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# Value Engineering

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**Imagination**

**is more important than**

**Knowledge**

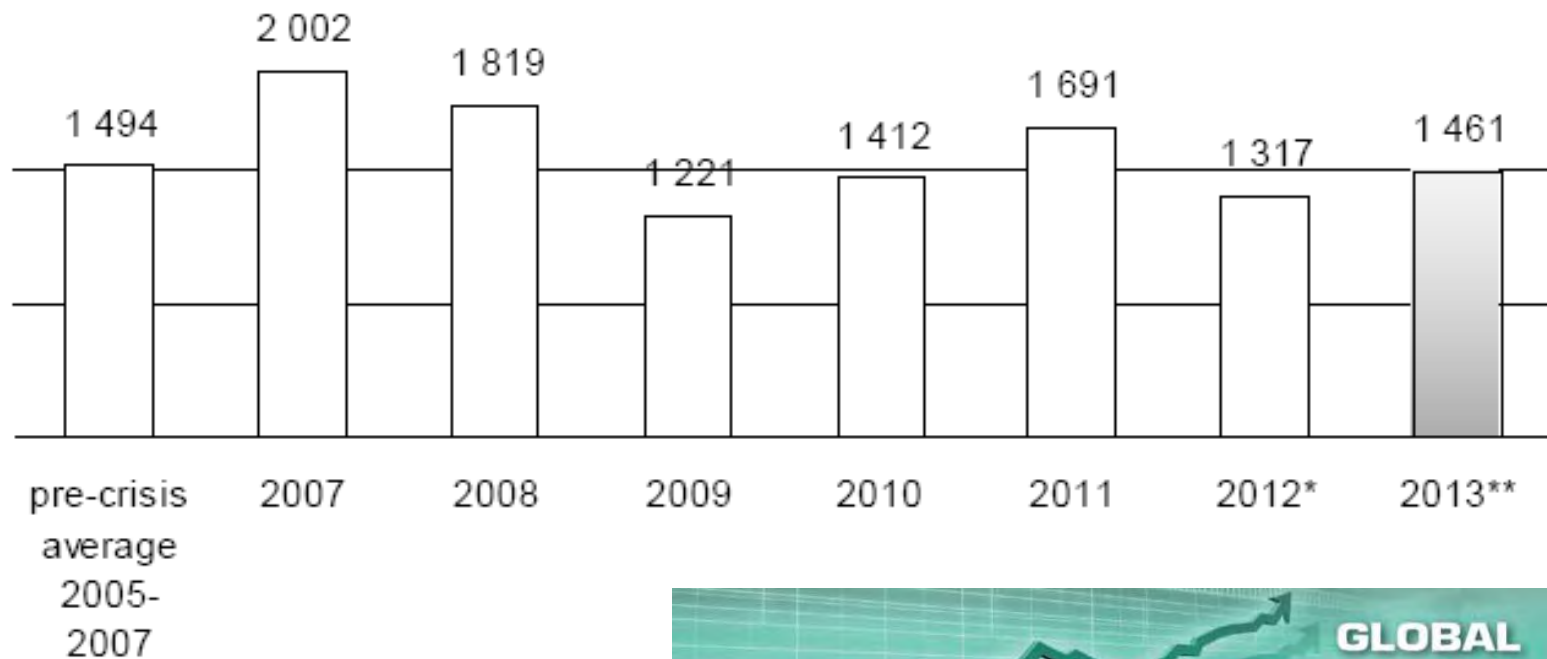
Albert Einstein

# **Introduction to Value Engineering**

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Global foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows rose by 11% in 2013, to an estimated US\$1.46 trillion – a level comparable to the pre-crisis average (figure 1) – reaching the upper range of UNCTAD's forecast.

**Figure 1. Global FDI inflows, average 2005–2007, 2007–2013**  
(Billions of US dollars)



Source: UNCTAD.

\* Revised

\*\* Preliminary estimates.



# An Introduction

## The Boosting Need for Value Engineering

In 2013, the world invested about **1.5 Trillions** of dollars for megaprojects / projects / services in various sectors.

If we consider only 5% waste in **non-value adding** elements of those projects, we'll end up with **75 Billions** of dollars were misplaced.



