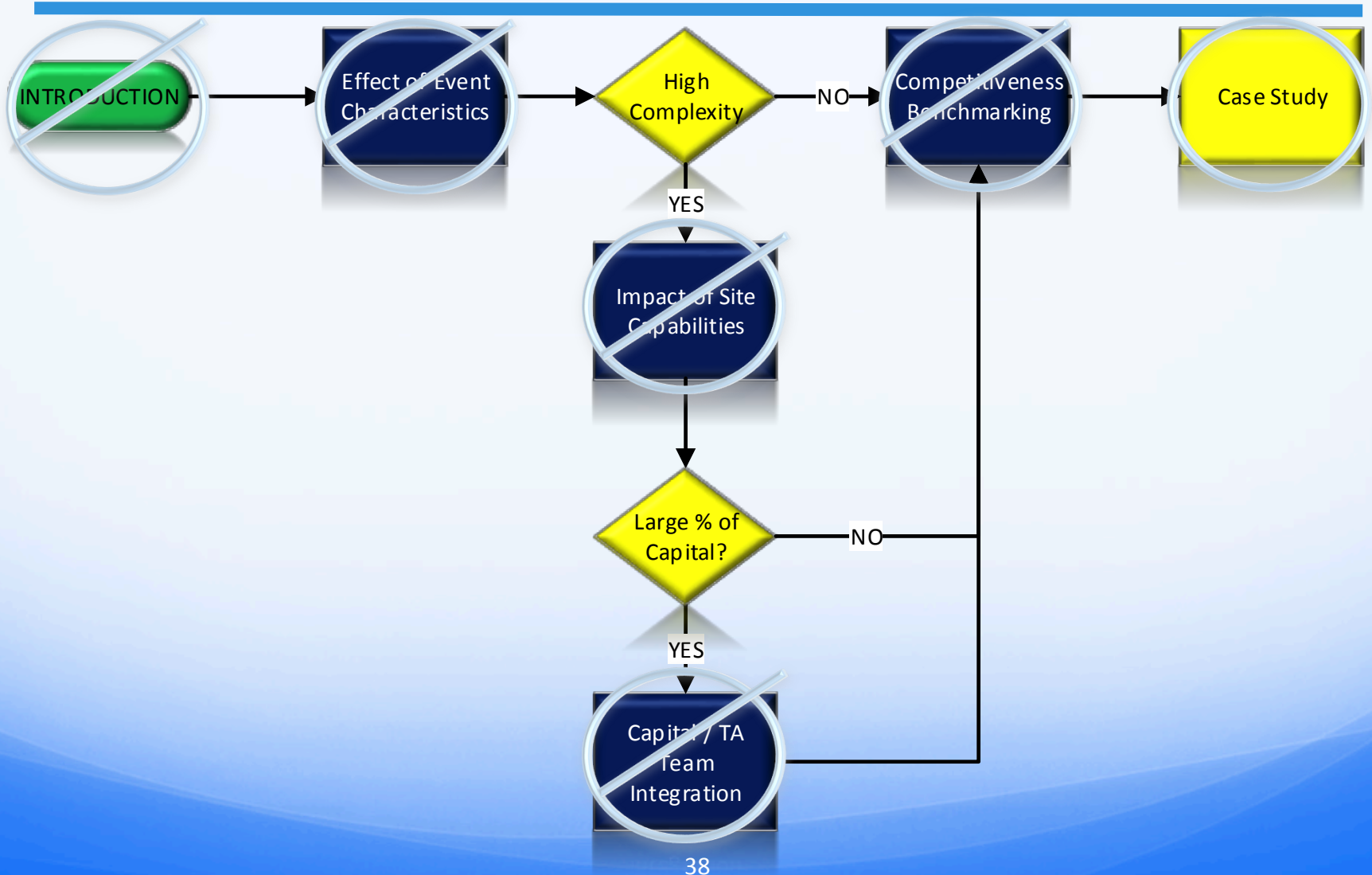
This cost estimate looks too aggressive!

