Integrated Resource Project Classification: a Sustainable Approach

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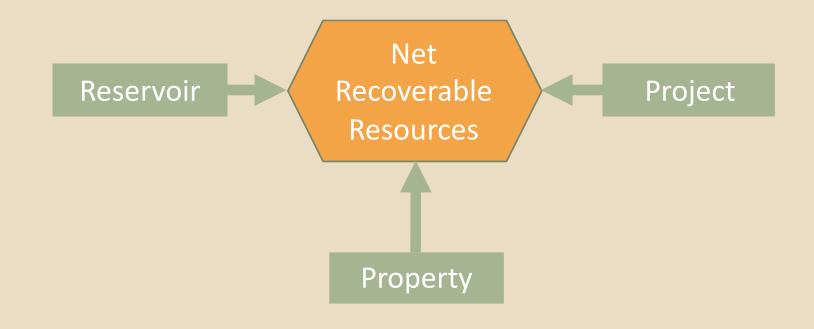
Resource Data Sources

Resource estimation requires three key disciplines:

- Commodity specialists
- Project and facility engineers
- Commercial specialists

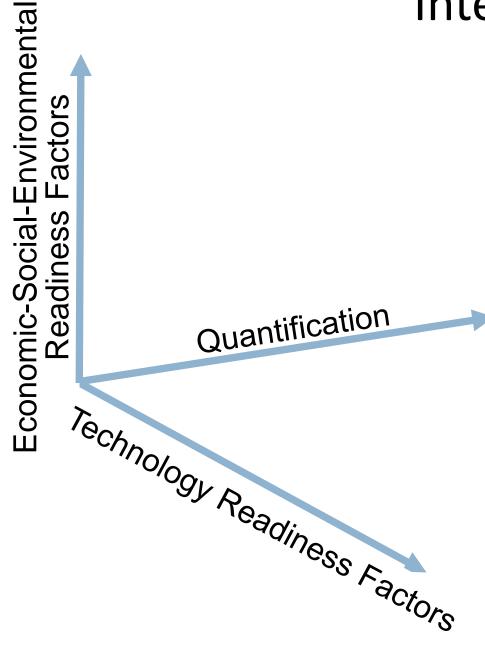
Each discipline address different challenges in the assessment of the project resources

A full understanding of the maturity of a project requires an understanding of each of these analyses



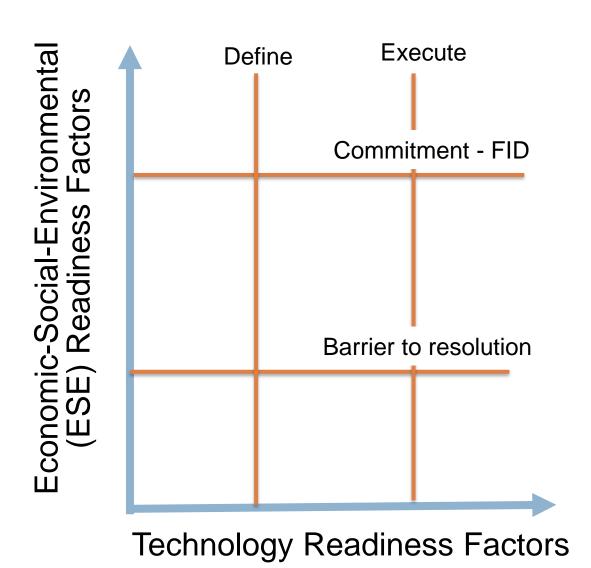
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Integrated Resource Assessment