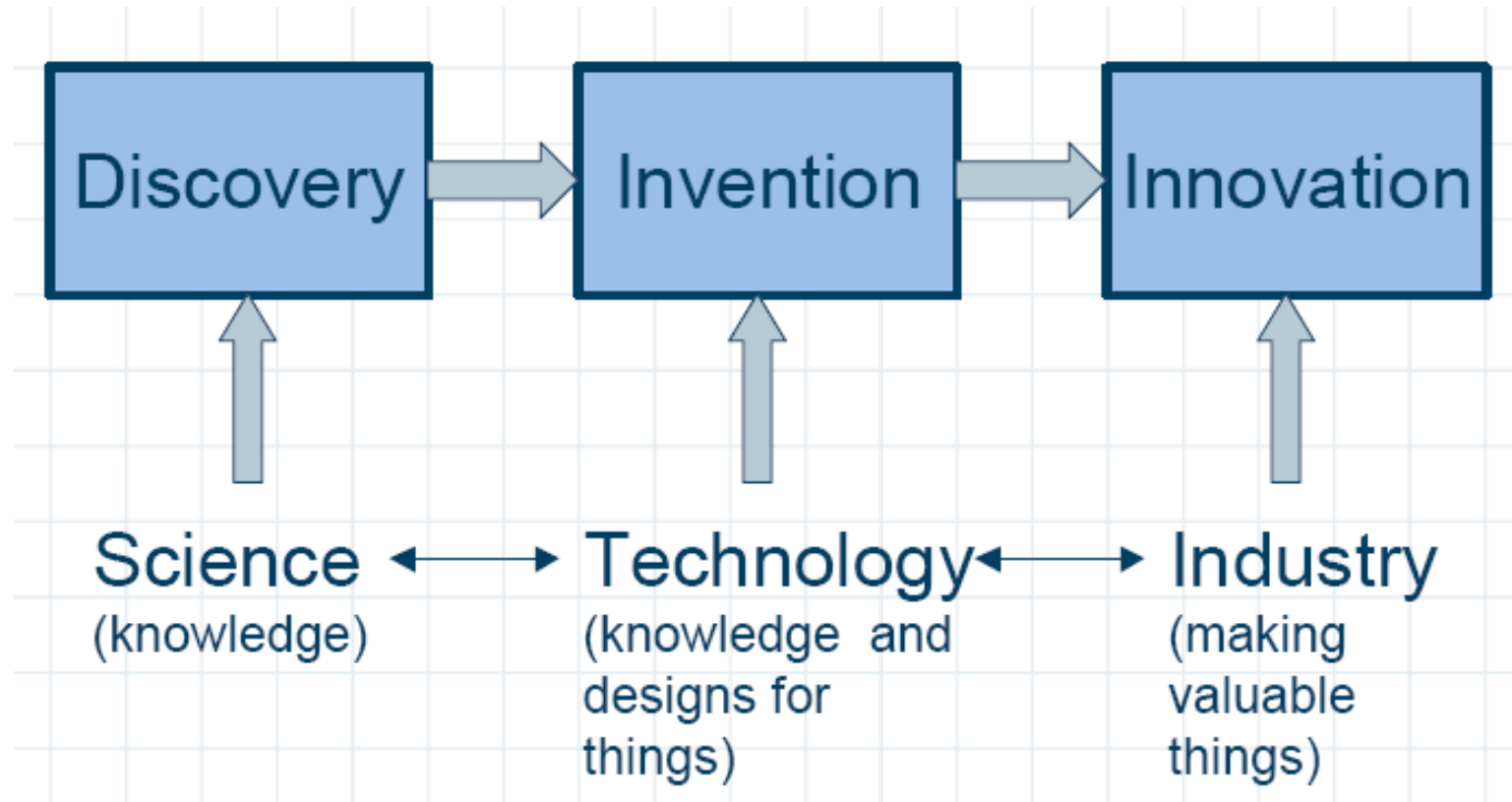
# An Introduction

## Industries Served By Value Engineering

- Oil and Gas
- Petrochemicals / Process
- Electrical Power Generation
- Nuclear
- Transportation
- Manufacturing
- Mining and Metals
- Telecommunications
- Environmental
- Pharmaceutical
- Health Care
- Commercial / Industrial / Institutional Facilities
- Etc.

# An Introduction

It Is About Innovation ...





# An Introduction

## Cost vs. Value

**Cost** is the amount of money required to obtain something.

**Value** is the usefulness or desirability of that thing.



# An Introduction

## Cost vs. Value

The value-based design maximizes the value while optimizing the cost.



# An Introduction

## Classical vs. Value-Based Design

### Classical Design

- ❑ The designer is a lone individual / expert
- ❑ Focuses is on components of the system according to methods, standards, or state-of-the-art.

#### **What are they?**

- ❑ Seeks to find best possible components within the constraints.
- ❑ Focuses on constrained optimality.

### Value-Based Design

- ❑ The designer is a team engaged in collective effort
- ❑ Focus is on the system and its context. What is the system in its environment.

#### **How does it work?**

- ❑ Elevates or abstracts systems to function-based models, and seeks to find the components that best perform the function wanted.
- ❑ Focuses on functional / economic value.

