
Project Schedule and Cost Risk Analysis using Polaris®

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Biographies



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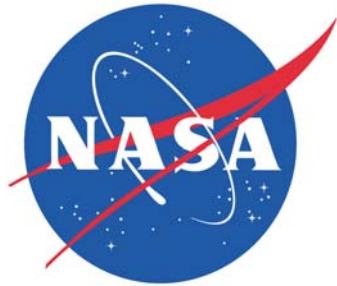
- 20 years quantitative schedule risk analysis, integrated cost-schedule risk analysis and project scheduling experience
- Author of risk management chapter in “Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge” (PMBOK® Guide)
- Lead for US Government Accountability Office (GAO) Scheduling Best Practices guide
- Author of two industry guides for schedule and integrated cost and schedule risk analysis
- Recognized for “significant contributions to the profession of project scheduling” by PMI College of Scheduling (2010)



Eric Druker CCE/A

- 8 years experience performing cost and schedule risk analysis for DoD, Intelligence, and Civilian government agencies as well as for commercial firms
- Lead for Booz Allen’s RealTime Analytics simulation technology capability (Polaris and Argo)
- Lead for Booz Allen’s JCL (integrated cost and schedule risk analysis) capability
- Performed first two JCLs at NASA
- 2009 and 2013 International Cost Estimating & Analysis Association (ICEAA) Analyst of the Year
- 2-time ICEAA Best Paper Award Winner

Polaris Overview

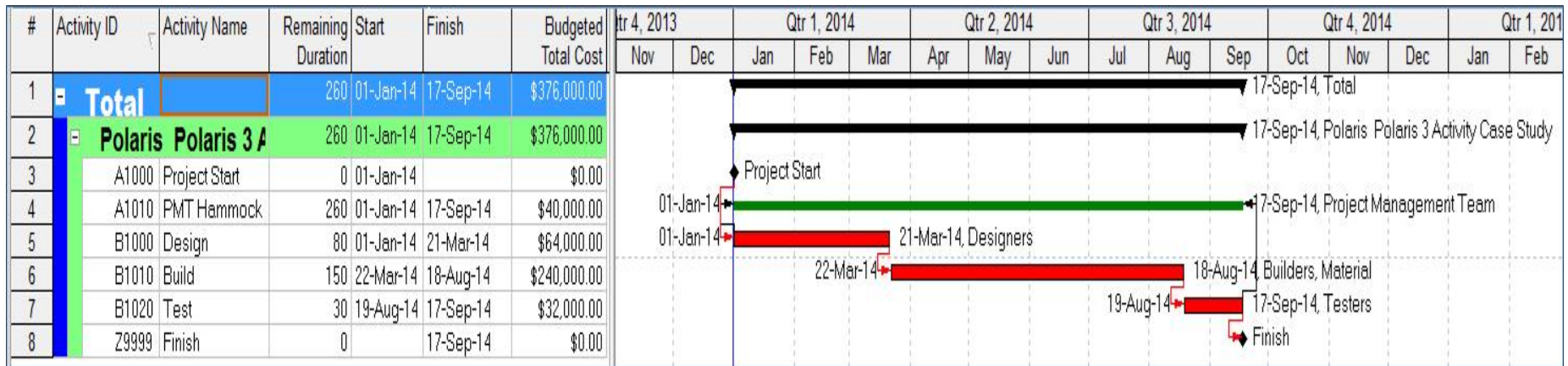


- Prototype built under NASA funding in 2009 to address gap in agency's JCL (integrated cost and schedule risk analysis) capability
 - NASA found that, while several tools *could* do integrated cost and schedule risk analysis it was a primary focus of none of them
- First tool tailor made for integrated cost and schedule risk analysis
 - Compatible with MS Excel, MS Project, Primavera P6, and Active Risk Manager
- Uses Booz Allen's RealTime Analytics Simulation Technology to achieve groundbreaking run-times
- In daily use on over 40 government programs across a variety of DoD, Intel, and Civilian agencies
- Overwhelming demand from government clients led Booz Allen to sell as COTS product in winter 2012

Agenda

- Some risk / uncertainty basics
 - Risk Drivers in series and in parallel
 - Correlation
 - Probabilistic activity
- Offshore Drilling Platform project schedule
- Adding Uncertainty to the activities' durations
- Adding Risk Events from the Risk Register
- Integrating Cost and Schedule Risk Analysis
- Cost Uncertainty
- Cost responds to schedule risk
- Sensitivities
- Cost – completion date scatter diagram

1-Path 4-Activity Schedule



There are 3 task dependent activities that do the work and one hammock (LOE) with the project management team to support the effort

Import to Polaris

UID	Activity	Start Date	End Date	Duration	Cost	Timeline														
						4, 2013	Q1, 2014			Q2, 2014			Q3, 2014			Q4, 2014			Q1, 2015	
						Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
29474	▼ Polaris 3 Activity Case Study	1/1/2014	9/17/2014	186	\$376,000															
92322	A1000 - Project Start	1/1/2014		0	\$0															
92323	B1000 - Design	1/1/2014	3/21/2014	80	\$64,000															
92324	B1010 - Build	3/22/2014	8/18/2014	150	\$240,000															
92325	B1020 - Test	8/19/2014	9/17/2014	30	\$32,000															
92326	Z9999 - Finish	9/18/2014		0	\$0															
92327	A1010 - PMT Hammock	1/1/2014	9/17/2014	260	\$40,000															

Specify the Risk Driver

Risk Editor


UID	Risk Driver Name	Probability of Occurrence	Description
1	Design Risk A	80%	

Risk Impact Editor

Tasks + Add - Remove

Task	In Parallel
92323 - B1000 - Design	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Duration Factor

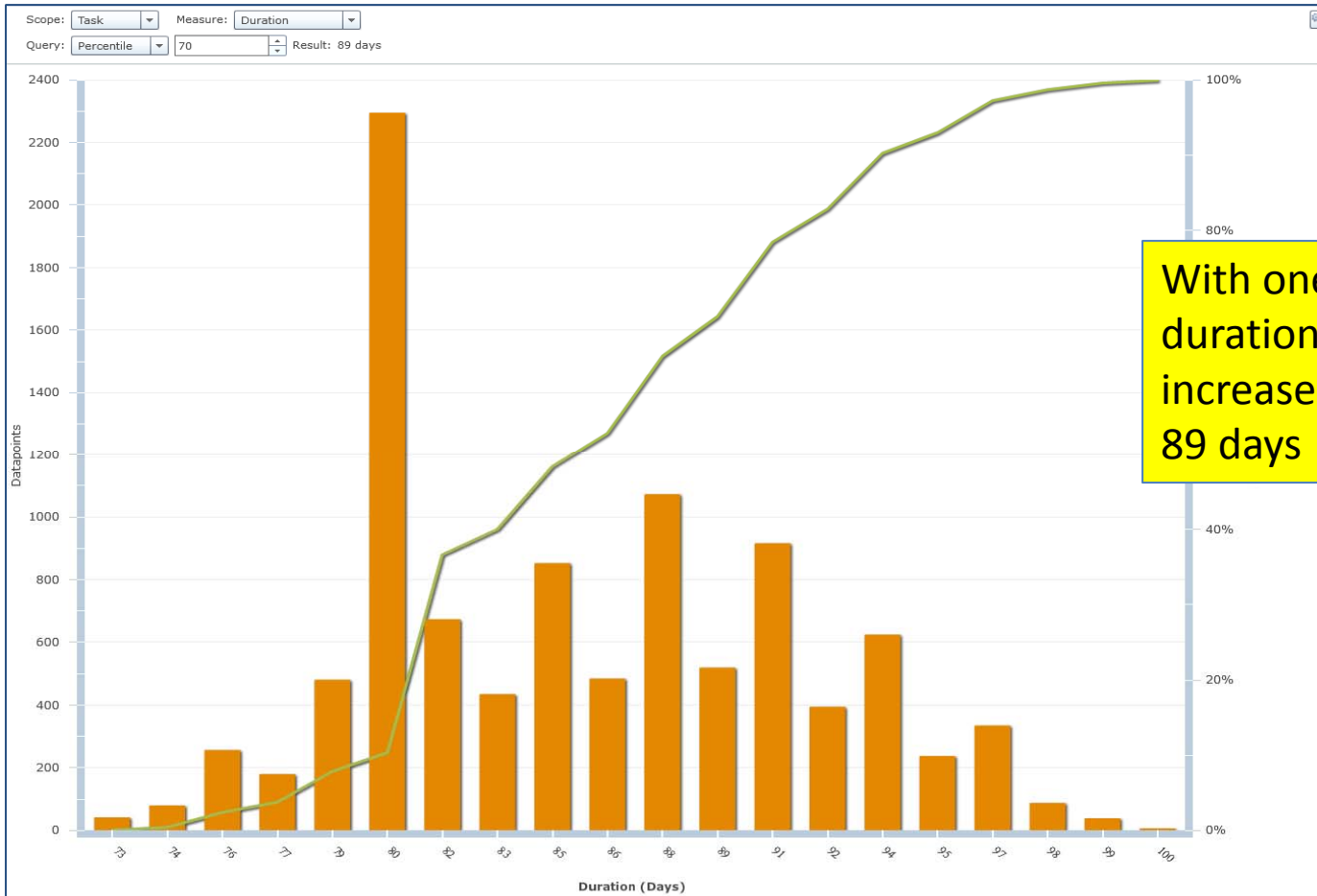


Triangular - Min:0.9 Mode:1.1 Max:1.25

Cost Factor

In this example the Design Risk A has an 80% likelihood (occurs in 8,000 of 10,000 iterations) and an impact chosen from a triangular distribution of 90% - 110% - 125% of the original 80-day duration if it occurs

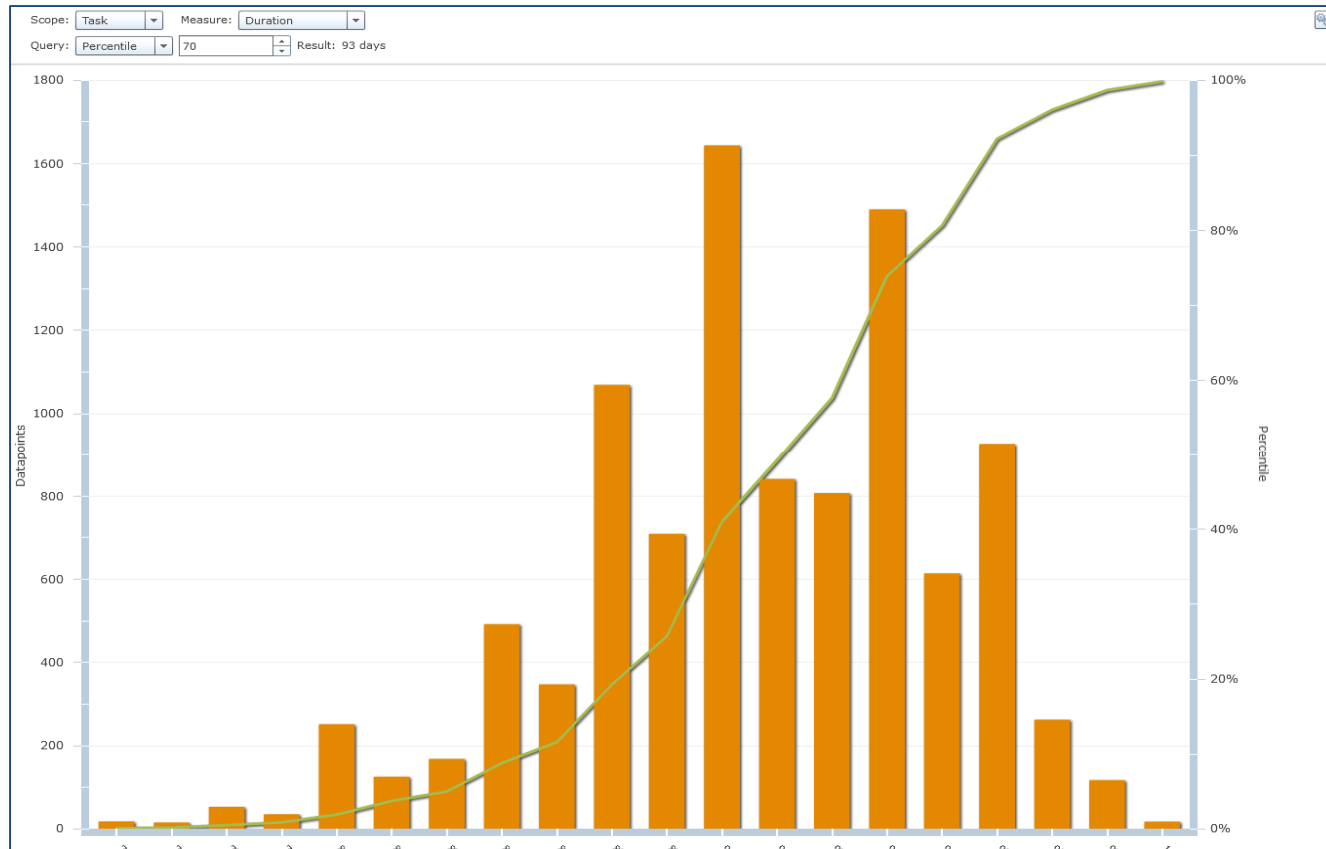
Add a Risk Driver to Design Activity



With one risk the P-80 duration of Design increases from 80 days to 89 days

The histogram “spike” represents the 20% likelihood of the risk’s not happening

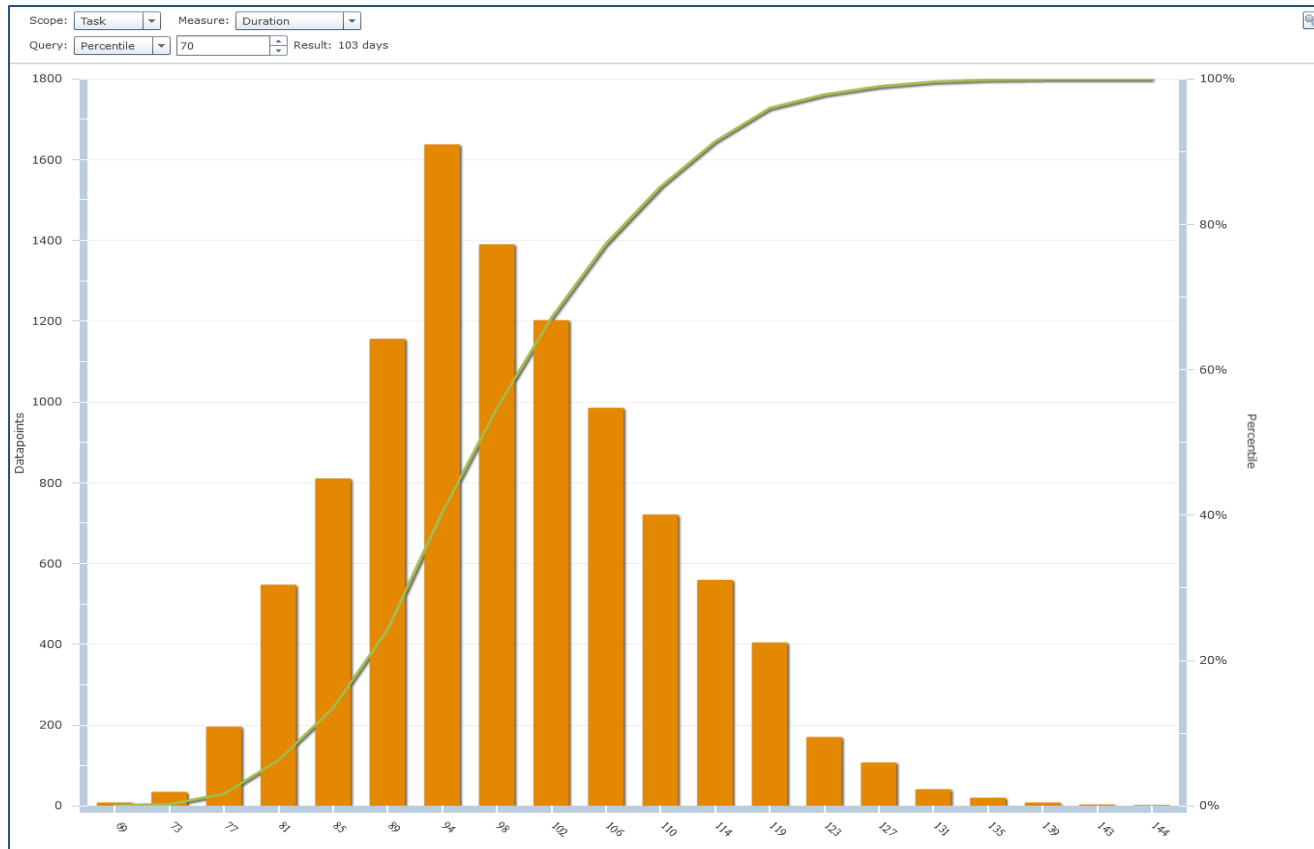
Three Risks Applied to One Activity in Parallel



If the three 80% likely risks are applied in Parallel the P-80 duration for Design is 93 days.

Applying risks in series or parallel only matters when two or more risks occur together in any iteration

Three Risks Applied to One Activity in Series



If the three 80% likely risks are applied in Series the P-80 duration for Design is 103 days.