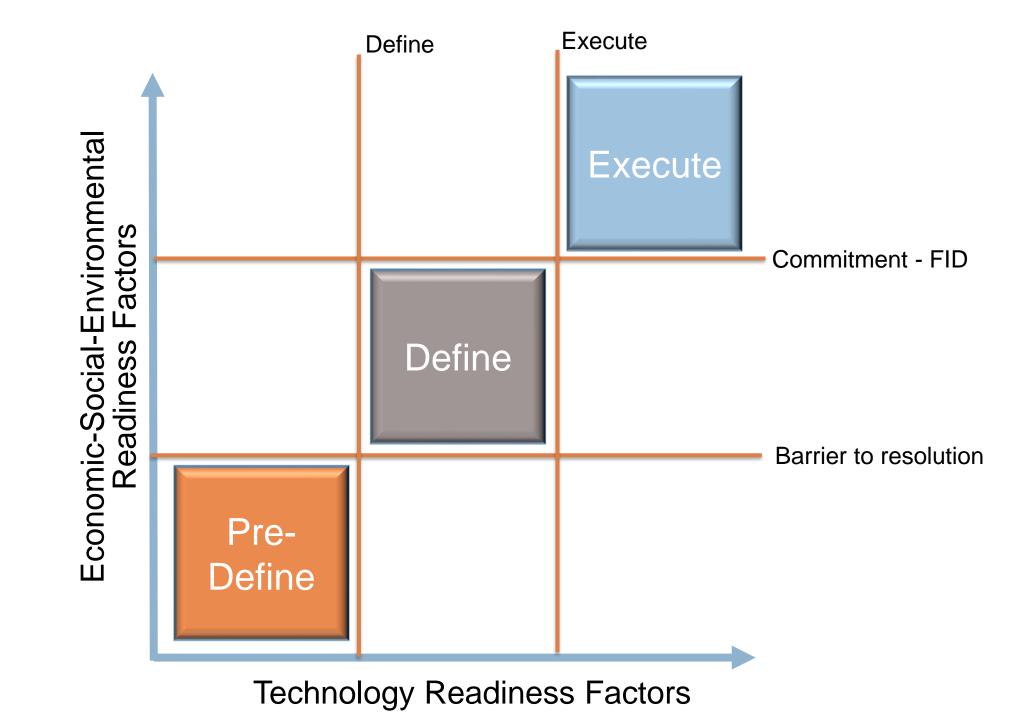


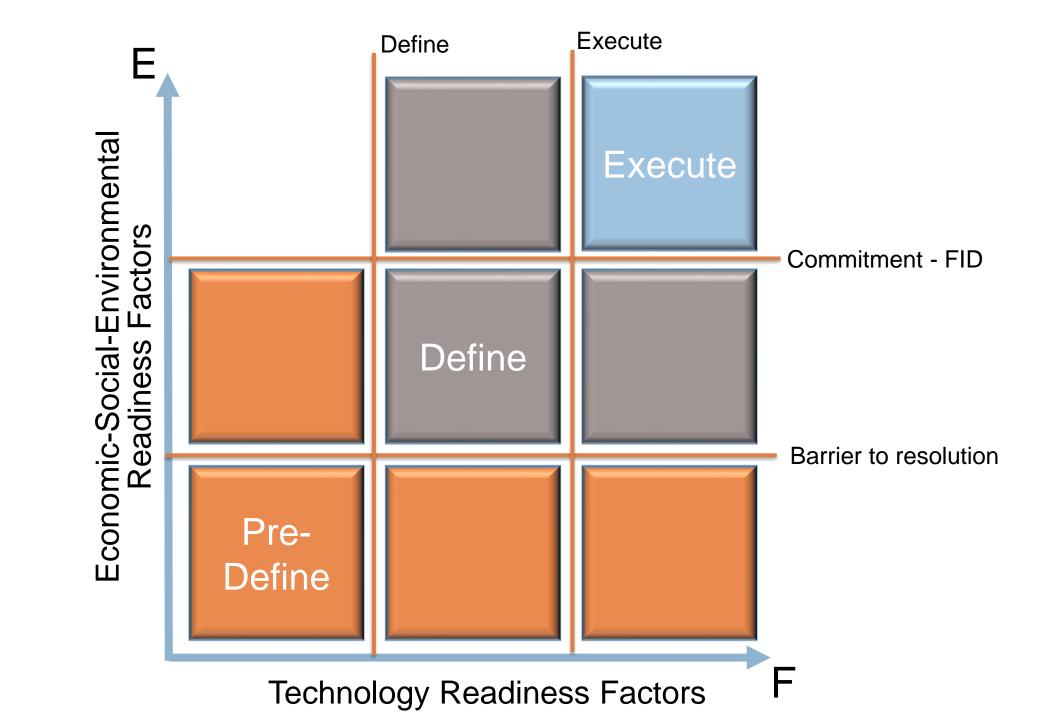
- Input from the three disciples can be thought of as viewing the problem in a 3D view
- Each discipline can assess the project and its maturity can be described
- Thus, the barrier to a project progressing to the next stage of the capital value process (CVP) can be identified and addressed