# What is Value Engineering?

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Value is defined as a fair return or equivalent in goods, services, or money for something exchanged.

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# What is Value Engineering?

Value is commonly represented by the relationship:

**Value  $\approx$  Function / Resources**



where **function** is measured by the performance

requirements of the customer

and **resources** are measured in materials, labor, price,

time, etc. required to accomplish that function.

# What is Value Engineering?

## What is Function?

The original intent or purpose that a product, service or process is expected to perform.

Function = Verb + Noun

Examples:

apply force, prevent corrosion, generate power,  
increase pressure, reduce temperature, stop flow, etc.

# What is Value Engineering?

**Value Engineering** is  
a systematic method  
to improve the "value" of  
product, process, procedure,  
design, or service.

# What is Value Engineering?

**Value Engineering** is more than:

- A special look at some aspect of the project
- Cost reduction exercises
- Audits
- Project readiness reviews
- “Just good engineering”



# What is Value Engineering?

**Value Engineering** mainly aims to increase the value of capital assets through supporting the project **value objectives** by:

- Selecting better technologies
- Simplifying processes
- Eliminating non-critical items
- Increasing reliability
- Optimizing costs
- Facilitating project execution

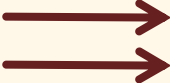

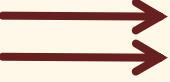

# Typical Reasons for Poor Value



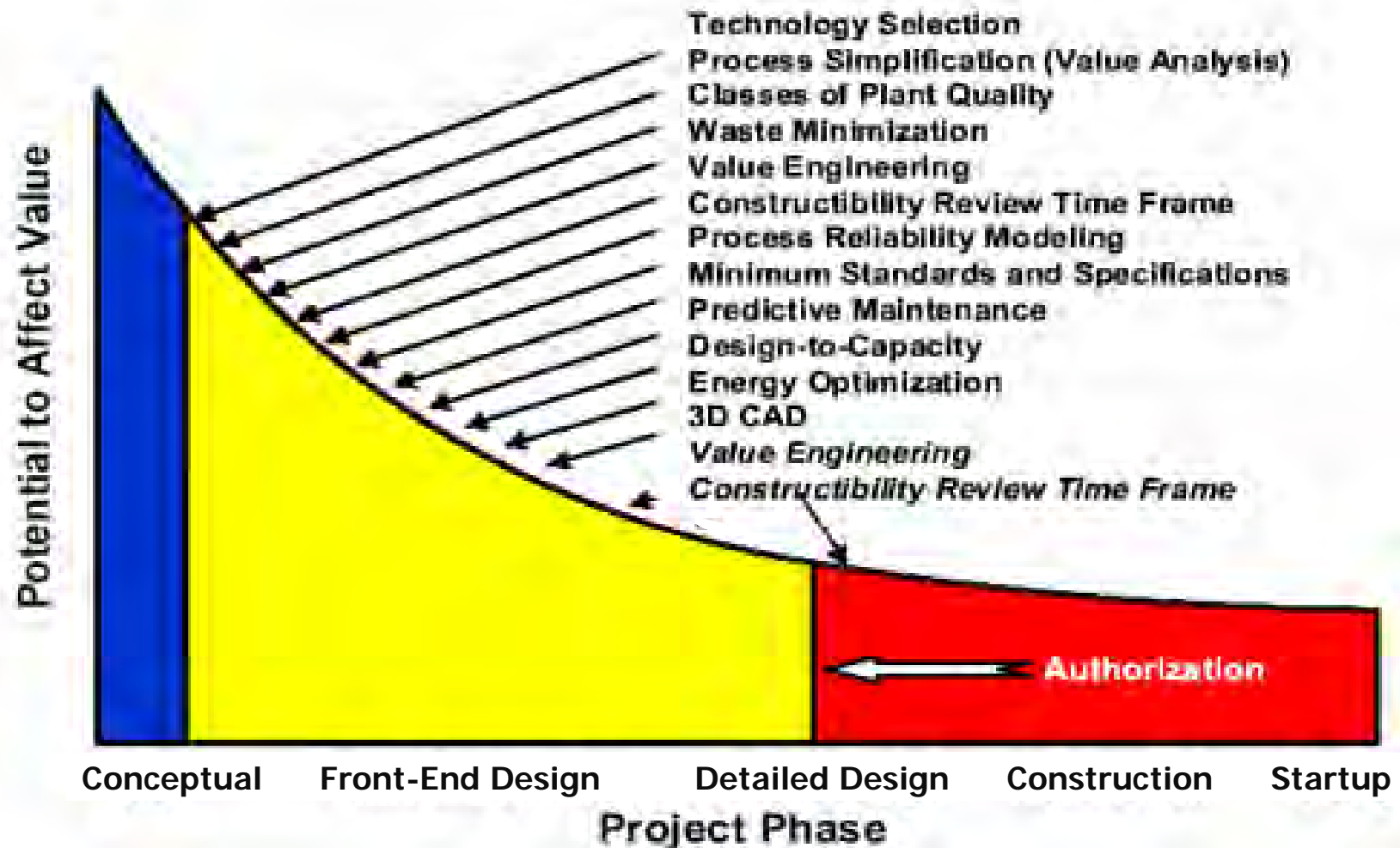
- Lack of information
- Habitual thinking
- Decisions based on wrong beliefs
- Reluctance to seek advice
- Negative attitudes
- Shortage of time
- Changing technology
- Lack of a yardstick for measuring value
- Outdated specifications
- Poor human relations