Applying risks in series or parallel only matters when two or more risks occur together in any iteration

Adding Risk Drivers to the 3 Activities


Risk Editor

UID	Risk Driver Name	Probability of Occurrence	Description
1	Design Risk	80%	
2	Build Risk	80%	
3	Test Risk	80%	

Risk Impact Editor

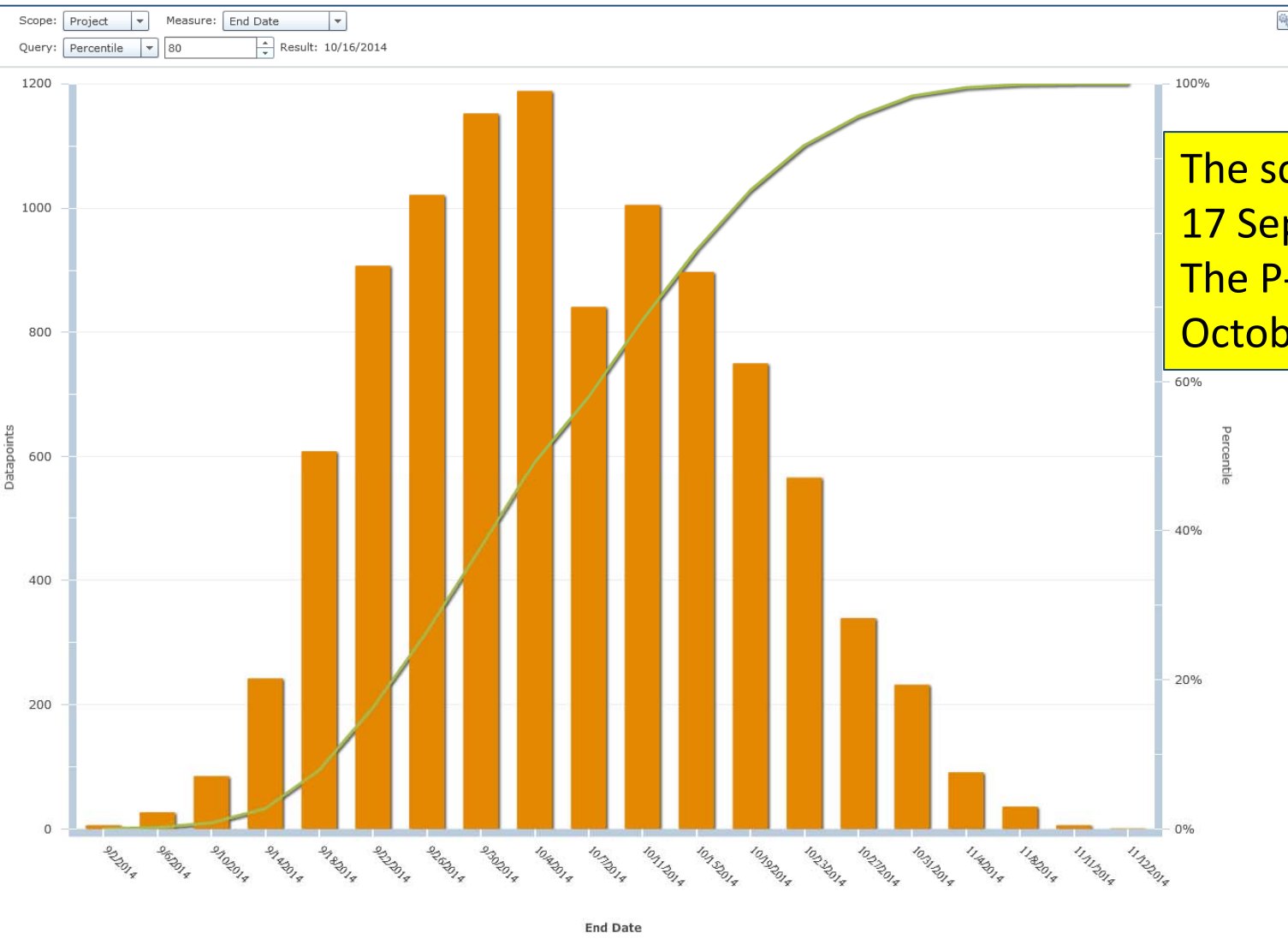
Tasks + Add - Remove

Task	In Parallel
92324 - B1010 - Build	<input type="checkbox"/>

 Triangular - Min:0.9 Mode:1.1 Max:1.25

For simplicity, each risk driver has 80% probability of occurring and impacts of 90% - 110% - 125%. Each activity has only one risk assigned

One Path, Three Activities, Three Risks



The schedule date is 17 September 2013
The P-80 date is 16 October 2014

Uncertainty Applied to All Activities

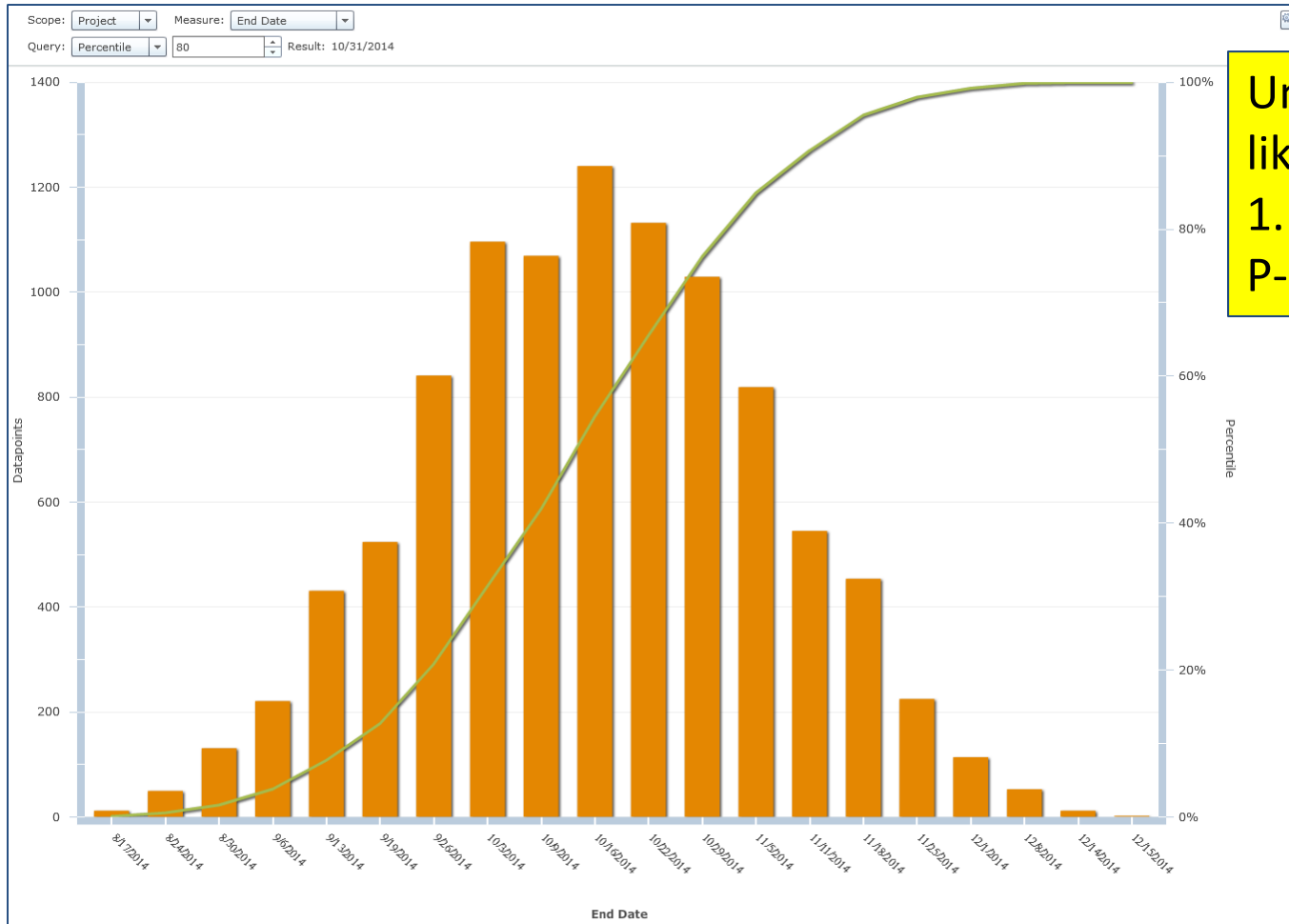
Templated Uncertainty Editor Replace Existing Distributions **Rules**

Priority	Dates		Duration		Belongs to Category	Apply	
	Starts After	Ends Before	Longer Than	Shorter Than		Schedule Uncertainty	Category
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2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Build Risk	Triangular - Min:0.8 Mode:1.1 Max:1.4	Build Risk
3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Testing ...	Triangular - Min:0.8 Mode:1.1 Max:1.4	Testing ...

Templated Uncertainty applies 3-point estimates (or other distributions) directly to the activities' durations. 100% likely. Different ranges can be placed on different types of activities using Category

Schedule Risk from Uncertainty

No Correlation



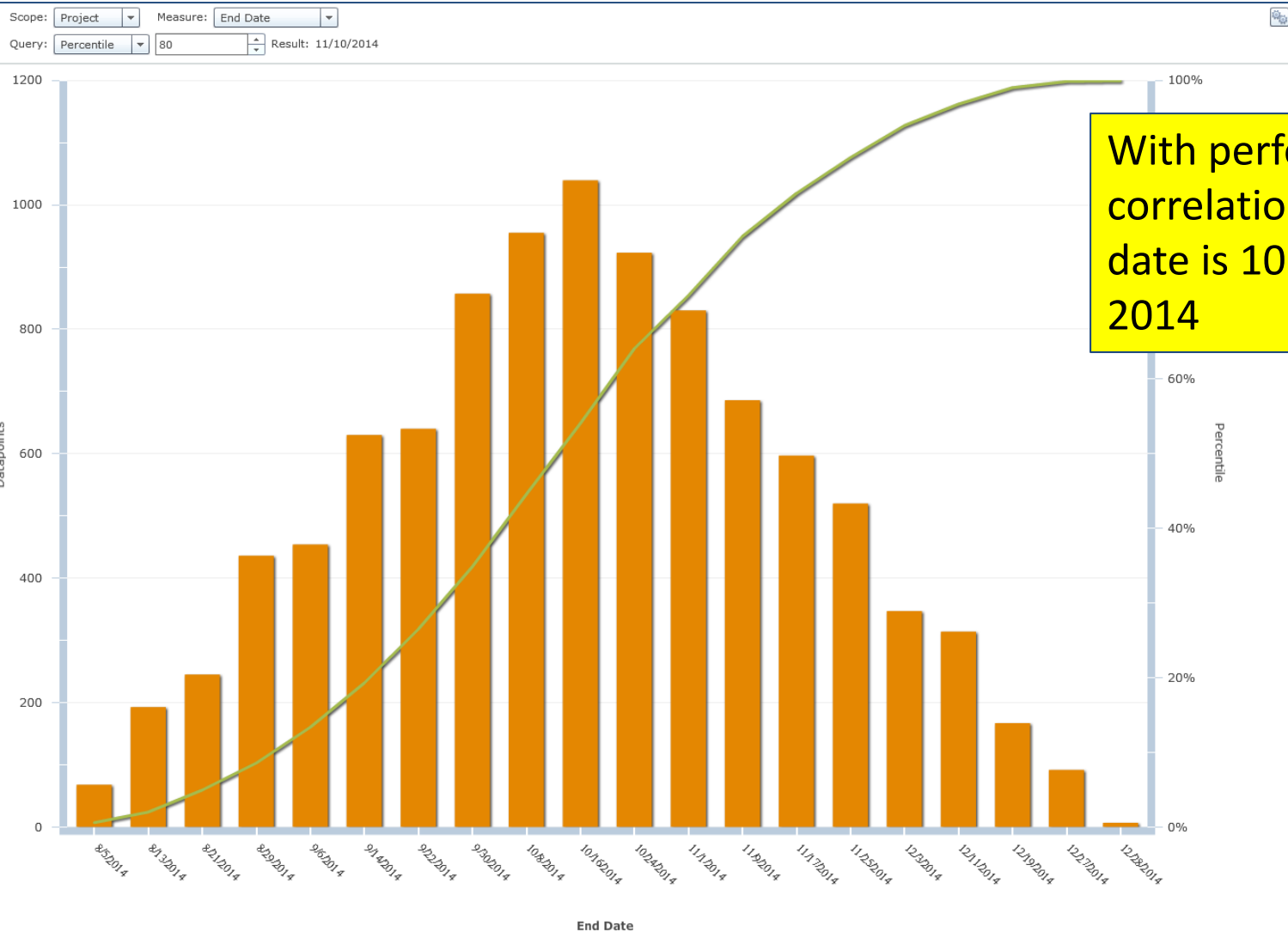
Uncertainty (100% likely) of triangular .8 – 1.1 – 1.4 no correlation
 P-80 is 31 October 2014

Add Correlation to the Uncertainty

Correlation Matrix		Blanket Value: <input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Entries <input type="button" value="+ Add"/> <input type="button" value="- Remove"/>
Task	Task	Correlation	
92323 - B1000 - Design	92324 - B1010 - Build	1.0	
92323 - B1000 - Design	92325 - B1020 - Test	1.0	
92324 - B1010 - Build	92325 - B1020 - Test	1.0	

In this case correlation is applied directly to the uncertain durations. We have chosen 100% correlation as the maximum, but that is the user's choice. Also all 3 activities' durations are correlated, the strongest correlation available

Schedule Risk Uncertainty Adding 100% Correlation



With perfect (100%) correlation the P-80 date is 10 November 2014

Add the Prospect of Failing the Test

Risk Editor
Risks

UID	Risk Name	Probability of Occurrence	Description
1	Article can fail the test	30%	Article may fail the qualification test requiring root cause analysis, planning recovery, executing recovery, re-testing

Risk Impact Editor

Impacts
+ Add
 - Remove

Impact Name	Task	Opportunity	In Parallel	Type
Test Failure Risk	92325 - B1020 - Test	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+

Duration Impact

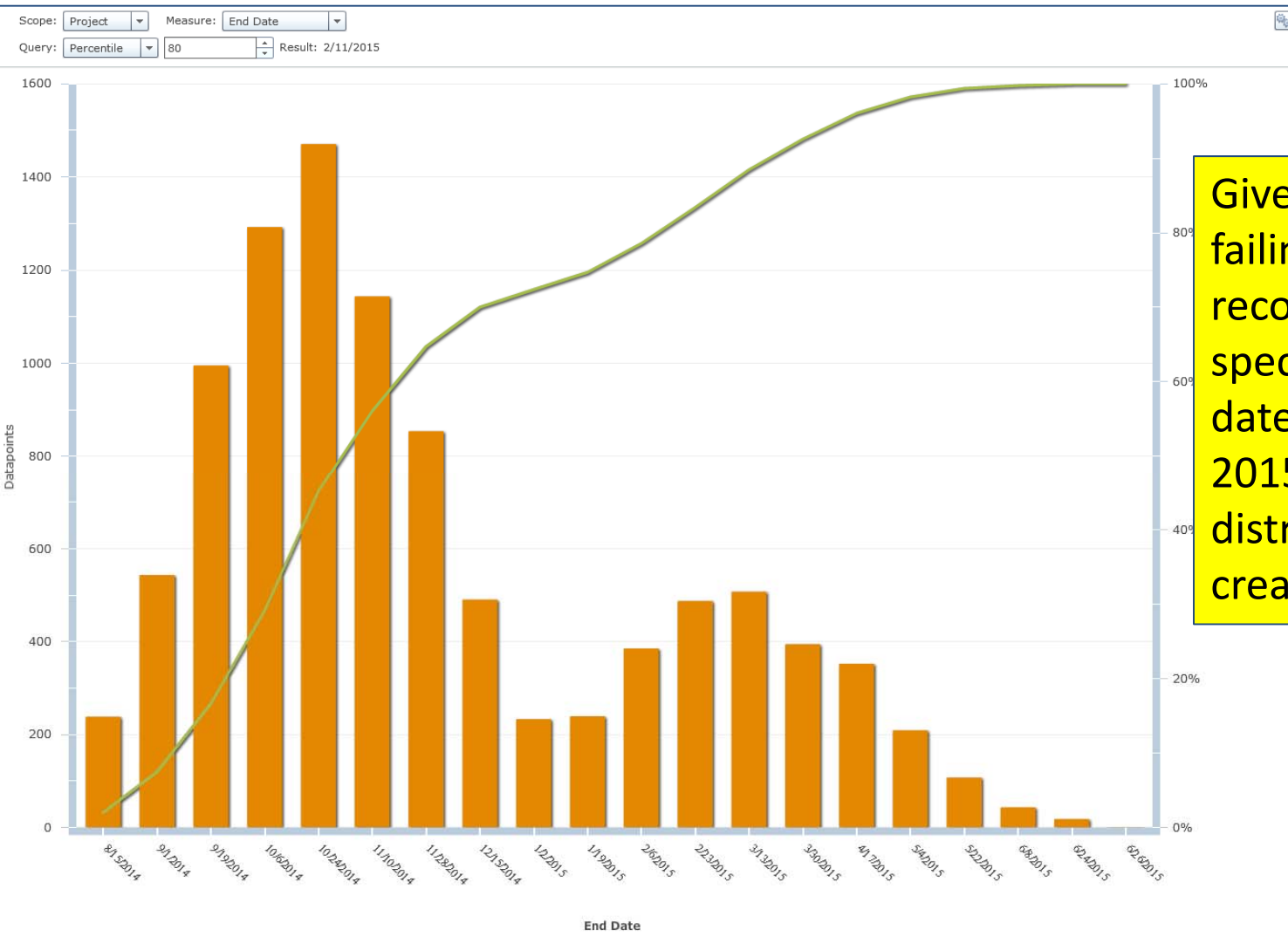
Triangular - Min:100 Mode:120 Max:200

Additional Resource Utilizations +

This impact does not add any additional resource utilizations

Use a discrete risk with an impact measured in days to add a discrete duration to the testing activity, here with a 30% probability and a recovery time of 100d – 120d 200d

Possibility of Failing the Test



Given a 30% chance of failing the test and a recovery period as specified, the P-80 date is 11 February 2015. A bi-modal distribution may be created

Next Steps

- Interest in conducting Polaris pilot?