EXAMPLE

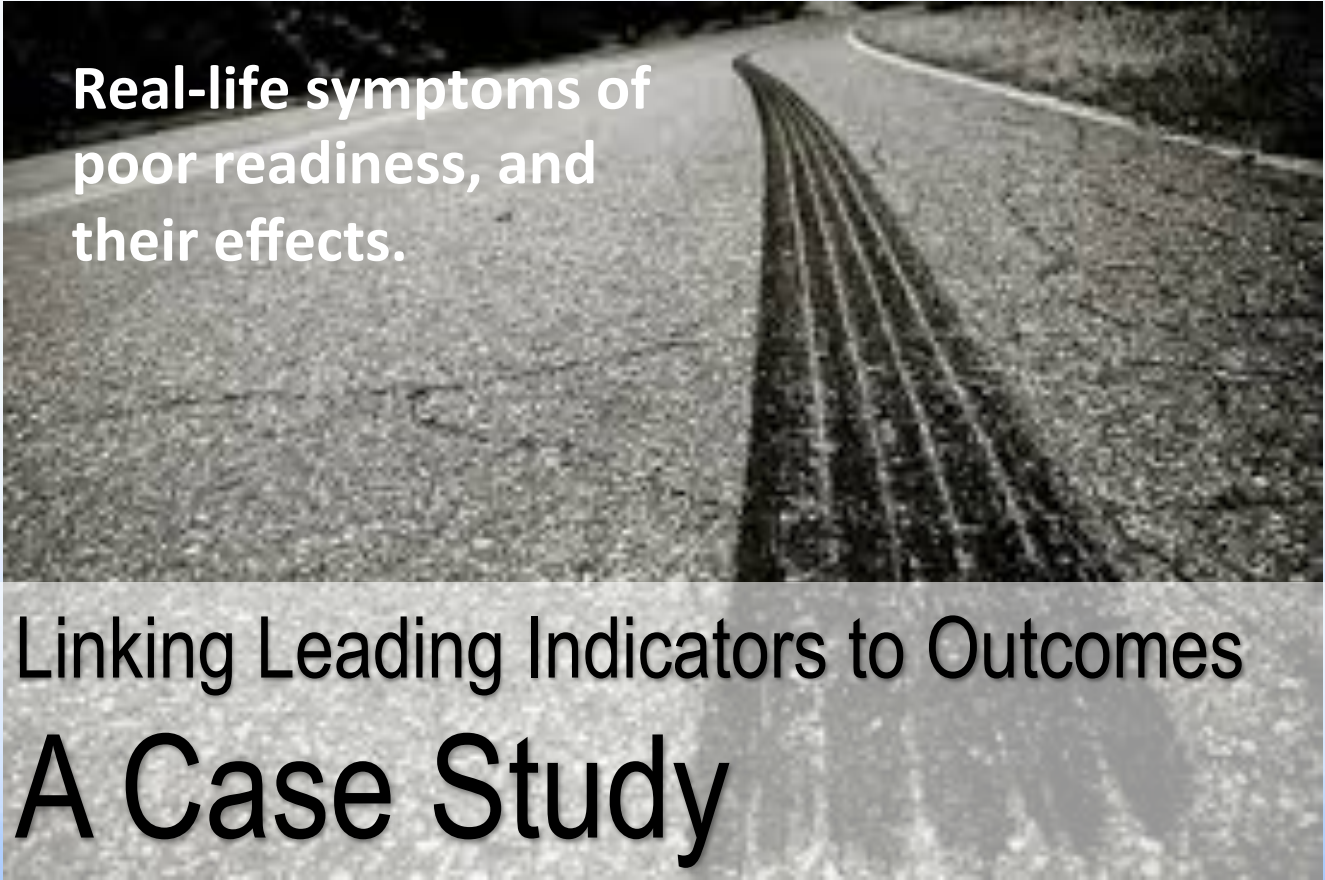


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Where the “Rubber Hits the Road”



**Real-life symptoms of
poor readiness, and
their effects.**

Linking Leading Indicators to Outcomes
A Case Study

Risk Manager Profiles High Risk Areas



RISK MANAGER

- Largest turnaround at this site in the past 15 years
- More than 500 estimated field laborers
- More than 400,000 labor-hours

Site Capabilities

- Higher than typical amount of piping work
- Critical long lead materials threaten achieving the current schedule
- Equipment and site congestion issues are especially critical and problematic for the current scope