# The Industry Approach (VIPs)

## Value Improving Practices (VIPs)

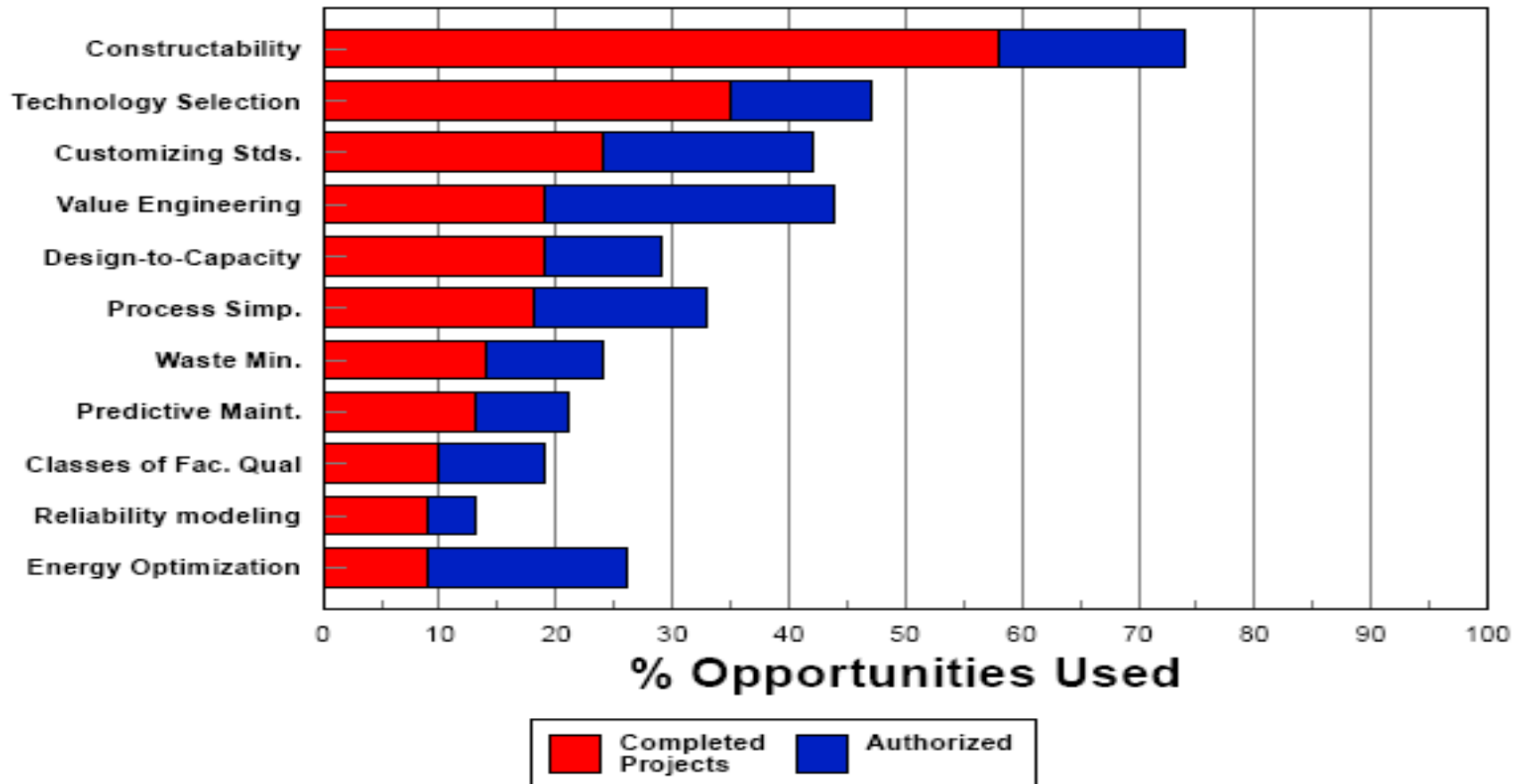
Measures of Value	Associated VIPs
Strategic Business Objectives	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Classes of Facility Quality</li><li>• Technology Selection</li></ul>
Capital Cost <i>(Scope)</i>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Process Simplification</li><li>• Value Engineering</li><li>• Design-to-Capacity</li><li>• Customized Stds &amp; Specs</li></ul>
Operating Cost <i>(Uptime, Utilities, and Maintenance)</i>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Process Reliability Modeling</li><li>• Predictive Maintenance</li><li>• Energy Optimization</li><li>• Waste Minimization</li></ul>
Execution Efficiency <i>(Cost and Schedule)</i>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Constructability Reviews</li><li>• 3D CAD</li></ul>