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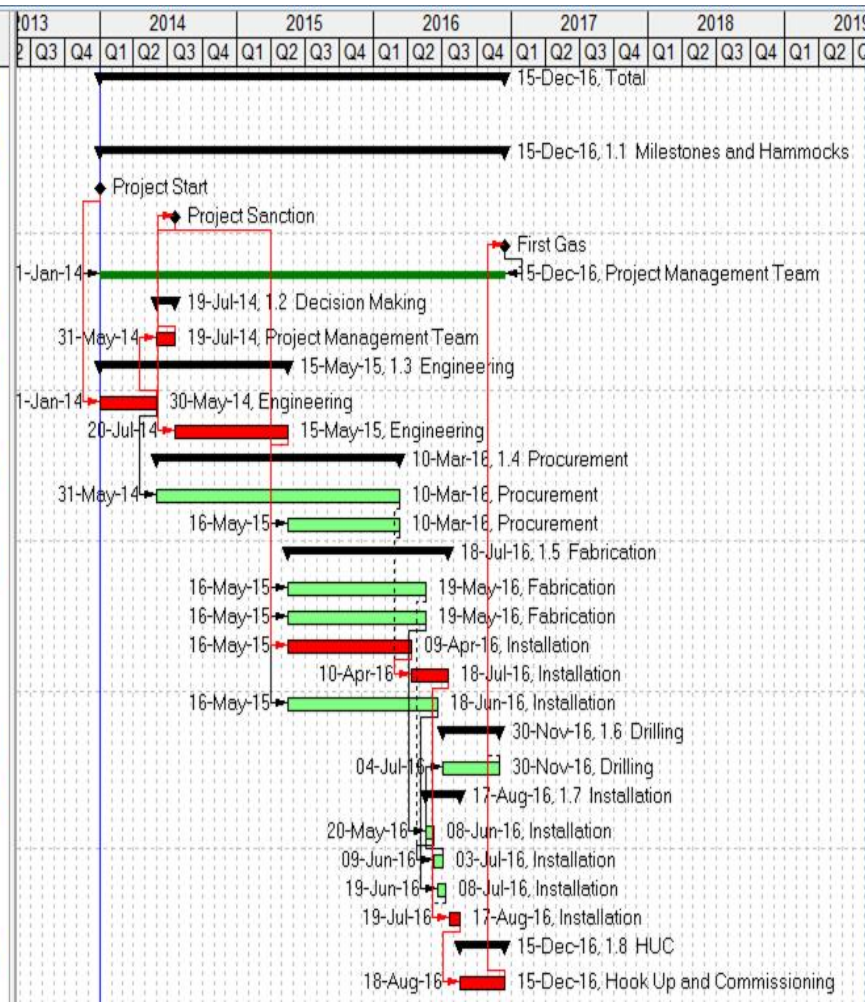
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ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

Offshore Gas Production Platform Primavera P6 Schedule with Costs

Activity ID	Activity Name	Remaining Duration	Start	Finish	Budgeted Total Cost	Total Float	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		
							Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Total		772	01-Jan-14	15-Dec-16	\$1,648,200.00	0									15-Dec-16, Total
1 Offshore Gas Production Platform		0			\$0.00	0									
1.1 Milestones and Hammocks		1080	01-Jan-14	15-Dec-16	\$200,000.00	0									
A1000	Project Start	0	01-Jan-14		\$0.00	0									
A1010	Project Sanction	0		19-Jul-14	\$0.00	0									
A1020	First Gas	0		15-Dec-16	\$0.00	0									
A1030	Project Management Hammock	1080	01-Jan-14	15-Dec-16	\$200,000.00	0									
1.2 Decision Making		50	31-May-14	19-Jul-14	\$80,000.00	0									
B1000	Approval Process	50	31-May-14	19-Jul-14	\$80,000.00	0									
1.3 Engineering		500	01-Jan-14	15-May-15	\$96,000.00	0									
C1000	FEED	150	01-Jan-14	30-May-14	\$16,000.00	0									
C1010	Detailed Engineering	300	20-Jul-14	15-May-15	\$80,000.00	0									
1.4 Procurement		650	31-May-14	10-Mar-16	\$425,000.00	30									
D1000	Procurement of LLE	650	31-May-14	10-Mar-16	\$250,000.00	30									
D1010	Procurement of Other Equipment	300	16-May-15	10-Mar-16	\$175,000.00	30									
1.5 Fabrication		430	16-May-15	18-Jul-16	\$656,000.00	0									
E1000	Fabricate Drilling Topsides	370	16-May-15	19-May-16	\$160,000.00	35									
E1010	Fabricate Drilling Jacket	370	16-May-15	19-May-16	\$80,000.00	15									
E1020	Fabricate CPP Topsides	330	16-May-15	09-Apr-16	\$240,000.00	0									
E1025	Install LLE and Other Equipment	100	10-Apr-16	18-Jul-16	\$80,000.00	0									
E1030	Fabricate CPP Jacket	400	16-May-15	18-Jun-16	\$96,000.00	10									
1.6 Drilling		150	04-Jul-16	30-Nov-16	\$80,000.00	15									
F1000	Drilling for First Gas	150	04-Jul-16	30-Nov-16	\$80,000.00	15									
1.7 Installation		90	20-May-16	17-Aug-16	\$47,200.00	0									
G1000	Install Drilling Platform Jacket	20	20-May-16	08-Jun-16	\$8,000.00	15									
G1010	Install Drilling Topsides	25	09-Jun-16	03-Jul-16	\$13,600.00	15									
G1020	Install CPP Jacket	20	19-Jun-16	08-Jul-16	\$9,600.00	10									
G1030	Install CPP Topsides	30	19-Jul-16	17-Aug-16	\$16,000.00	0									
1.8 HUC		120	18-Aug-16	15-Dec-16	\$64,000.00	0									
H1000	Hook UP and Commissioning for Fir	120	18-Aug-16	15-Dec-16	\$64,000.00	0									



Resources

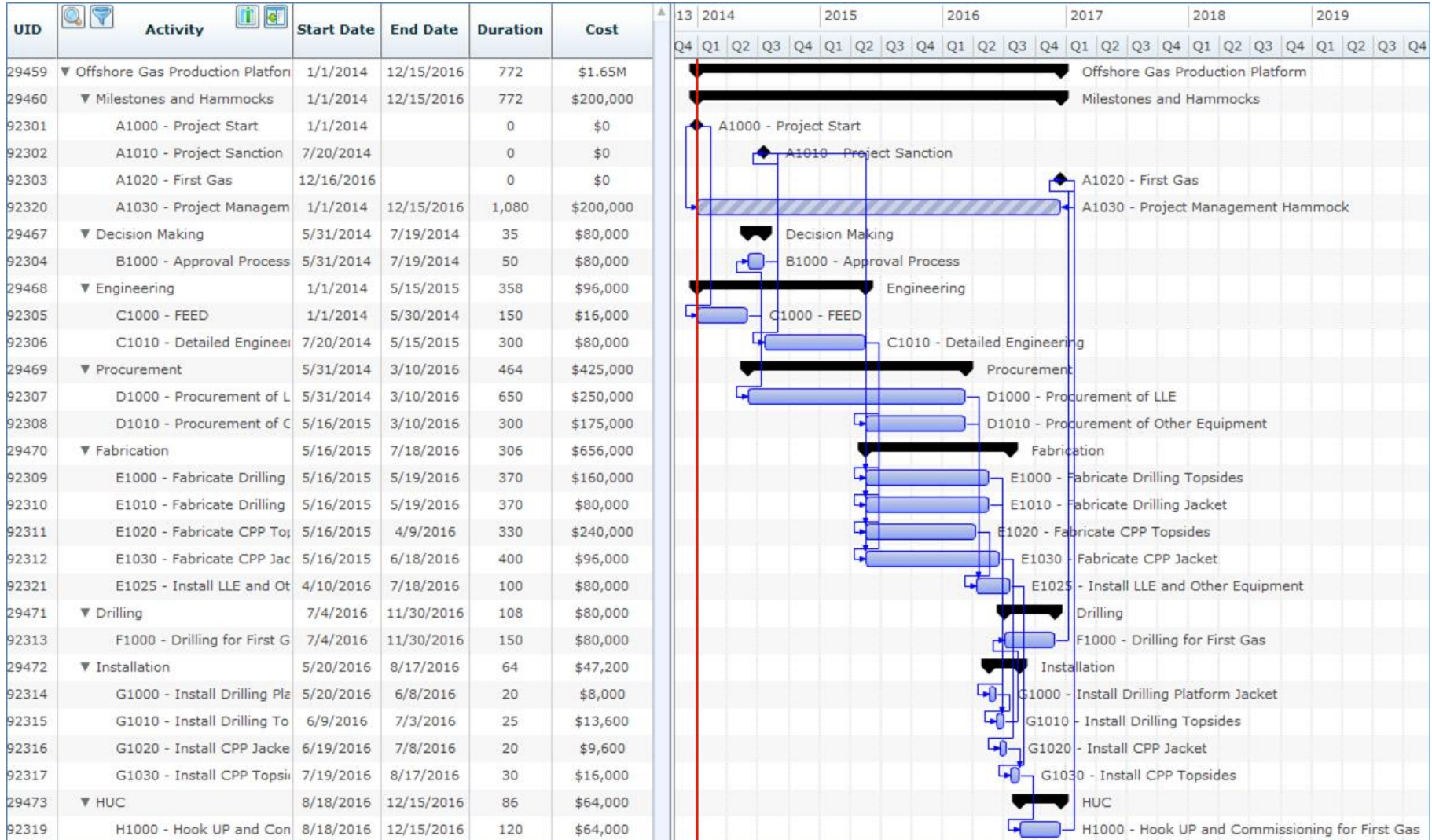
Resource Name	Resource Type	Price / Unit	Calendar
 Project Management Team	Labor	\$100.00/h	7 Day
 Procurement	Material	\$100.00/unit	7 Day
 Installation	Labor	\$100.00/h	7 Day
 Hook Up and Commissioning	Labor	\$100.00/h	7 Day
 Fabrication	Labor	\$100.00/h	7 Day
 Engineering	Labor	\$100.00/h	7 Day
 Drilling	Labor	\$100.00/h	7 Day

Resources are generalized and intended to put the entire (not-risk-adjusted) budget into the schedule

Resources are designated Labor or Material. Labor resources are cost time-dependent and will cost more if the activity takes longer. Material resources are cost time-independent, may be risky but not because of schedule risk

These resources and the activity durations are based on 7-day calendars to avoid any weekend effects. Of course Polaris can handle calendars.

Schedule Imported into Polaris



Schedule Health Check


Schedule Health Check	
DCMA	<input type="button" value="Rerun Schedule Health Check"/>
Metric	Score and Reason
▼ Logic	5.3% (1/19 tasks) have a missing schedule relationship
92301 - A1000 - Project Start	Task has no predecessors.
Leads	0% (0/19 tasks) have lead time
Lags	0% (0/19 tasks) have lag time
Relationship Types	0% (0/19 tasks) have an improper schedule relationship
Hard Constraints	0% (0/19 tasks) have hard constraints
High Float	0% (0/19 tasks) have excessive float
Negative Float	0% (0/19 tasks) have negative float
▶ High Duration	63.2% (12/19 tasks) have excessive duration
Invalid Forecast/Actual Dates	0% (0/19 tasks) have invalid dates
Resources	0% (0/20 tasks) have improper resources assigned
Missed Tasks	0% (0/19 tasks) have missed their finish dates
Critical Path Test	0 day(s) of float
Critical Path Length Index (CPLI)	1 CPLI
Baseline Execution Index (BEI)	1 BEI. 0% (0/1 tasks) prior to the status date were not completed.

Details, such as “Task has no predecessors” are shown.

The “High Duration” is highlighted. Activities are long because the schedule is summary with 3 years’ duration shown in 17 activities and 3 milestones

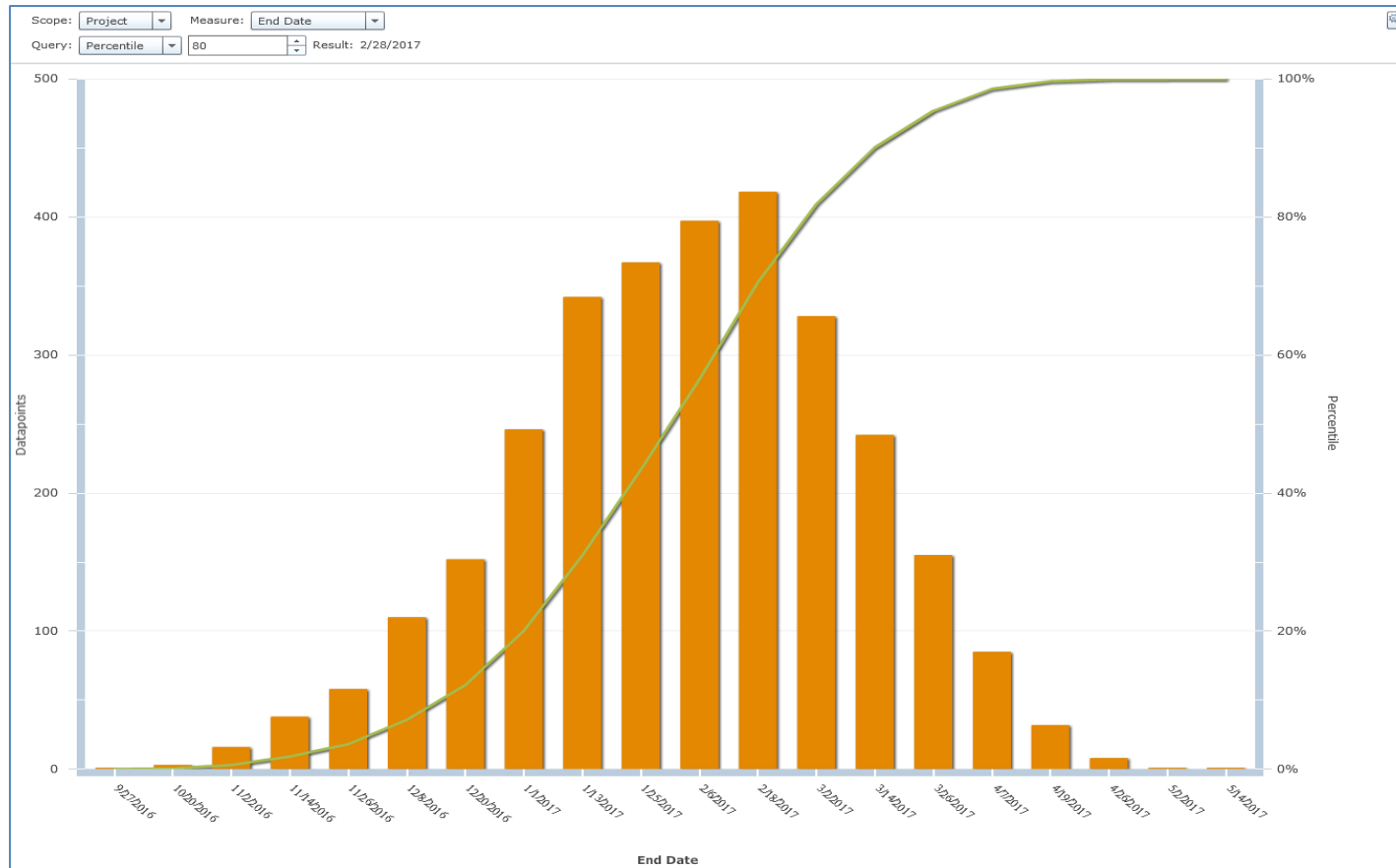
Add Basic Uncertainty and Estimating Error to Schedule Durations

Templated Uncertainty Editor Replace Existing Distributions **Rules**

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	Starts After	Ends Before	Longer Than	Shorter Than		Schedule Uncertainty	Category
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This range (.9 – 1.05 – 1.2) represents basic uncertainty and a slightly-biased estimating error. These will probably have to be lived with since they are inherent, not events that can be mitigated. These will be applied to all activities or can be applied differentially to activity types as reference ranges.

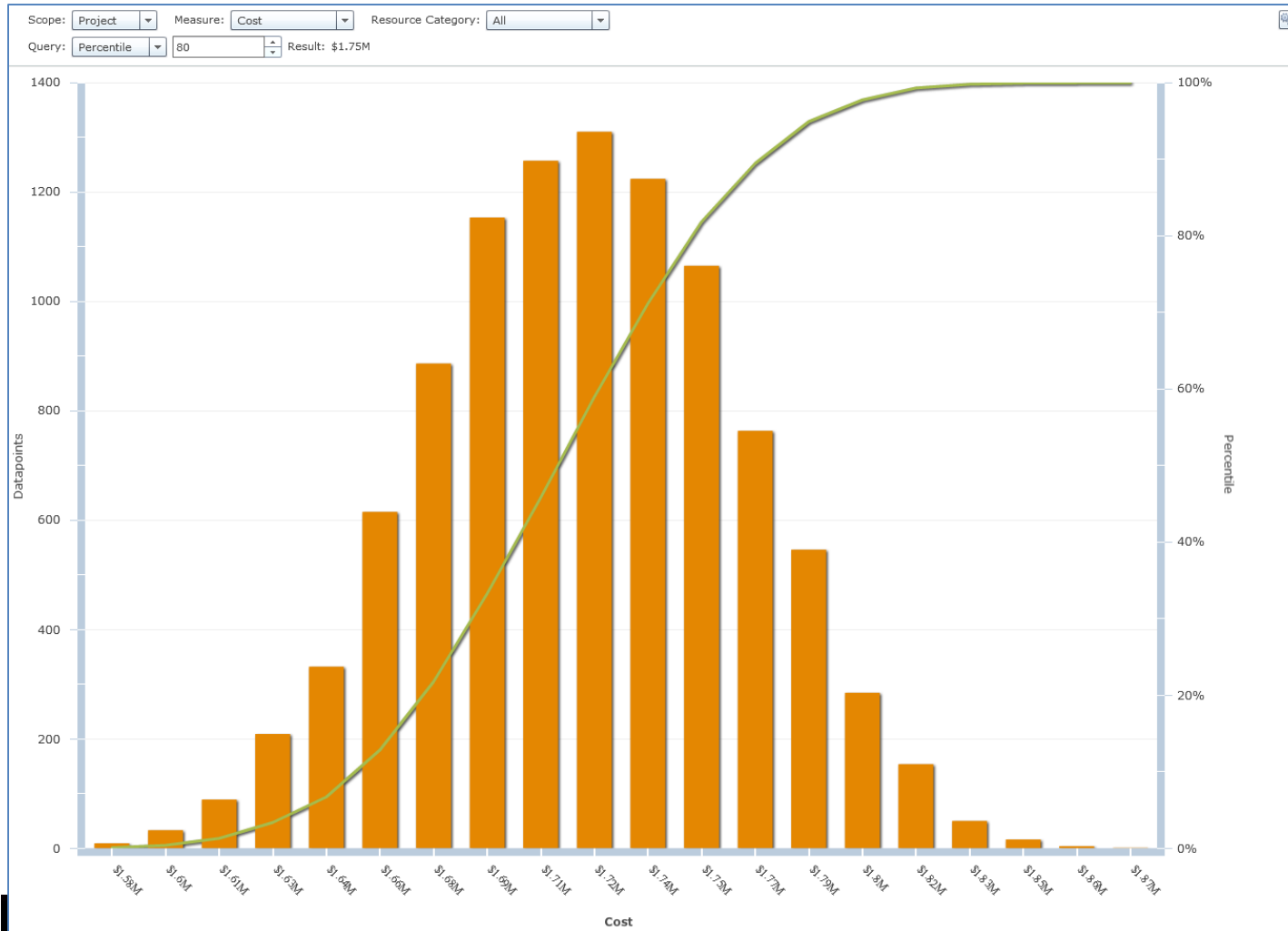
Schedule Risk with Inherent Uncertainty and Duration Estimating Bias