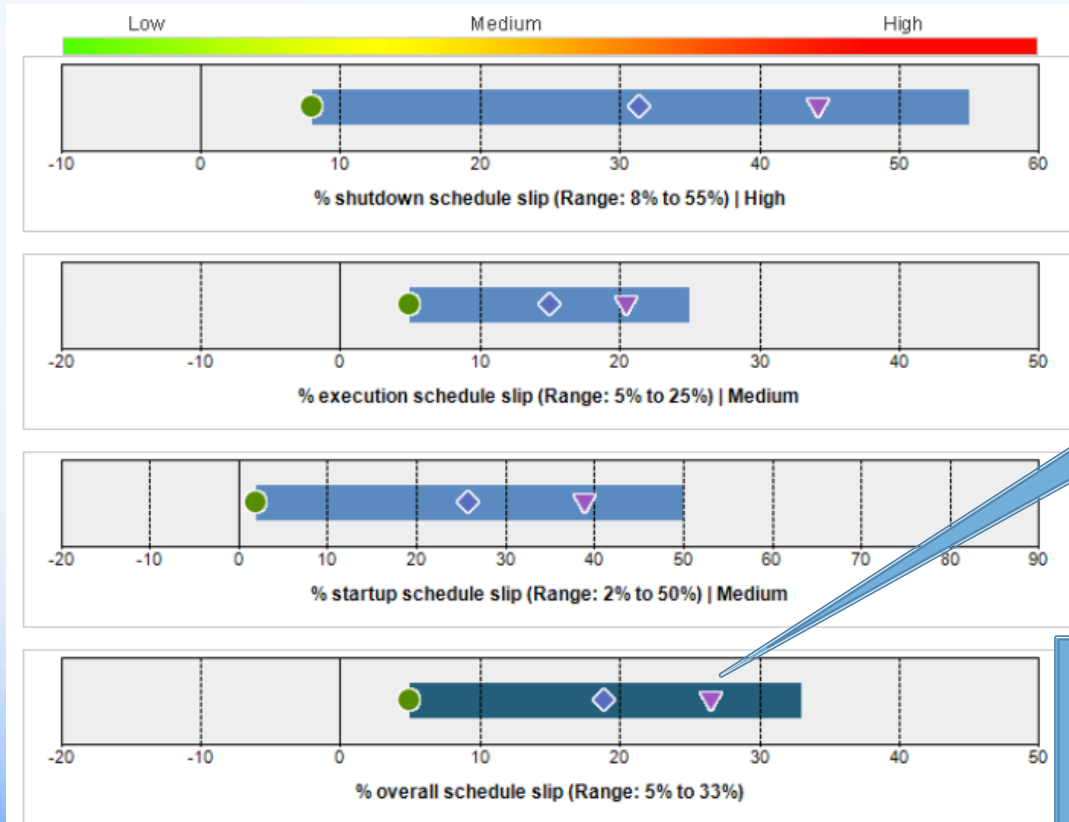
Event Characteristics

- All engineering packages will be issued at least 1 month prior to the turnaround start
- Between 25% and 50% projects work

Capital Projects Integration

Schedule and Cost Predictions

TRI was 2.1, Industry Average TRI was 2.7



Predicted
Schedule Slip
was 26%

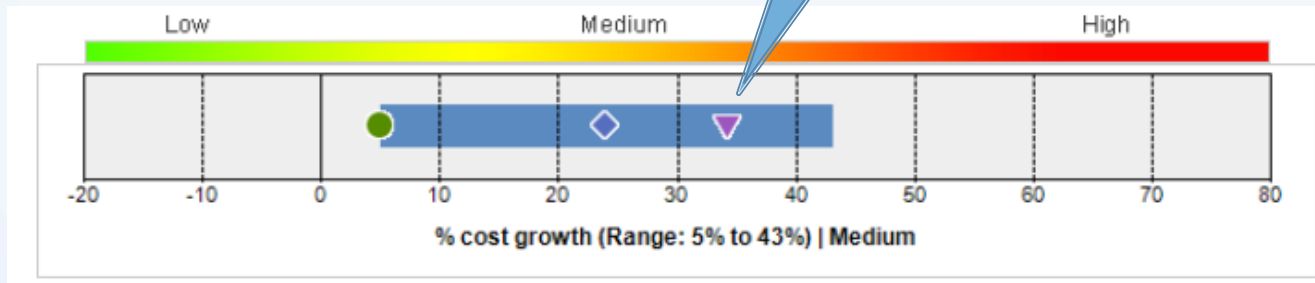
Actual Schedule Slip
was 42%

- Optimally Prepared Turnaround
- ◆ Average Prepared Turnaround
- ▼ Turnaround with a TRI of 2.1

Schedule and Cost Predictions

TRI was 2.1, Industry Average TRI was 2.7

Predicted
Cost Slip
was 34%



- Optimally Prepared Turnaround
- ◆ Average Prepared Turnaround
- ▼ Turnaround with a TRI of 2.1