# The Industry Approach (VIPs)



# The Industry Approach (VIPs)

## Which VIPs are Most Commonly Used



# **Value Engineering Methodology**

# Value Engineering Methodology

The **Value Methodology (VM)** is a systematic process used by a multidisciplinary team to improve the value of a project through the analysis of its functions.

- Value Analysis
- Value Engineering
- Value Management
- Value Control
- Value Improvement
- Value Assurance

# Value Engineering Methodology

A **Value Study** is the formal application of a value methodology to a project in order to improve its value.



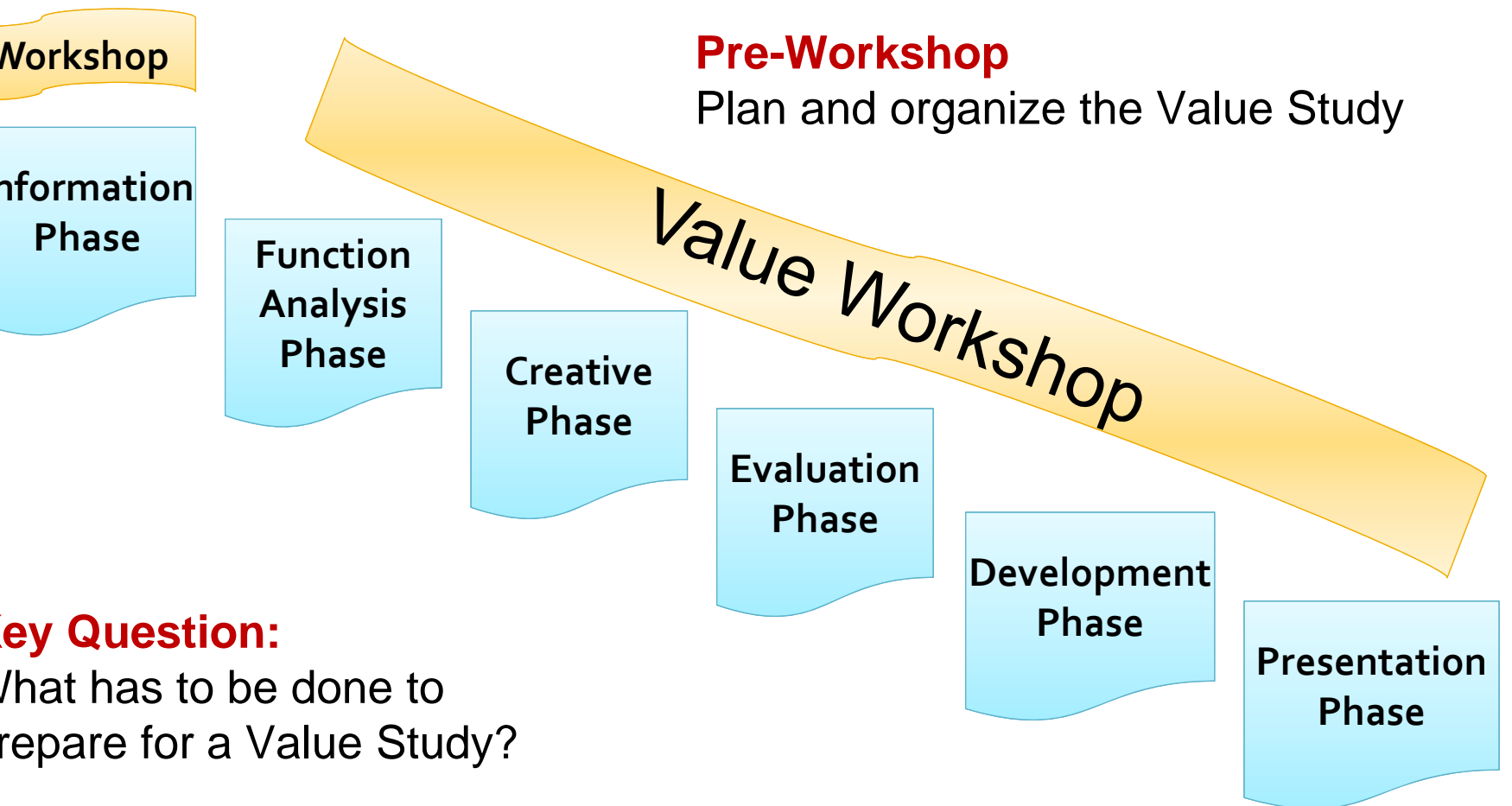
# Value Engineering Methodology

**Pre-Workshop** (preparation)

**Value Workshop** (execution of the six-phase Job Plan)

**Post-Workshop** (documentation and implementation)

# Value Engineering Methodology



# Value Engineering Methodology

Workshop