Schedule Date is 15 December 2016
P-80 is 28 March 2017, 3 ½ months later

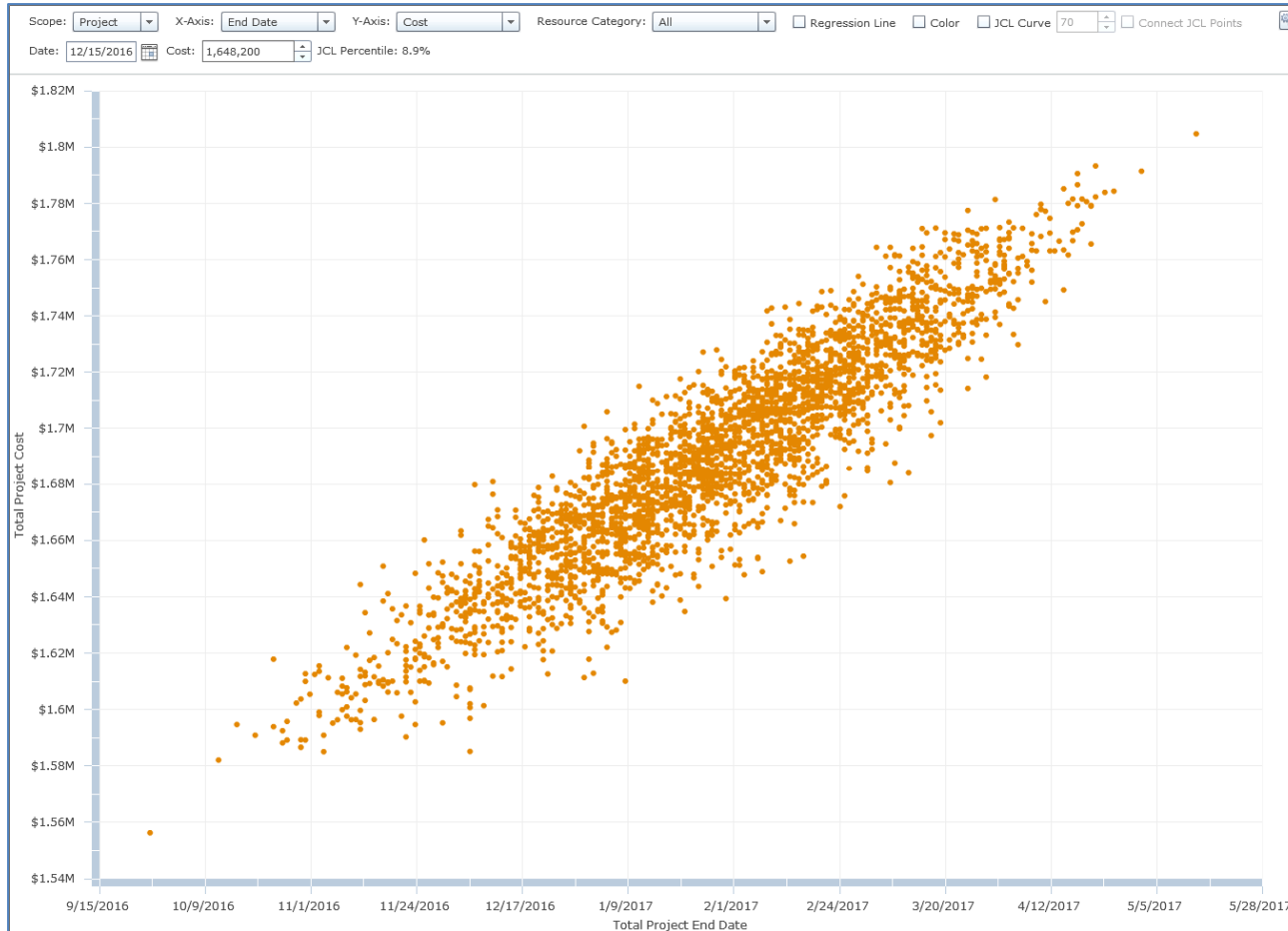
The P-9- date of 28 March 2017 uses the default correlation value of 30%. With correlation at 0% the date is 20 March 2017. With 100% correlation it is 5 April 2017

Cost Risk with Uncertainty and Schedule Estimating Error Only



Cost Estimate is \$1.65 billion
P-80 is \$1.75 billion with uncertainty and schedule estimating error

Cost – Finish Date Scatter



Cost and time are 92% correlated since cost varies only as durations cause time-dependent resource cost to vary

Add Risk Drivers & Apply to Activities' Durations

Discrete Driver

Risk Editor

UID	Risk Driver Name	Probability of Occurrence	Description
1	Engineering resources may be lacking	40%	
2	Installation productivity may not be as good as assumed	30%	
3	Equipment suppliers may be overloaded	60%	
4	Fabrication at a new shipyard is problematic	80%	
5	Subsea conditions are not well characterized	40%	
6	EPC contractor quality is questionable	50%	

Risk Impact Editor

Task	In Parallel
92314 - G1000 - Install Drilling Platform Jacket	<input type="checkbox"/>
92315 - G1010 - Install Drilling Topsides	<input type="checkbox"/>
92316 - G1020 - Install CPP Jacket	<input type="checkbox"/>
92317 - G1030 - Install CPP Topsides	<input type="checkbox"/>

Tasks + Add - Remove

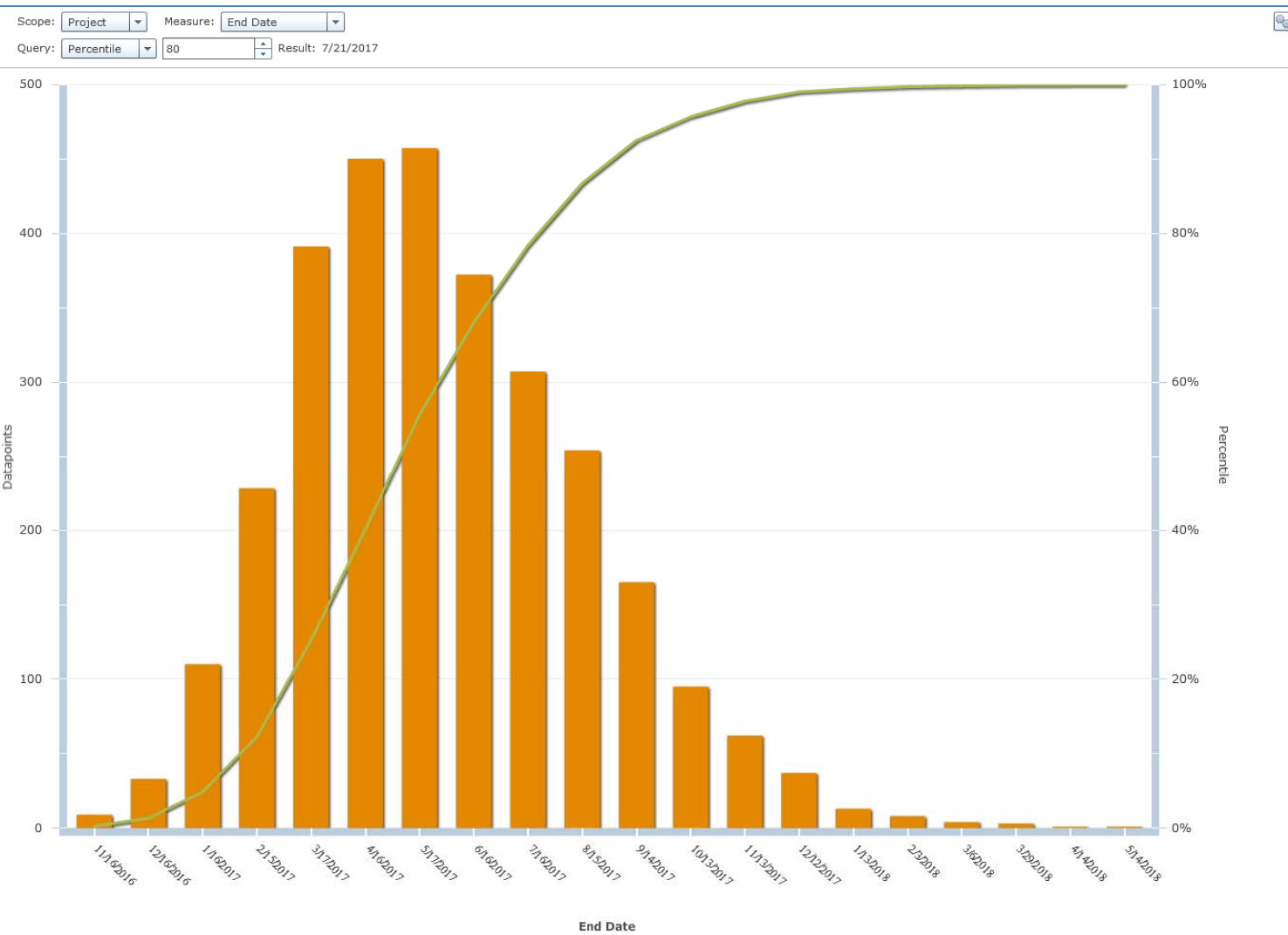
Duration Factor

Triangular - Min:0.9 Mode:1.1 Max:1.2

	Factor
Planned	1
Uncertainty Type	Triangular
Min:	0.9
Mode:	1.1
Max:	1.2

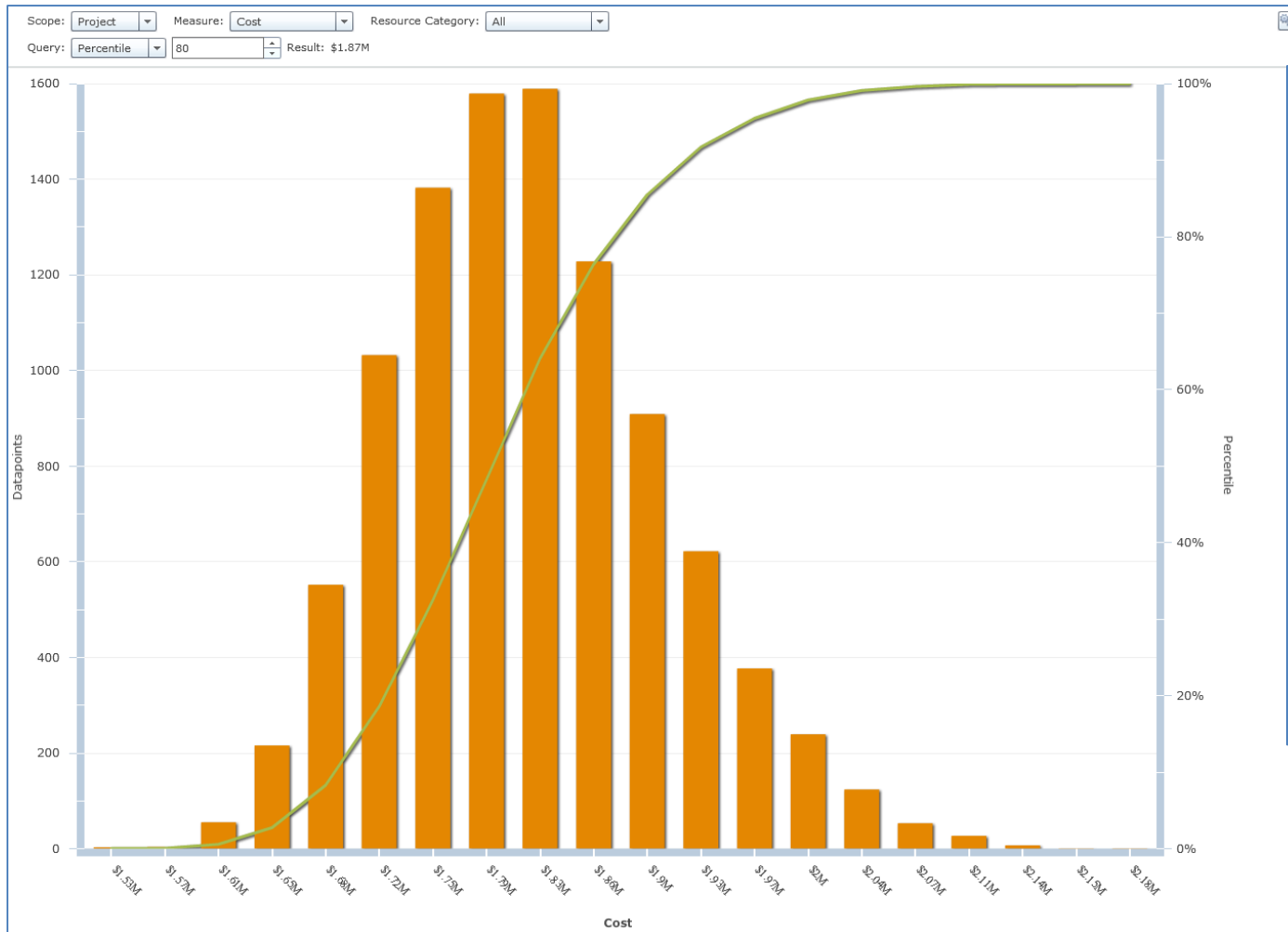
Here, the risk “Installation productivity may not be as good as assumed” is assigned to all 4 Installation activities. It is assigned 30% probability and a triangular distribution with multiplicative factors of .9 - 1.1 - 1.20. For simplicity all Risk Drivers have the same impact but they have their own probabilities.

Schedule Risk with Risk Drivers Added



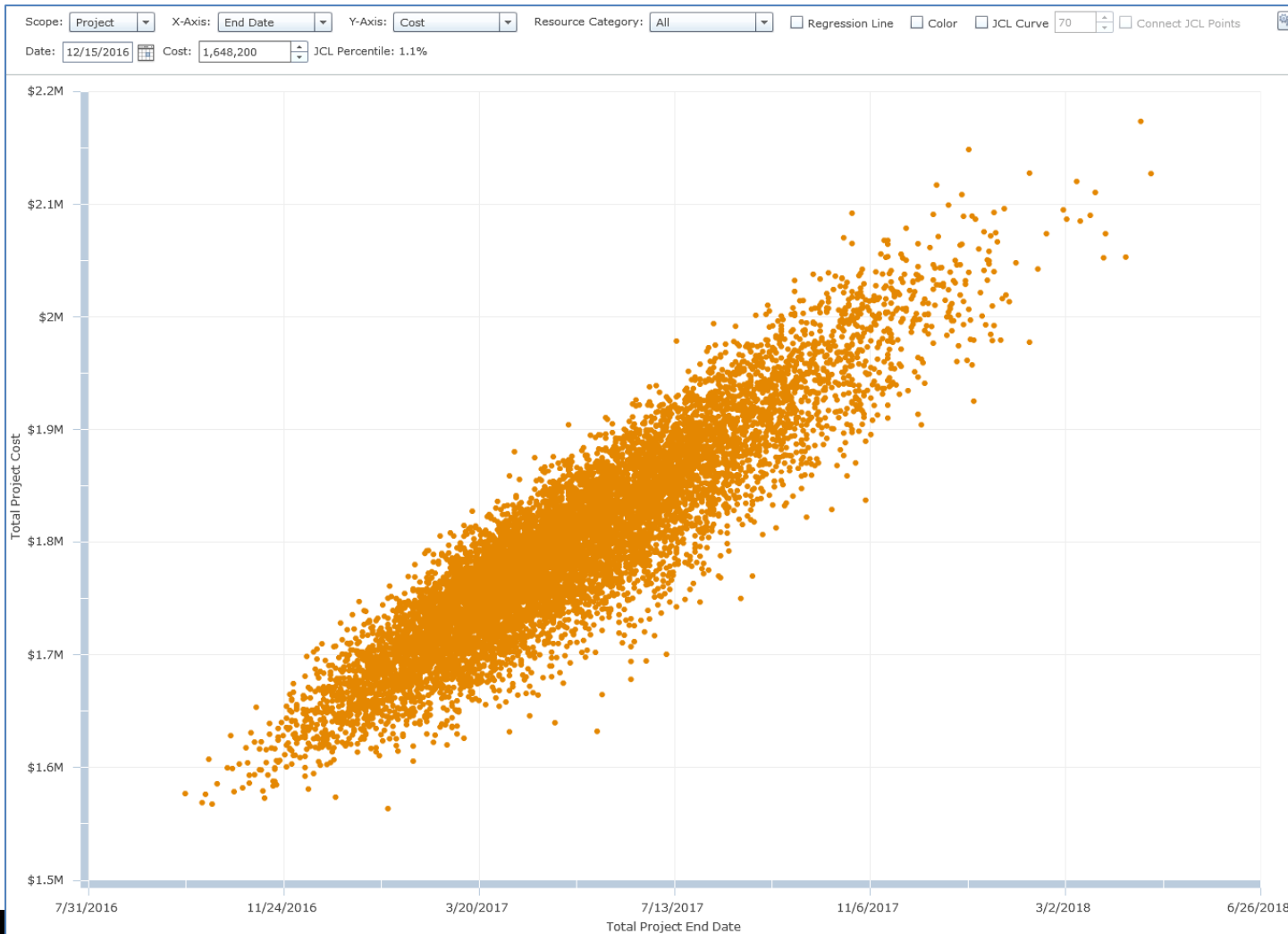
The P-80 date is now 21 July 2017. The Risk Drivers added nearly 4 months

Cost Risk with Schedule Risk Drivers



Cost risk is now \$1.87 billion at P-80, all due to longer durations. There is no cost risk except that caused by the effect of schedule risk on time-dependent resources.