Defining maturity: Readiness factors

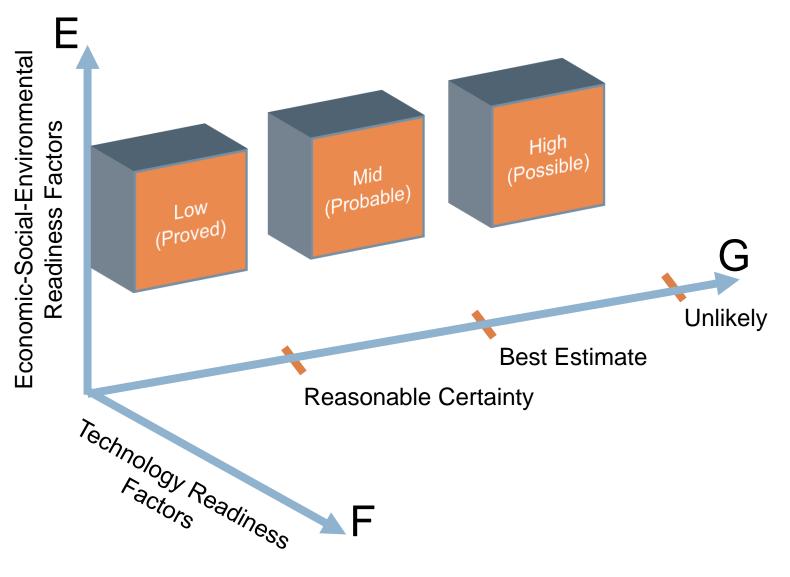


- Readiness is the potential of the project to cross the next level of maturity
- ESE readiness measures progress towards commitment and a final investment decision (FID)
- The CVP stage gates naturally fit with a project's technical or physical construction feasibility
- A project will always be classed at a single point on the grid
 - If it appears to be at multiple locations, it likely means that the project is not ring-fenced and consists of more than one project





Quantification is a bit different



- The axis is not a measure of maturity, but a description of the range of value
 - Monetary
 - Non-monetary
- Resource volumes, emission volumes, net present value, production profile, quantified impact on local economy (e.g. jobs) are some of the values that can be captured.

Project Maturity Assessment

- The E and F axes are each broken into three maturity levels
- Each axis has a set of tests or readiness factor assessments
- Each test defines specific criteria necessary to achieve the next maturity level
- After evaluating all axis readiness tests, the outcome is reviewed to determine the maturity for that axis
- Generally, the axis maturity cannot be assessed higher than the least mature test however, there
 may be mitigating circumstances that can allow a higher assessment with appropriate explanation
 and documentation
- Combining the completed analysis for the E and F axes gives the total project maturity and its mapping into its CVP stage gate

Assessment Matrices

- A simple matrix can be used as a checklist to confirm the progress of a project on the E and F axes
- This is not a complete analysis of the maturity, and additional guidance will be provided in a more complete specification for the evaluation on each axis, but it is a quick look that is understandable by the layperson
- Evidence and rationale for scoring of each test becomes a key piece of data in the management of the project portfolio. Each test is a filter for analysis

Barrier to Resolution

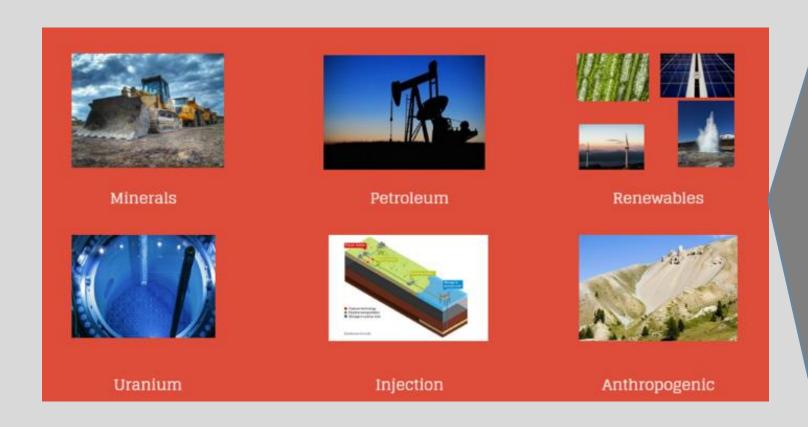
Commitment (FID)

Access & Entitlement	Necessary licence award has been confirmed in writing, is subject only to ratification, where there is track record of routine ratification. Some access agreements (e.g. land permits) are outstanding and represent a critical contingency, but are not expected to be resolved in a reasonable time frame.	Necessary licence award has been confirmed in writing, is subject only to ratification, where there is track record of routine ratification. Some access agreements (e.g. land permits) are outstanding and represent a critical contingency, but are expected to be resolved in a reasonable time frame.	All necessary licences and agreements are executed and cover the period of entitlement.
Market & Sales Connectivity	There is a market for the product, with at least one means of connection. There is sufficient evidence to support the assessment that agreements necessary for sales will be forthcoming.		
Authorisation & Commitment			
Economic Criteria			
Environmental & Social Conditions			

Project maturity assessment

- Taking the tests from the E and F axes we can go into the matrix presented on slide 9 and have a unique assessment of the maturity
- The outcome should be an indication of the current stage gate, or of the need to have a stage gate review
- Note that the tests on the E and F axes are independent of the commodity being produced or how that commodity will be used:
 - Liquid petroleum could be further refined for kerosene or used in plastics
 - Uranium could be further enriched or used directly as fuel
- Where differentiation of product is necessary, this is accounted for in the quantification stage on the G-axis

Consistent classification and management of all resources



The matrix can be used for any commodity providing a consistent framework for the comparison of different projects