Information Phase

Function Analysis Phase

Creative Phase

Evaluation Phase

Development Phase

Presentation Phase

## Information Phase

The team **reviews and defines** the current **conditions** of the project and identifies the goals of the study.

## Questions:

What is the current state/solution? (design)

What are the constraints/assumptions? (risk model)

# Value Engineering Methodology

Workshop

Information  
Phase

Function  
Analysis  
Phase

## Function Analysis Phase

The team **defines the project functions**.

The team **reviews and analyzes those functions** to determine which need improvement, elimination, or creation to meet the project's goals.

Creative  
Phase

Evaluation  
Phase

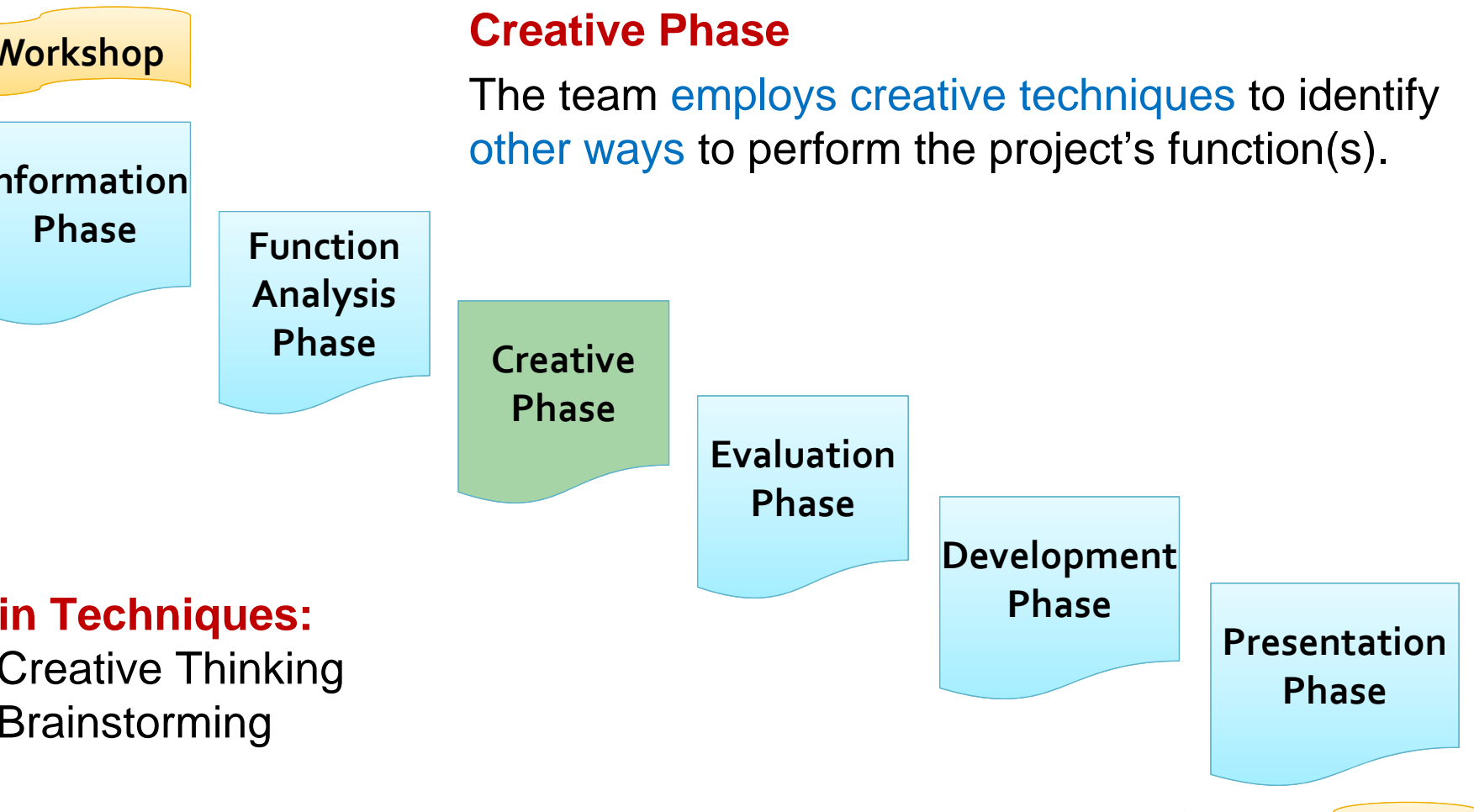
Development  
Phase

Presentation  
Phase

## Main Technique:

Function Analysis System  
Technique (FAST diagram)  
Value Index (Worth to Cost)