Cost – Finish Date Scatter with Schedule Risk Drivers Added



There is no cost risk except that caused by the effect of schedule risk on time-dependent resources. Cost finish date correlation is 92%

Add Cost Burn Rate Uncertainty for Risk Drivers with Labor Resources

Risk Editor


UID	Risk Driver Name	Probability of Occurrence	Description
1	Engineering resources may be lacking	40%	
2	Installation productivity may not be as good as assumed	30%	
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5	Subsea conditions are not well characterized	40%	
6	EPC contractor quality is questionable	50%	

Risk Impact Editor

Tasks ➕ Add ➖ Remove


Task	In Parallel
92305 - C1000 - FEED	<input type="checkbox"/>
92306 - C1010 - Detailed Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>
92310 - E1010 - Fabricate Drilling Jacket	<input type="checkbox"/>
92309 - E1000 - Fabricate Drilling Topsides	<input type="checkbox"/>
92311 - E1020 - Fabricate CPP Topsides	<input type="checkbox"/>
92314 - G1000 - Install Drilling Platform Jacket	<input type="checkbox"/>
92321 - E1025 - Install LLE and Other Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>
92315 - G1010 - Install Drilling Topsides	<input type="checkbox"/>
92316 - G1020 - Install CPP Jacket	<input type="checkbox"/>
92317 - G1030 - Install CPP Topsides	<input type="checkbox"/>
92312 - E1030 - Fabricate CPP Jacket	<input type="checkbox"/>

Duration Factor



Triangular - Min:0.9 Mode:1.1 Max:1.2

Cost Factor

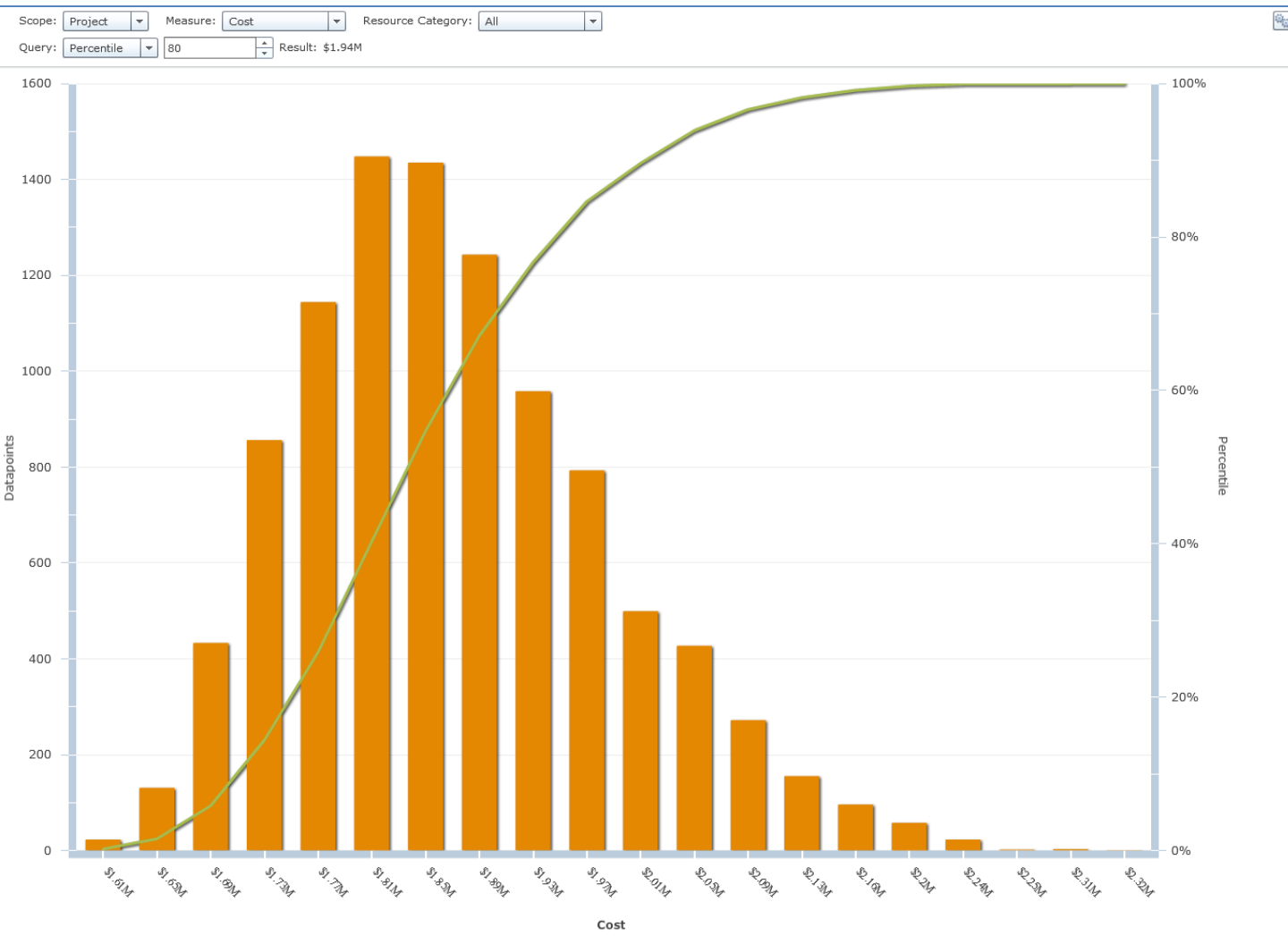


Triangular - Min:0.95 Mode:1.05 Max:1.15

For cost of labor resources there may also be uncertainty on the daily rate, we have used .95 – 1.05 – 1.15 for each.

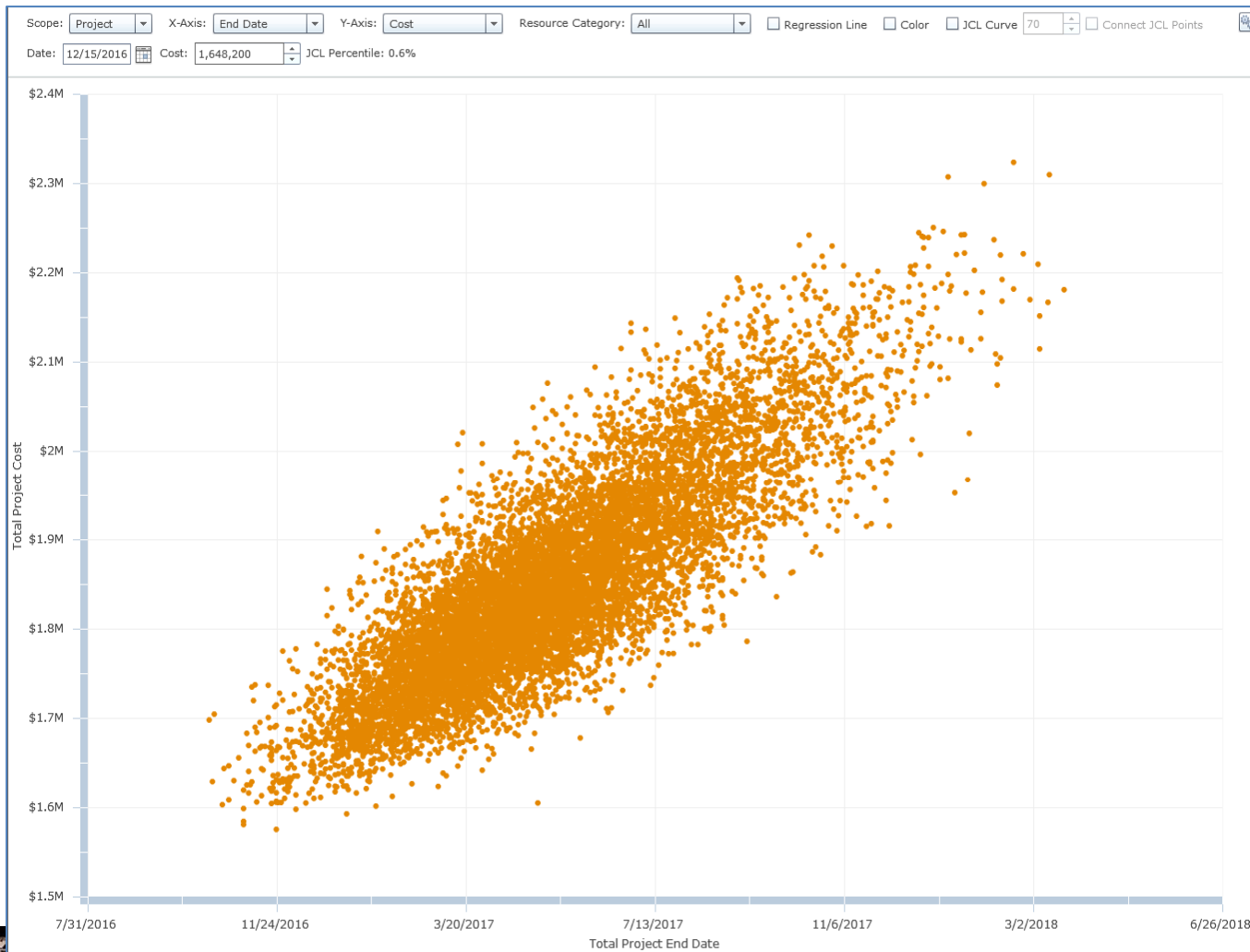
The Cost Factor generates cost uncertainty independent of the schedule risk. Notice that the “EPC Contractor quality is questionable” is placed on all activities.” Notice the risks are inserted in series, not in parallel.

Cost Risk with Uncertainty added to the Burn Rate of Labor Resources



The P-80 for cost is now \$1.95 billion

Scatter with uncertainty, schedule and Burn Rate Drivers



With Uncertainty and risk drivers on schedule and burn rate the correlation between cost and finish date is 84%

Add Uncertainty to Procurement Cost

Risk Editor

UID	Risk Driver Name	Probability of Occurrence	Description
1	Engineering resources may be lacking	40%	
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Risk Impact Editor

Tasks + Add - Remove

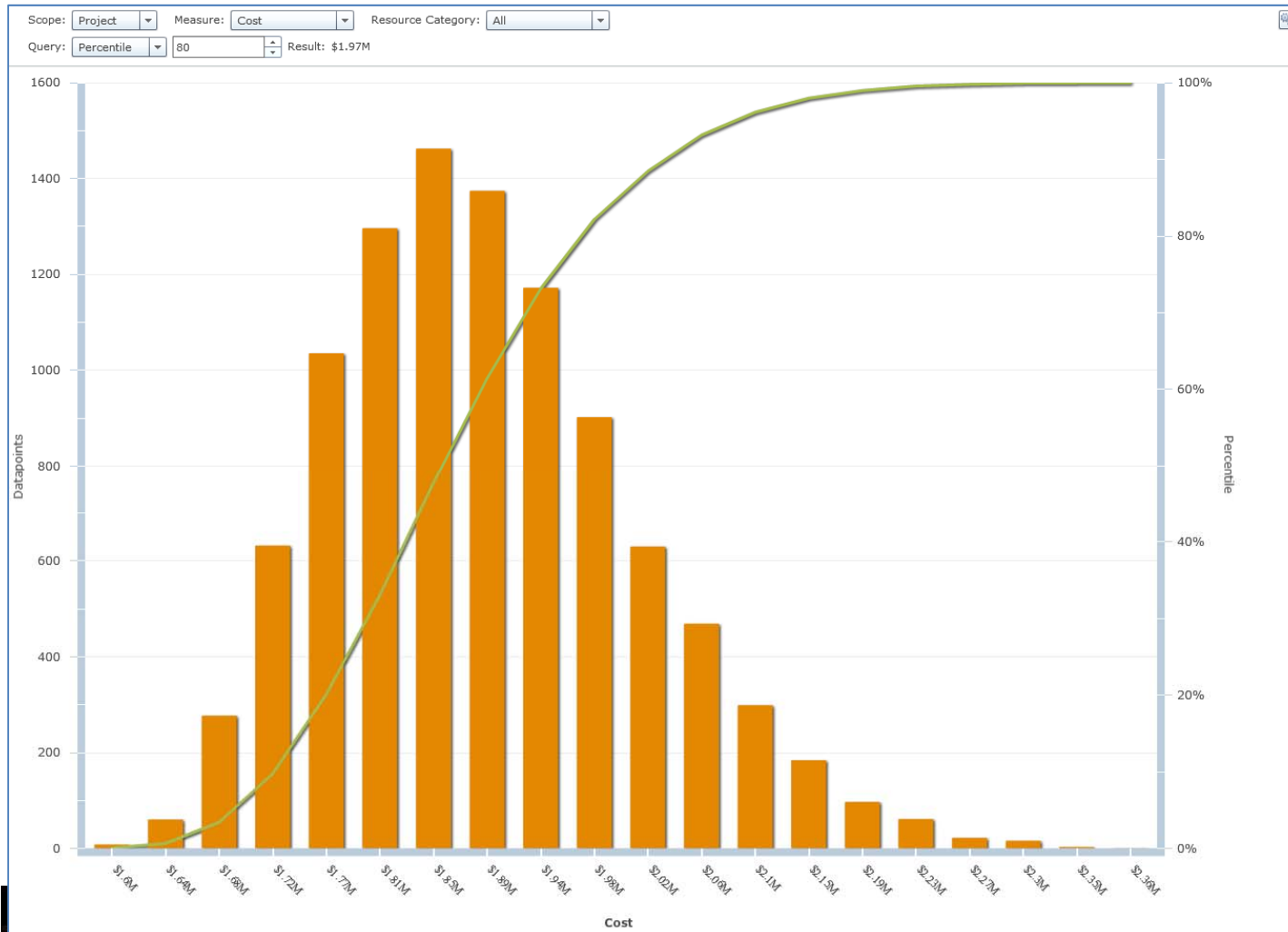
Task	In Parallel
92307 - D1000 - Procurement of LLE	<input type="checkbox"/>
92306 - C1010 - Detailed Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>

Duration Factor
Triangular - Min:0.9 Mode:1.1 Max:1.2

Cost Factor
Triangular - Min:0.85 Mode:1.1 Max:1.3

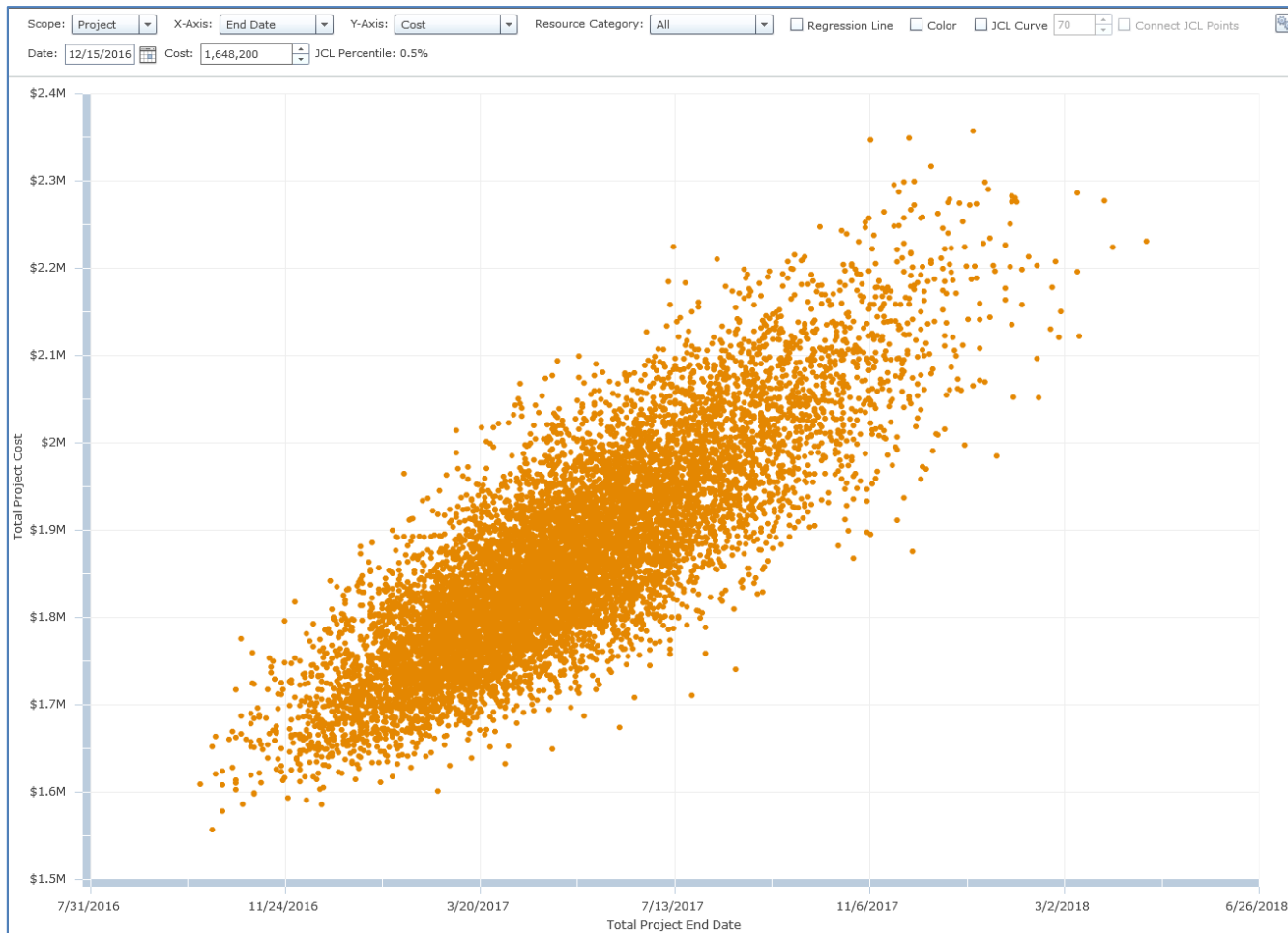
There was schedule risk on Procurement of Equipment but no cost risk since it is a material (time-independent resource).
This action causes cost risk to affect total cost of procured equipment using .85 – 1.1 – 1.3.