Actual Cost Slip was
33%

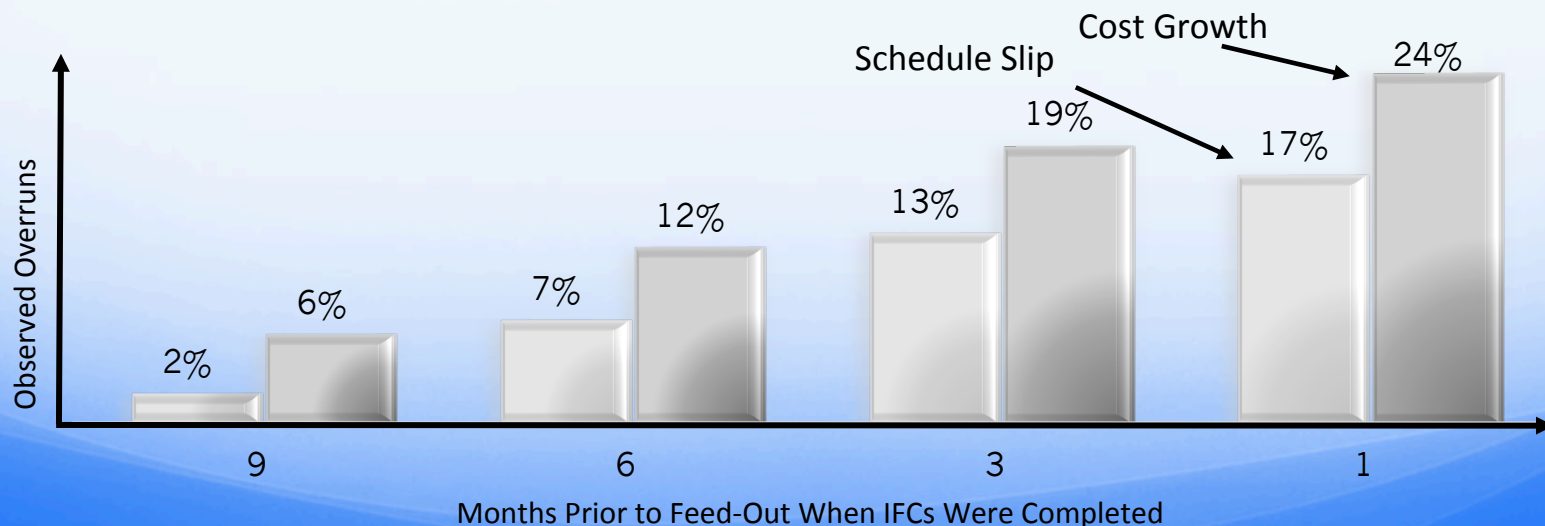
Lookback Workshop Key Contributors

Leading Indicator: *Late and High Volume of Capital Projects*

Impact to Execution:

- *Inaccurate Staff Levels*
- *Stressed Logistics*
- *Engineering Errors*
- *Incomplete Schedule*
- *Fabrication and Fit-Up Errors*
- *Late Materials*

The Timing of Engineering Packages Greatly Impacts Observed Overruns!



Lookback Workshop Key Contributors

Leading Indicator: *Poor Integration Between TA and Capital*

Impact to Execution:

- *Two Separate, Inaccurate Schedules*
- *Two Separate QA Systems*
- *Resource Conflicts*
- *Equipment Access Conflicts*

Leading Indicator: *Poor Scope Control and Late Scope Growth*

Impact to Execution:

- *Late Scope Not Added to Schedule*
- *Look-Ahead Not Functional*
- *Contributed to Inaccurate Staff Levels*
- *Late Arriving Materials*
- *Pre-Work Slip into Execution Window*

Lookback Workshop Key Contributors

Leading Indicator: *Late Safety Policy Changes*

Impact to Execution:

- *Operational Aspects Not Detailed*
- *Field Supervisors Distracted Resolving Functional Details During Execution*
- *Compounded Congestion and Schedule Problems*

Conclusion

- The outcome of each turnaround can be modeled, and predicted outcomes can be quantified before the event starts
- Key elements that are more likely to drive the outcome in a negative direction can be identified, addressed, and mitigated
- Collecting the right information for both the turnaround and capital projects can help you:
 - *Pinpoint areas of opportunity*
 - *Quantify likely overages*
- Each event's unique overages can be minimized if the organization is capable and ready to take the necessary steps
- You have to know where to start!