# Value Engineering Methodology



# Value Engineering Methodology

Workshop

Information  
Phase

Function  
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Creative  
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Development  
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Presentation  
Phase

## Evaluation Phase

The team follows a structured evaluation process to **select those ideas that offer the potential for value improvement.**

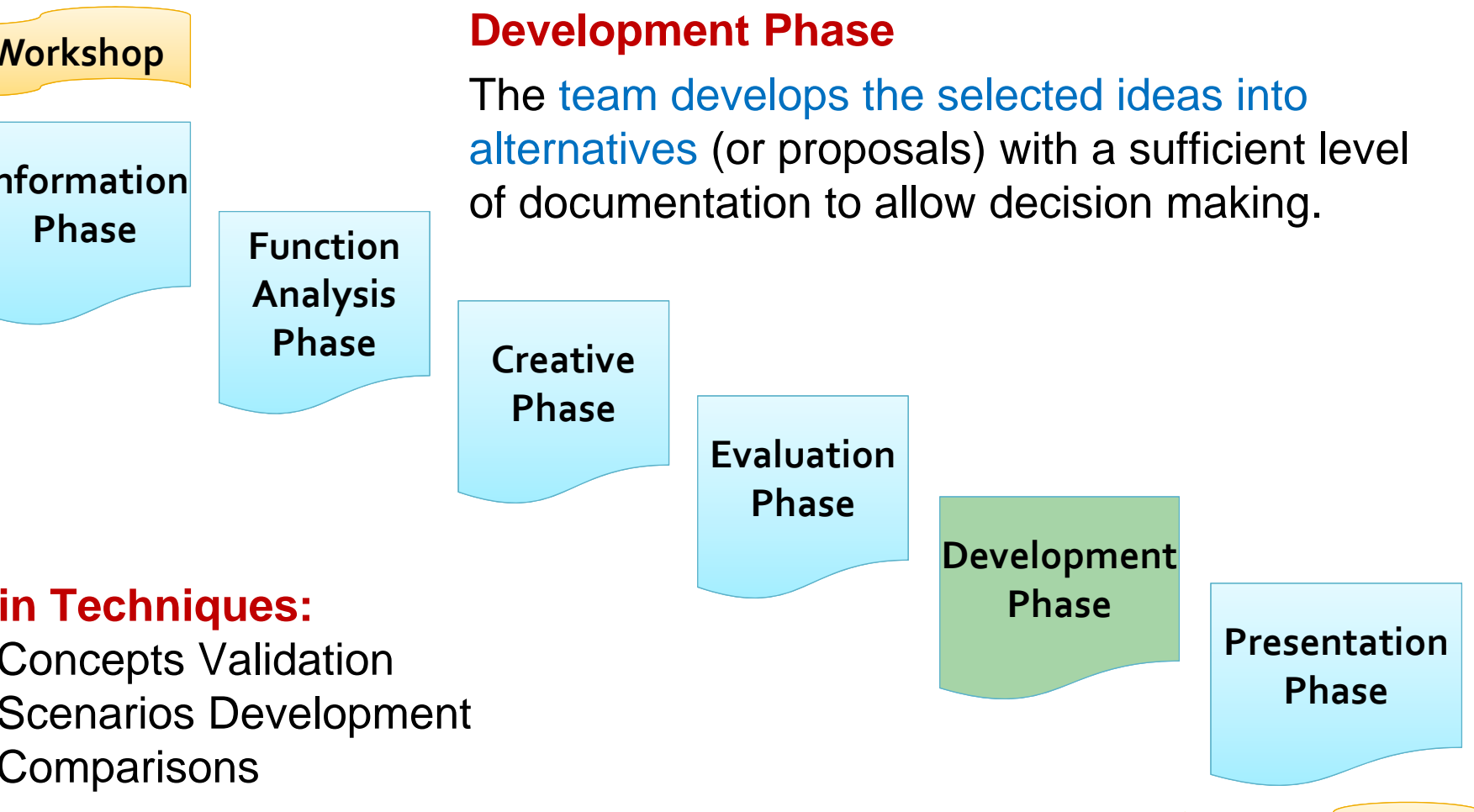
## in Techniques:

Weighted Evaluation

30/20 Principle

Voting

# Value Engineering Methodology



# Value Engineering Methodology

Workshop

Information Phase

Function Analysis Phase

## Presentation Phase

The team leader develops a report and/or presentation that documents and conveys the adequacy of the alternative(s) developed and the associated value improvement opportunity.