Cost Risk with Uncertainty, Schedule Risk Drivers and Cost Risk



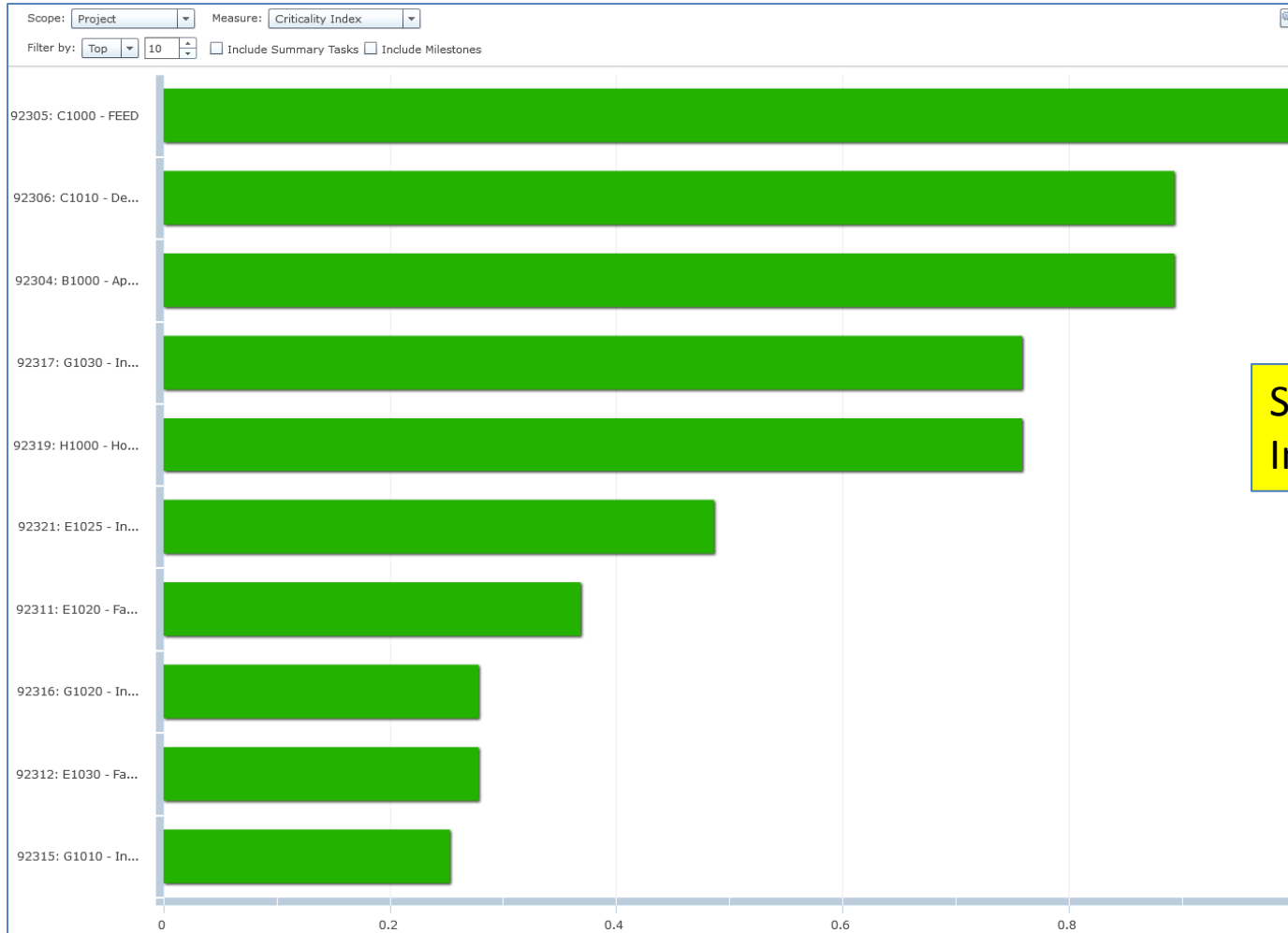
Adding cost risk (burn rate, total procurement) The P-80 increases to \$1.97 billion. The schedule risk is unaffected by adding cost risks

Uncertainty, Schedule Risk Drivers and Cost Risk Drivers



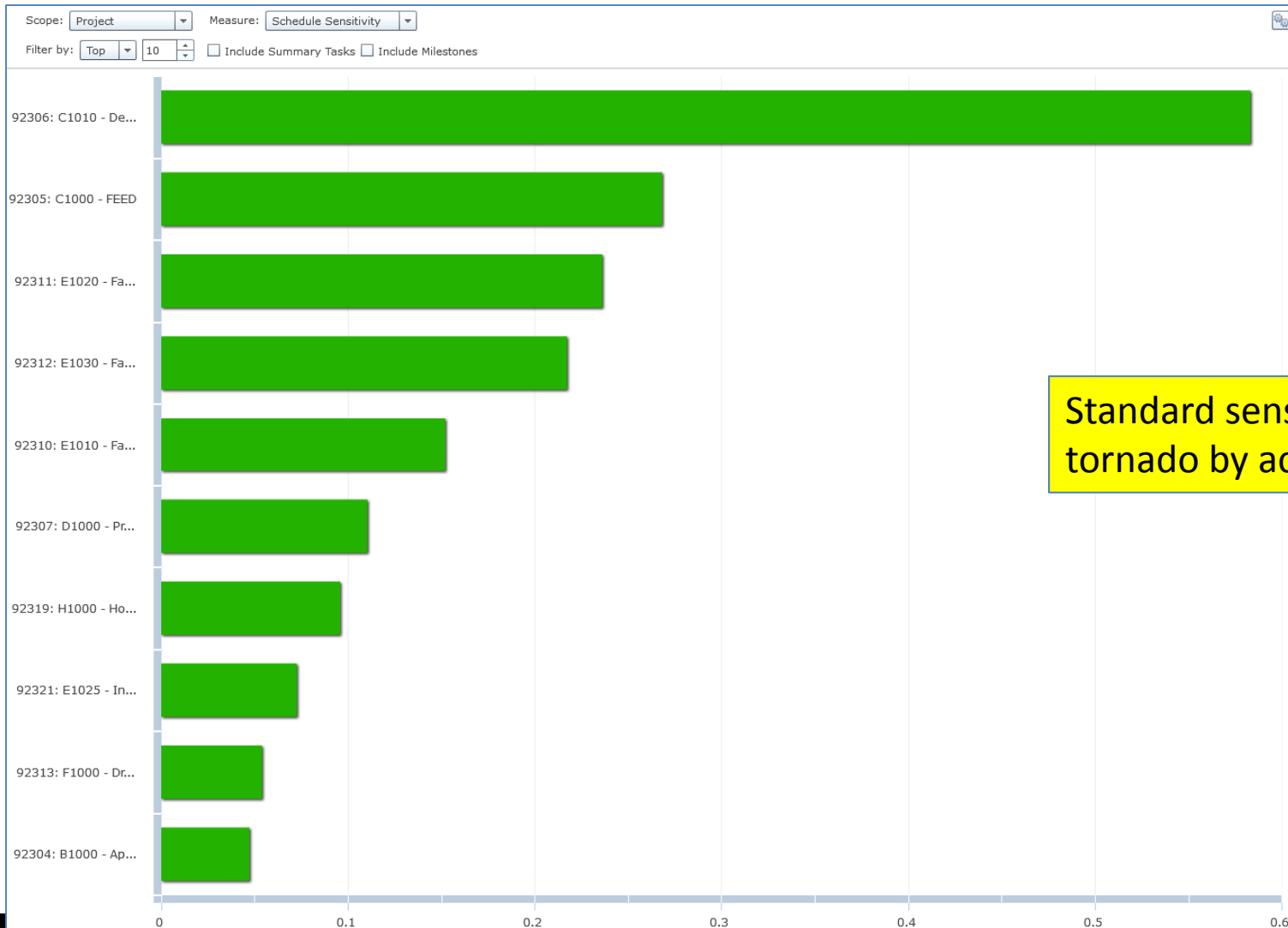
With cost risk added there is more scatter, the link between cost risk and schedule risk is looser – cost risk is greater even if the schedule were perfect. With cost risk added correlation is 84%

Schedule Criticality Index



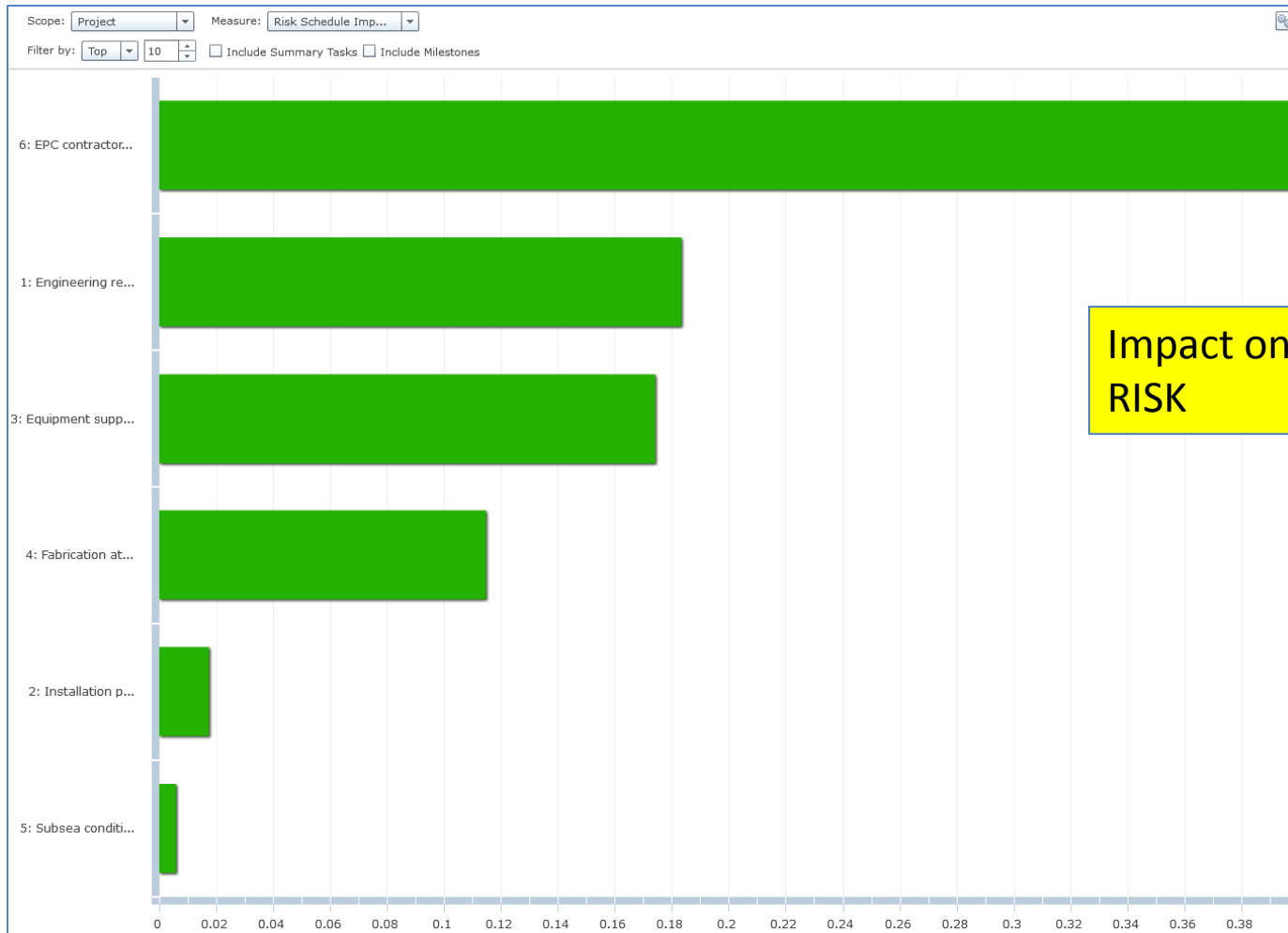
Standard Criticality Index for activities

Schedule Sensitivity by Activity



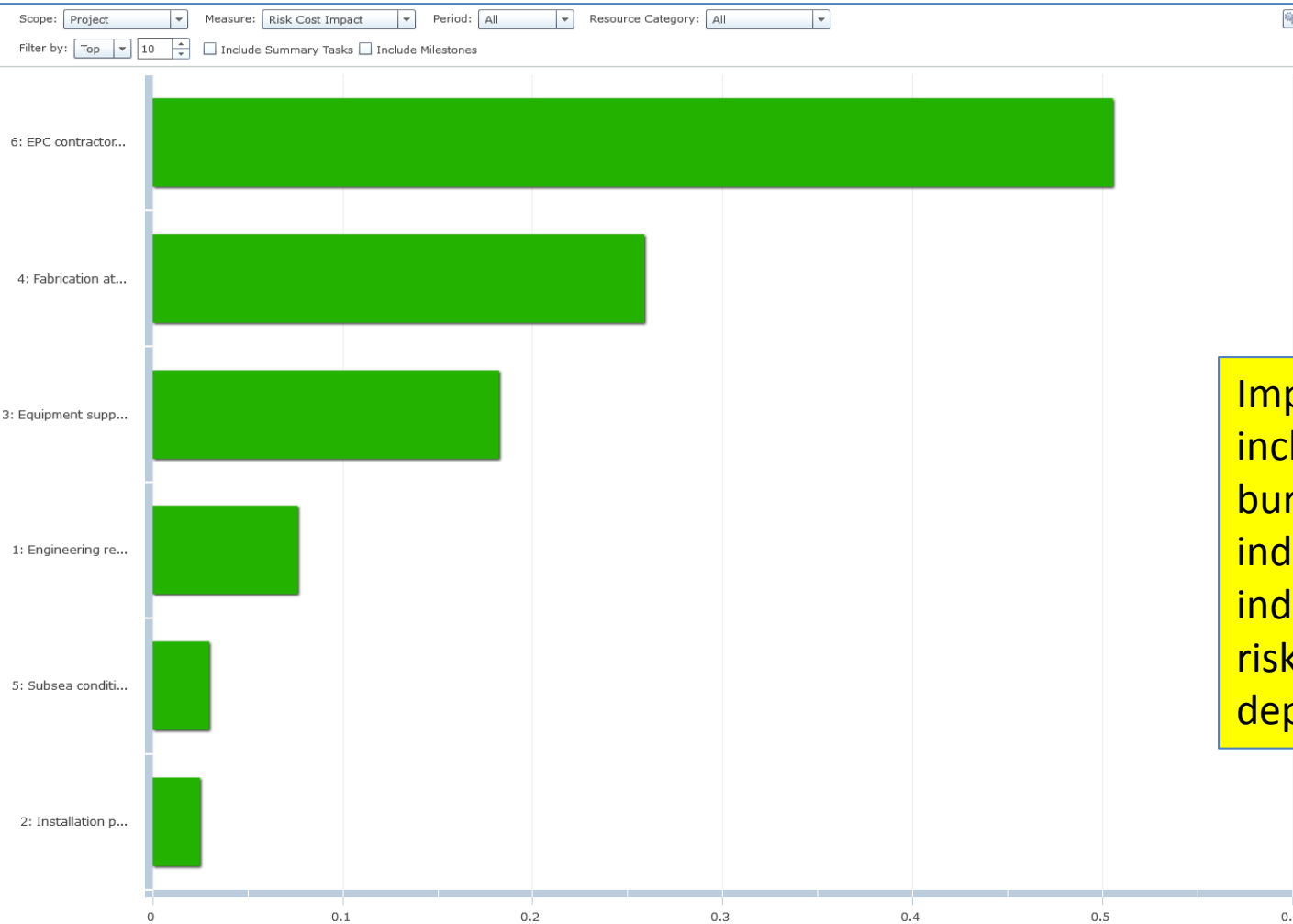
Standard sensitivity
tornado by activity

Impact on Schedule by Risk



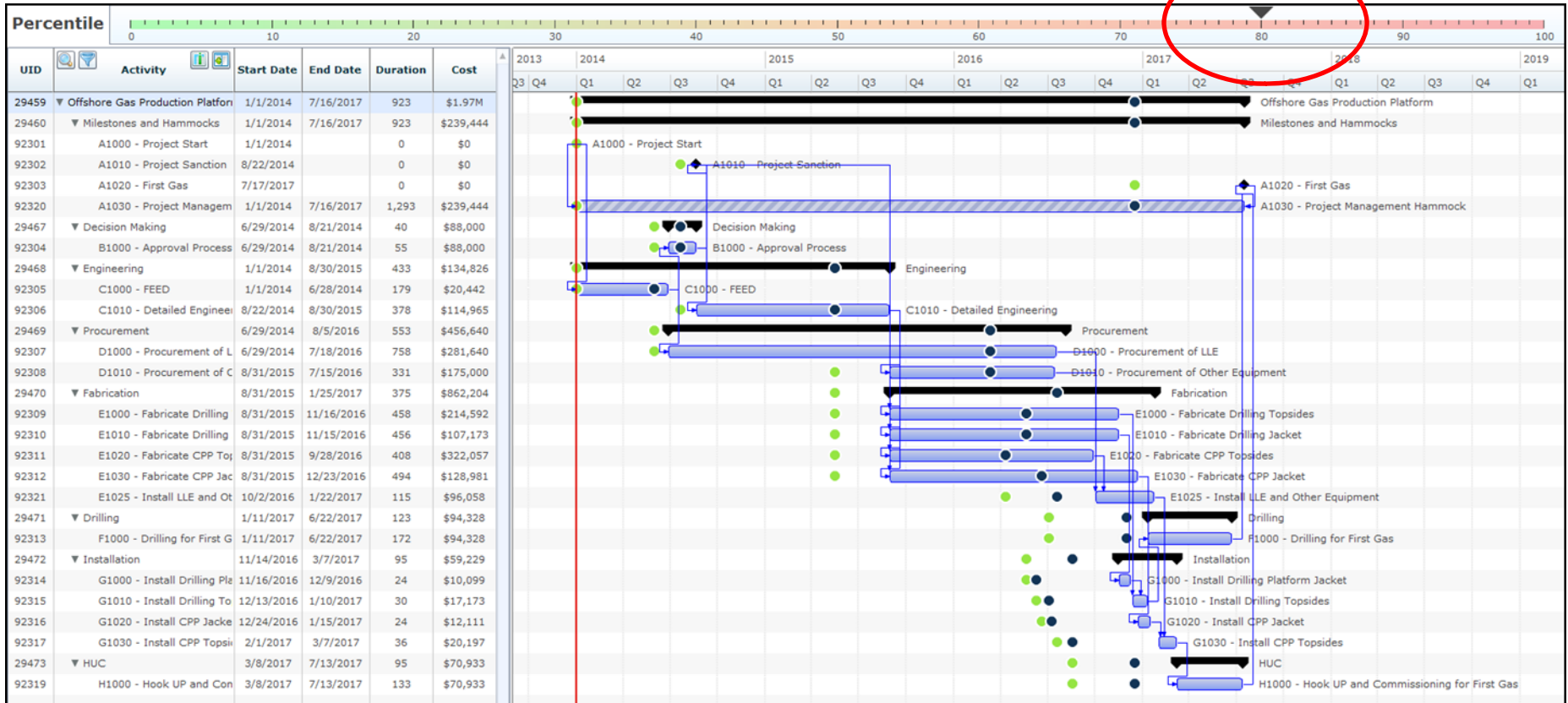
Impact on finish date by
RISK

Impact on Cost by Risk



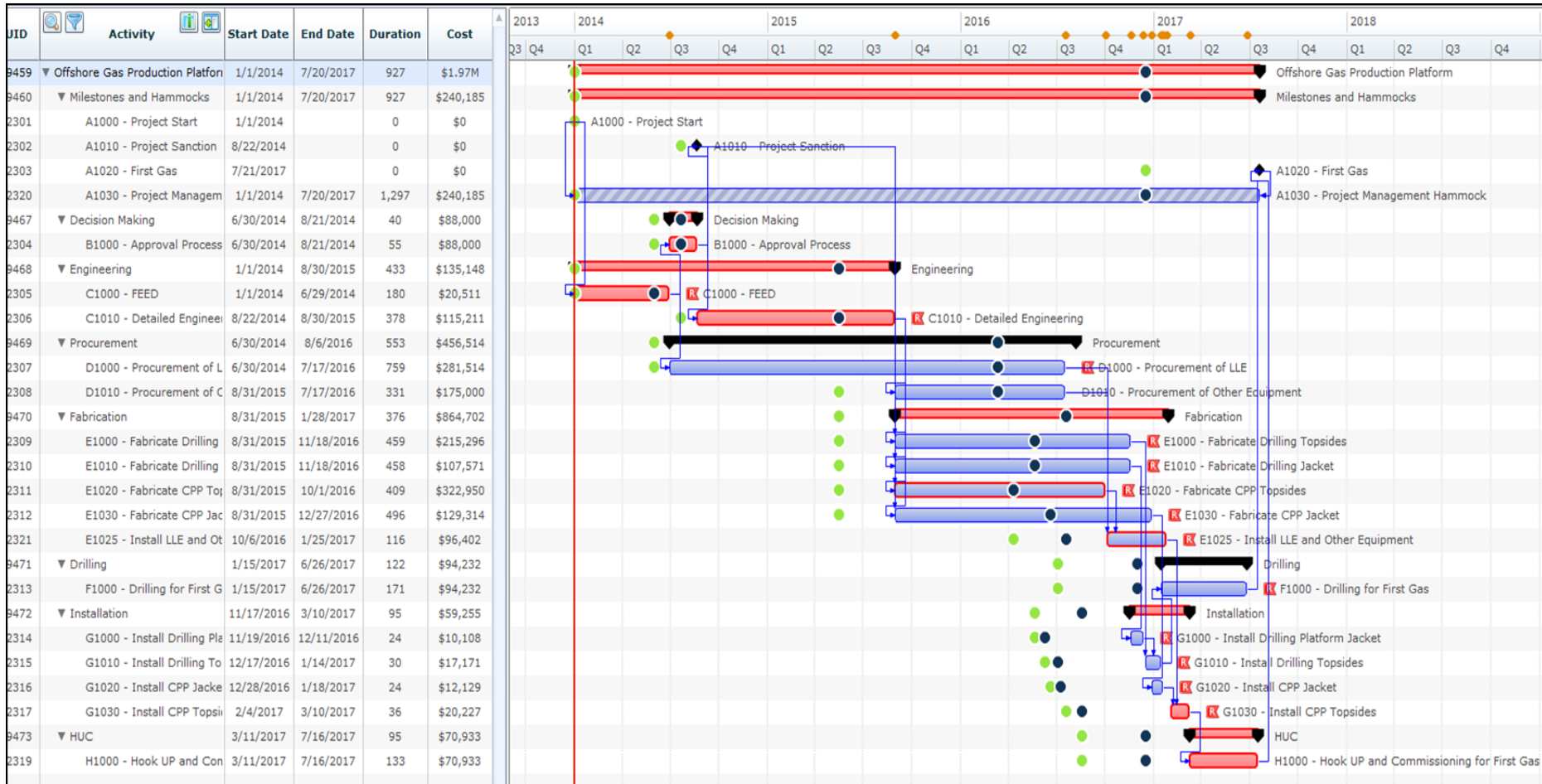
Impact on cost of RISKS, includes direct impact on burn rate and time-independent costs and indirect impact from risks' affecting time-dependent costs

View shows P-80 scenario

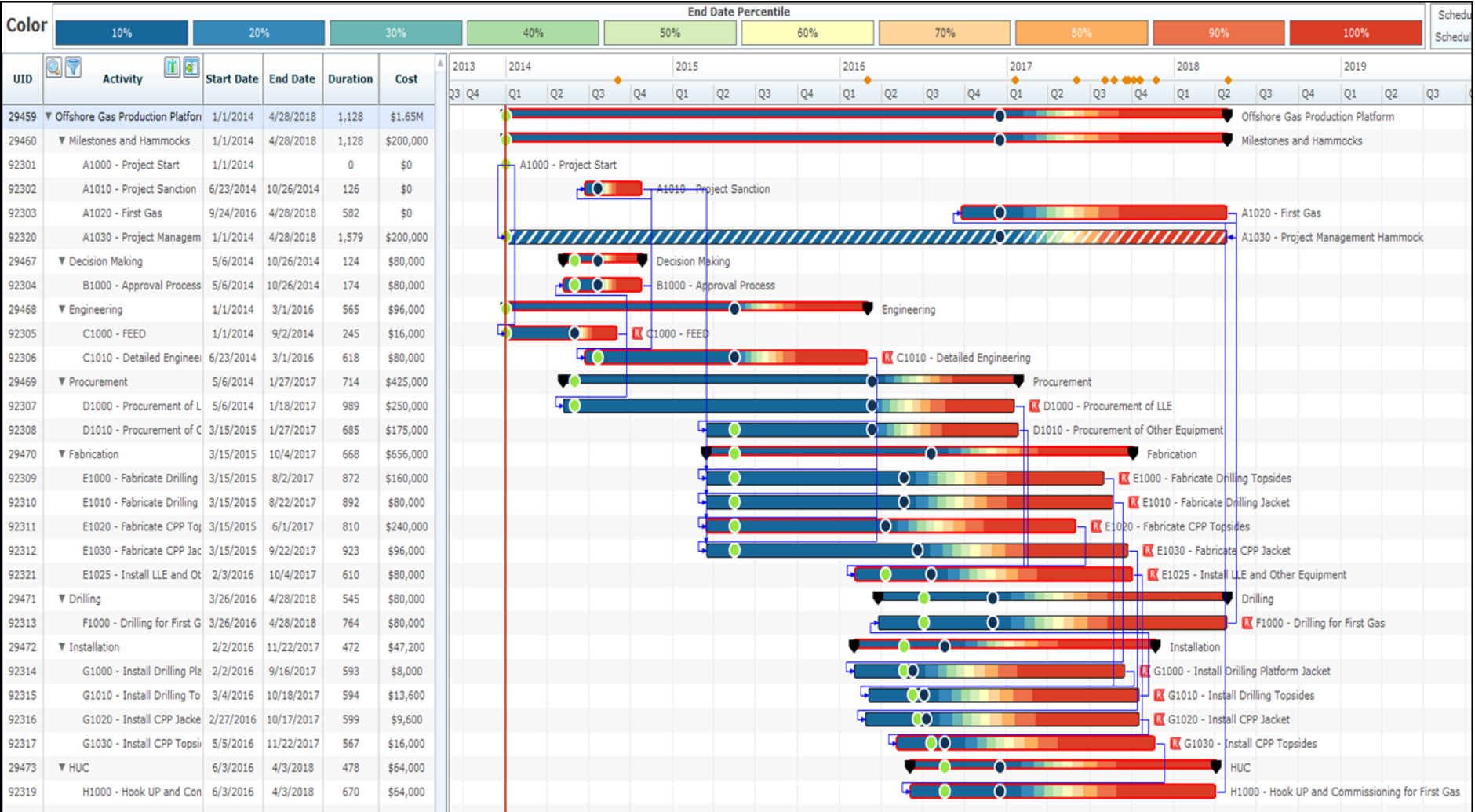


The P-80 results compared to planned start – Green = CPM Starts, Blue = CPM Finishes, Bars = P-80 dates

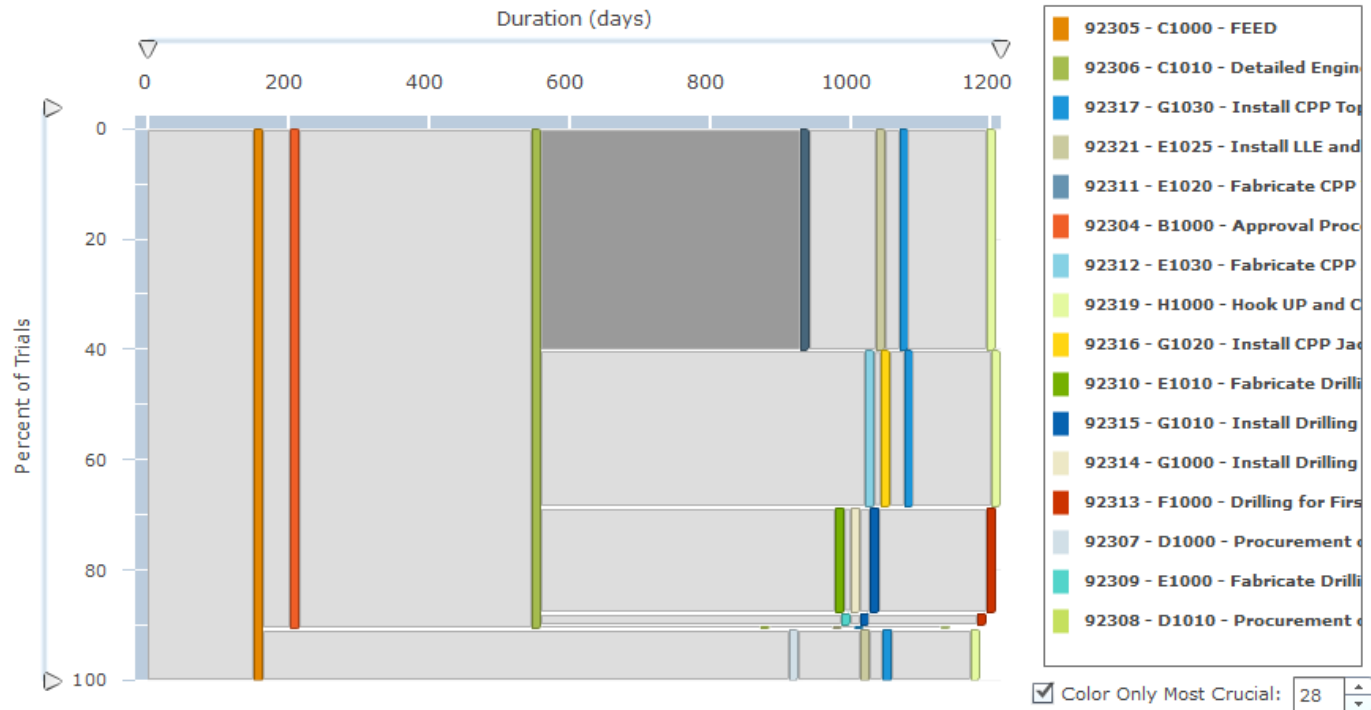
Where Risks are Assigned, the Planned Critical Path and Risk Criticality



Color shows Percentile Dates



Reviewing Critical Path Tree

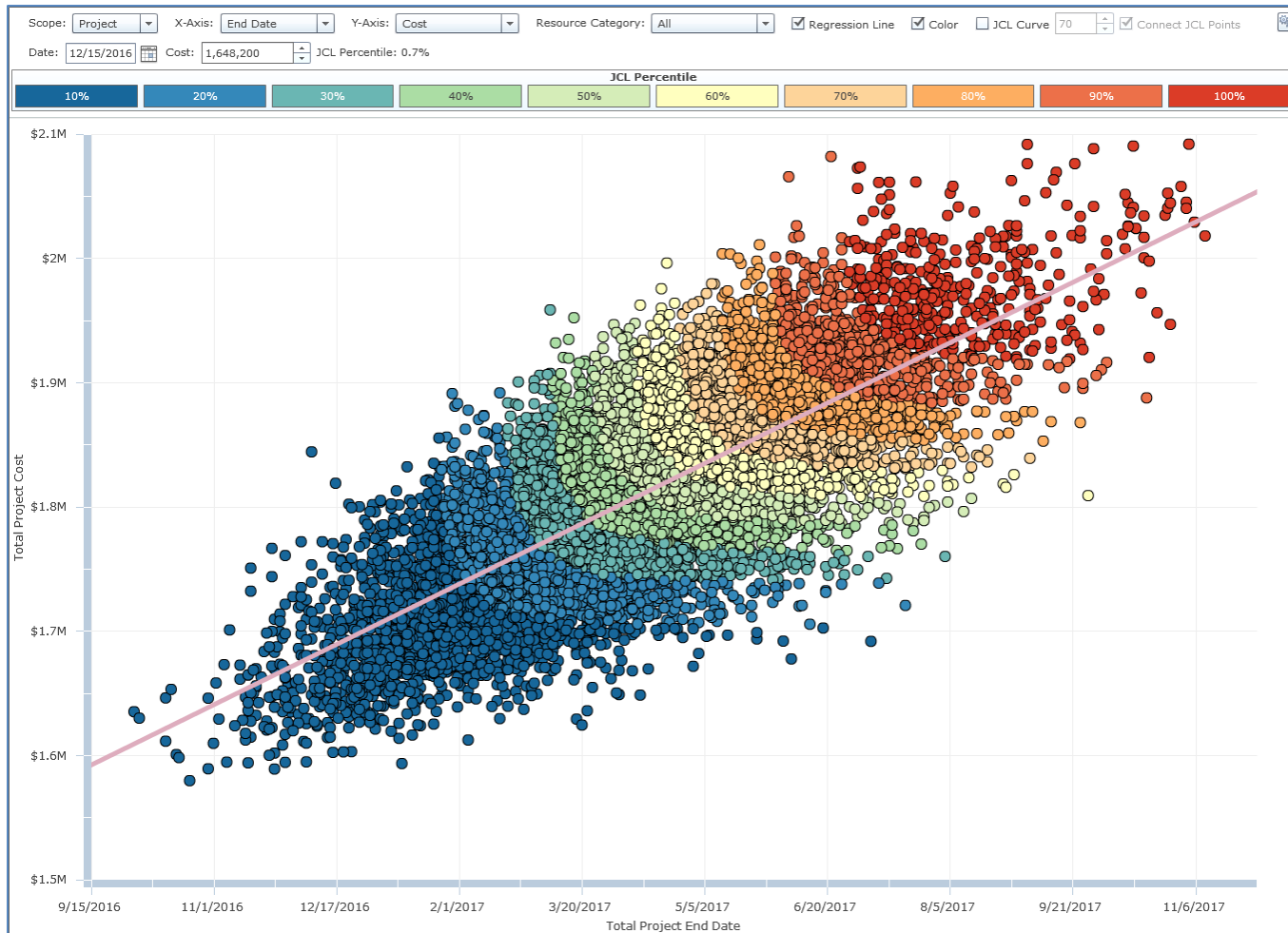


Selected Task: 92311 - E1020 - Fabricate CPP Topsides

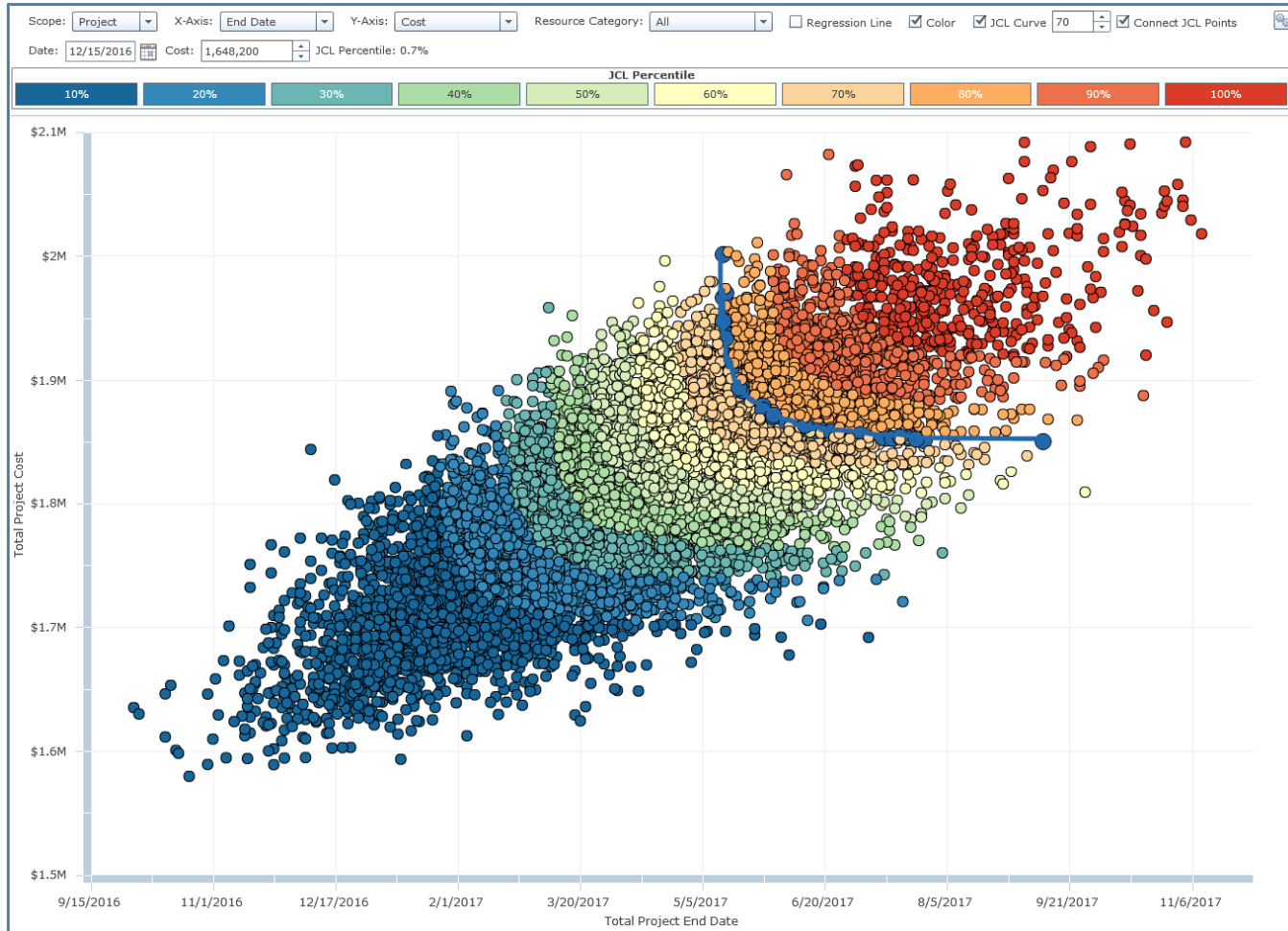
Preceding Tasks	Avg Duration	Risks	Risk Drivers
92305 - C1000 - FEED	165		4 - Fabrication at a new shipyard is
92304 - B1000 - Approval Process	52		6 - EPC contractor quality is question
92306 - C1010 - Detailed Engineering	343		
92311 - E1020 - Fabricate CPP Topsides	382		

Analysis shows project has three, parallel, critical paths – potentially creating a risk for significant schedule growth

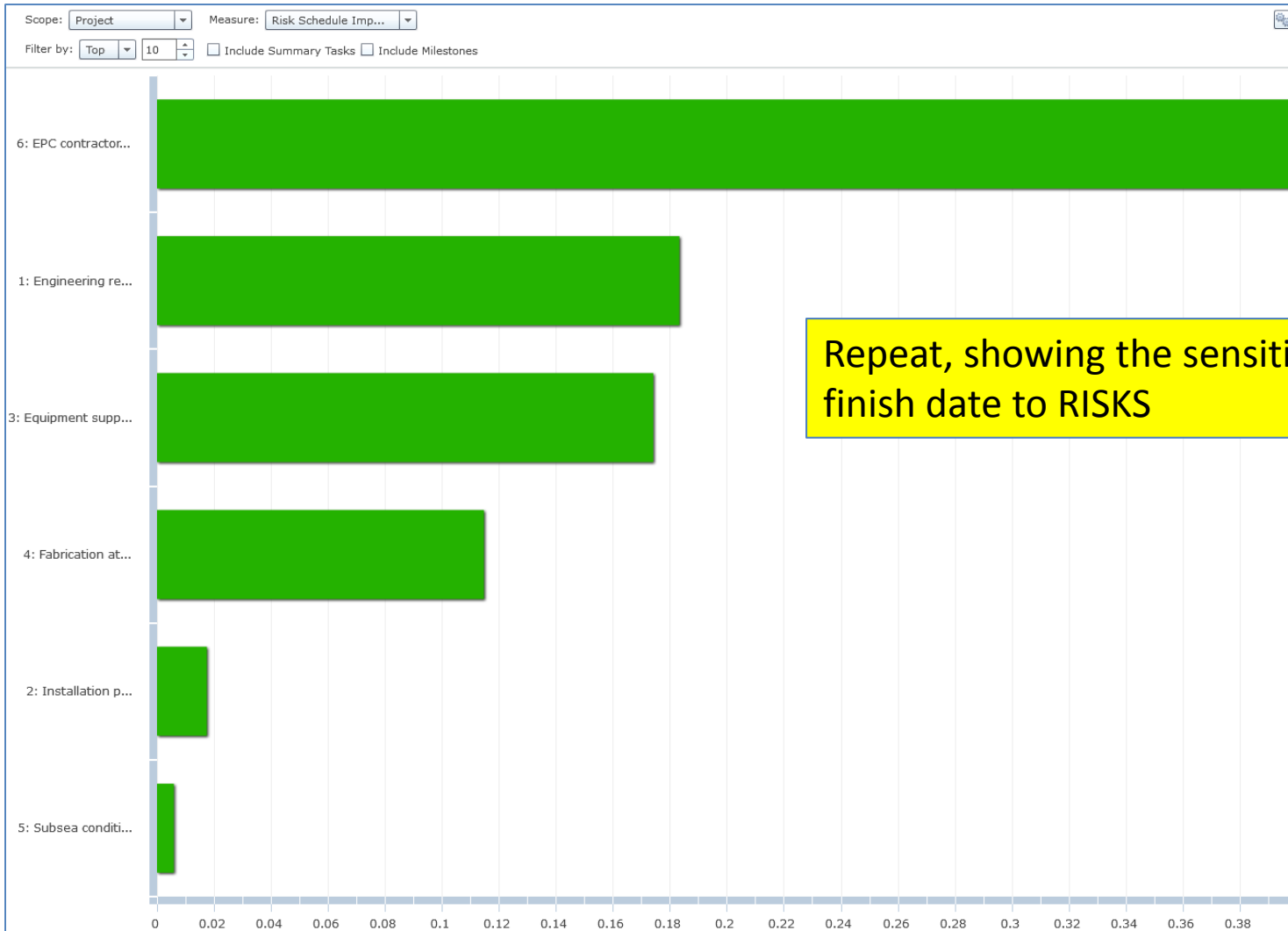
Scatter Plot with Trend Line and Color to Show Percentiles



Joint Cost-Time Confidence Level (JCL) at the 70th percentile as used by NASA



Prioritize Risks Using Tornado Chart



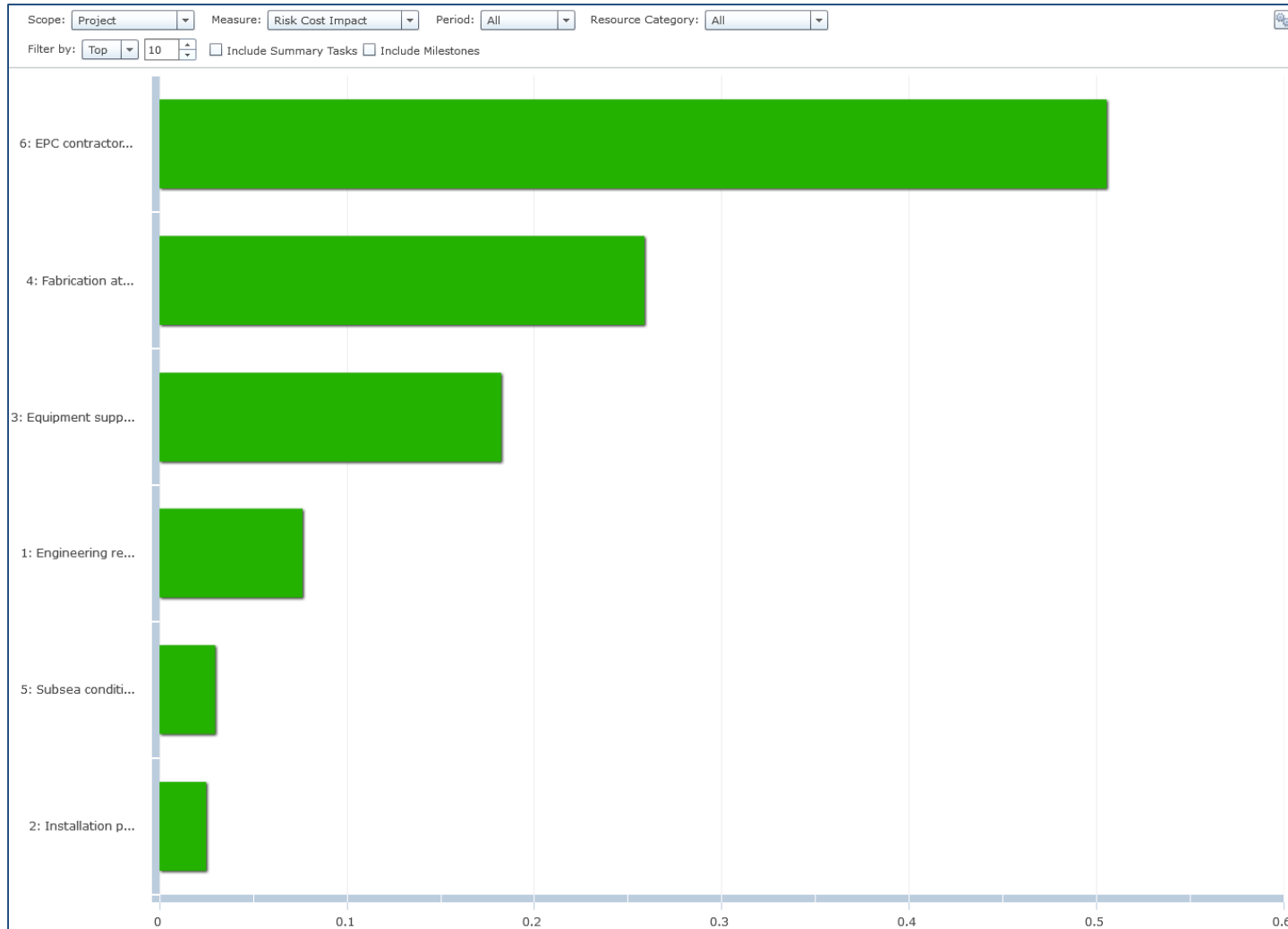
Repeat, showing the sensitivity of finish date to RISKS

Prioritizing Risk Drivers to Finish First Gas at P-80

Prioritized Risks to Schedule			
	Baseline Date	16-Dec-16	
		P-80 Date	
	All Risks Included	21-Jul-17	Calendar Days Saved
Risk ID	Risk Name		
6	EPC contractor quality is questionable	31-May-17	51
4	Fabrication at a new shipyard is problematic	9-May-17	22
3	Equipment suppliers may be overloaded	15-Apr-17	24
1	Engineering resources may be lacking	30-Mar-17	16
2	Installation productivity may not be as good as assumed	28-Mar-17	2
5			
	Inherent uncertainty and duration estimation error	16-Dec-16	102

Risk Tornado risk order is: 6 – 1 – 3 – 4 – 2 – 5
 This priority order is: 6 – 4 – 3 – 1 – (2-5)

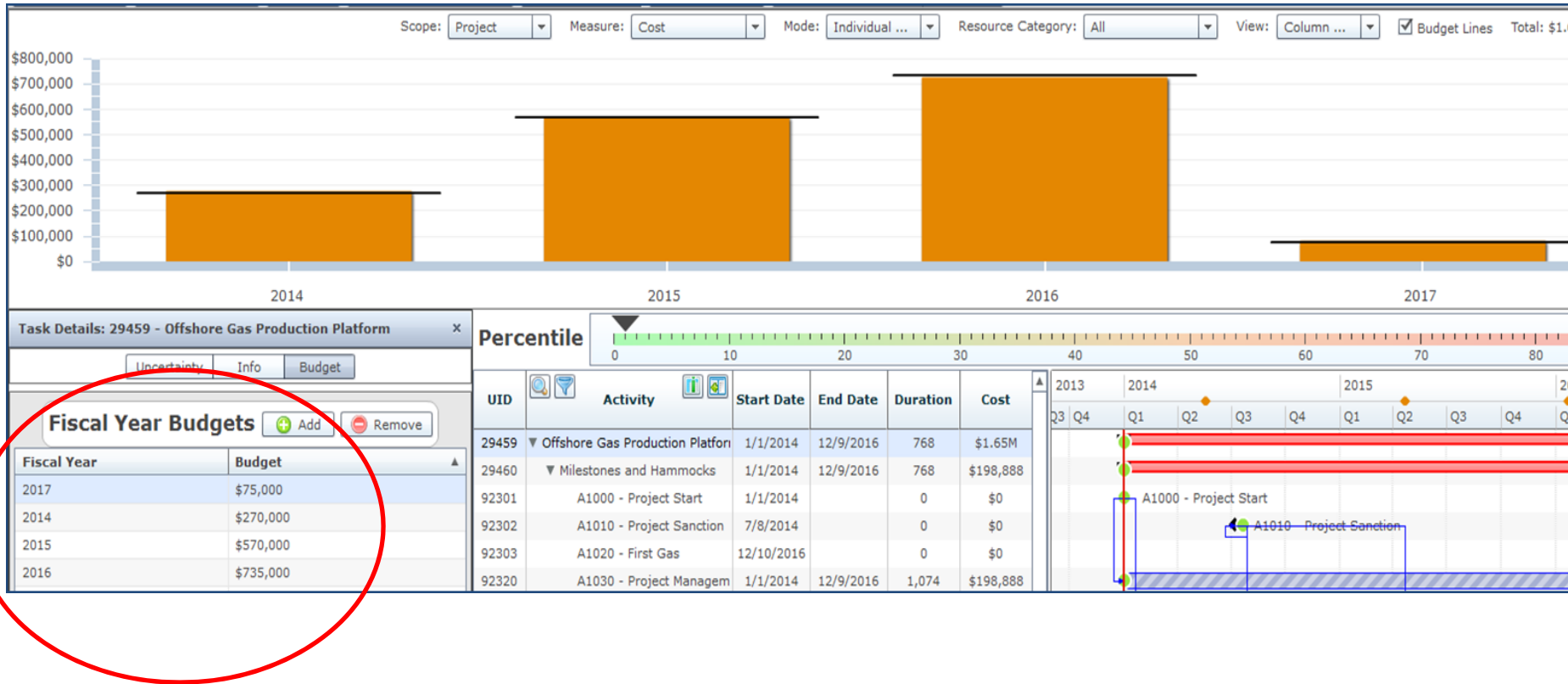
Prioritizing Risk Drivers to Cost



Prioritizing Risk Drivers to Cost at P-80

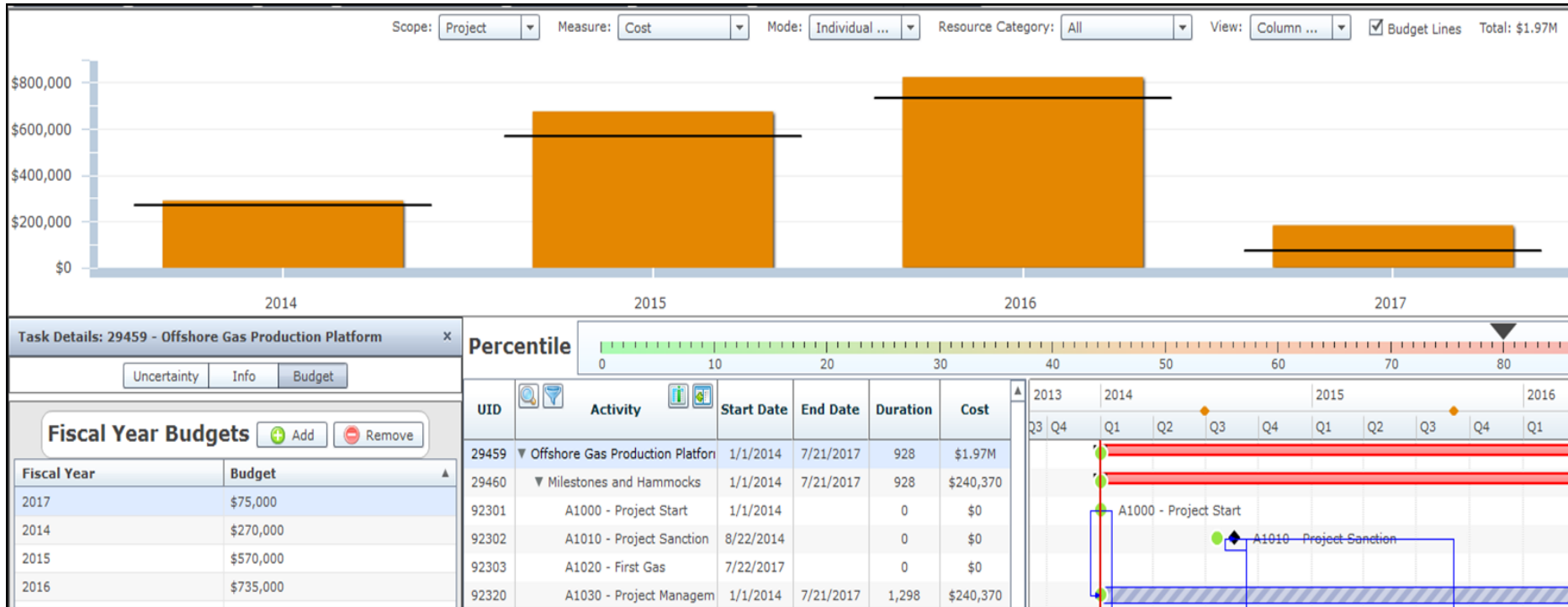
Prioritized Risks to Cost			
	Baseline Cost	1.65	
		P-80 Cost	
	All Risks Included	1.97	\$ millions saved
Risk ID	Risk Name		
6	EPC contractor quality is questionable	1.88	0.09
4	Fabrication at a new shipyard is problematic	1.80	0.08
3	Equipment suppliers may be overloaded	1.77	0.03
1	Engineering resources may be lacking	1.76	0.01
2	Installation productivity may not be as good as assumed Subsea Conditions are not well characterized	1.75	0.01
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	Inherent uncertainty and duration estimation error	1.65	0.10

Compare to the Annual Budget



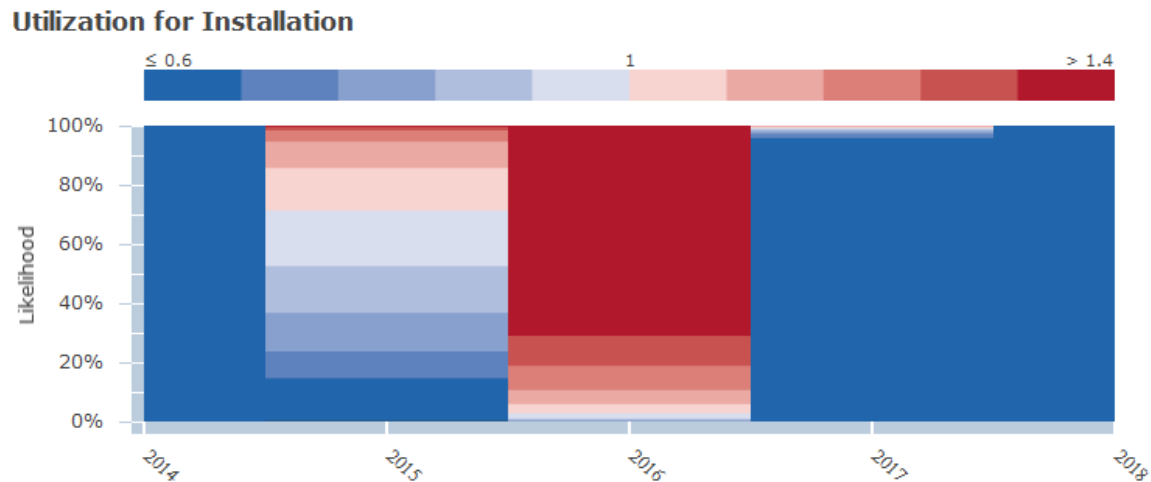
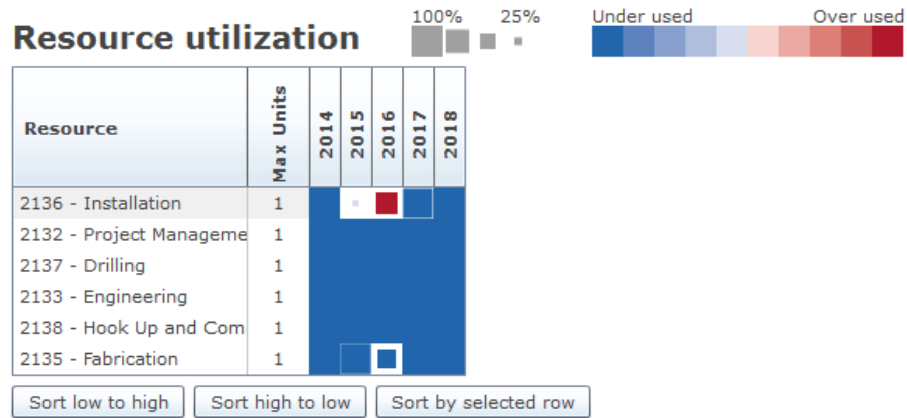
This view shows that the \$ 1.65 billion is OK only at the 1st percentile

Setting the Percentile to the 80th



This analysis shows where the project will overrun its annual budget if it's total finish schedule is set at the P-80

Reviewing Resource Utilizations



This analysis shows the project's installation resources are over utilized in 2016

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