Creative Phase

Evaluation Phase

Development Phase

Presentation Phase

## Main Techniques

Oral Presentation  
Written Report  
Answer Questions



# Value Engineering Methodology

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Creative  
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Development  
Phase

Presentation  
Phase

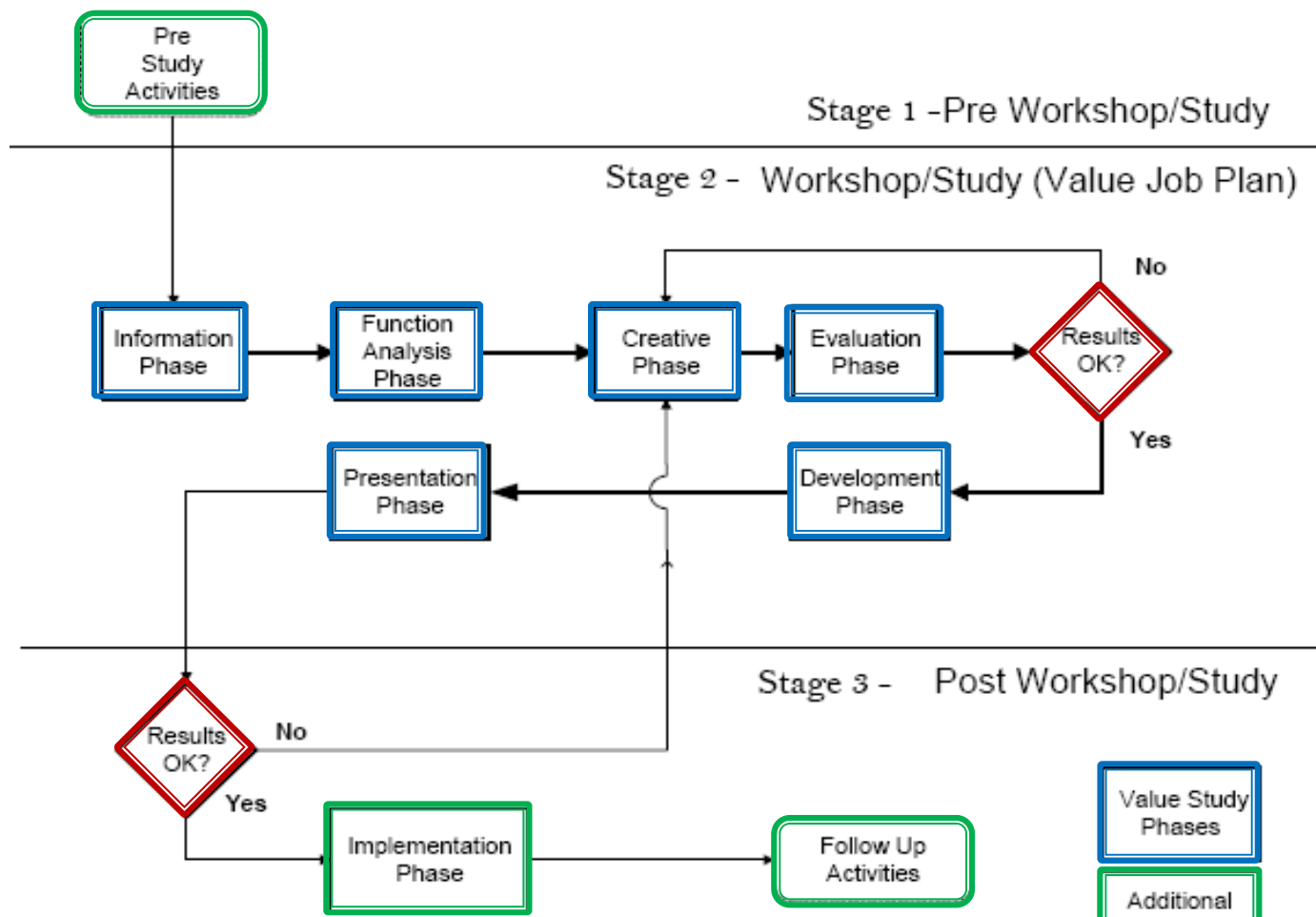
## Post-Workshop

Ensure accepted value alternatives are implemented and that the benefits projected by the Value Study have been realized.

## Key Question:

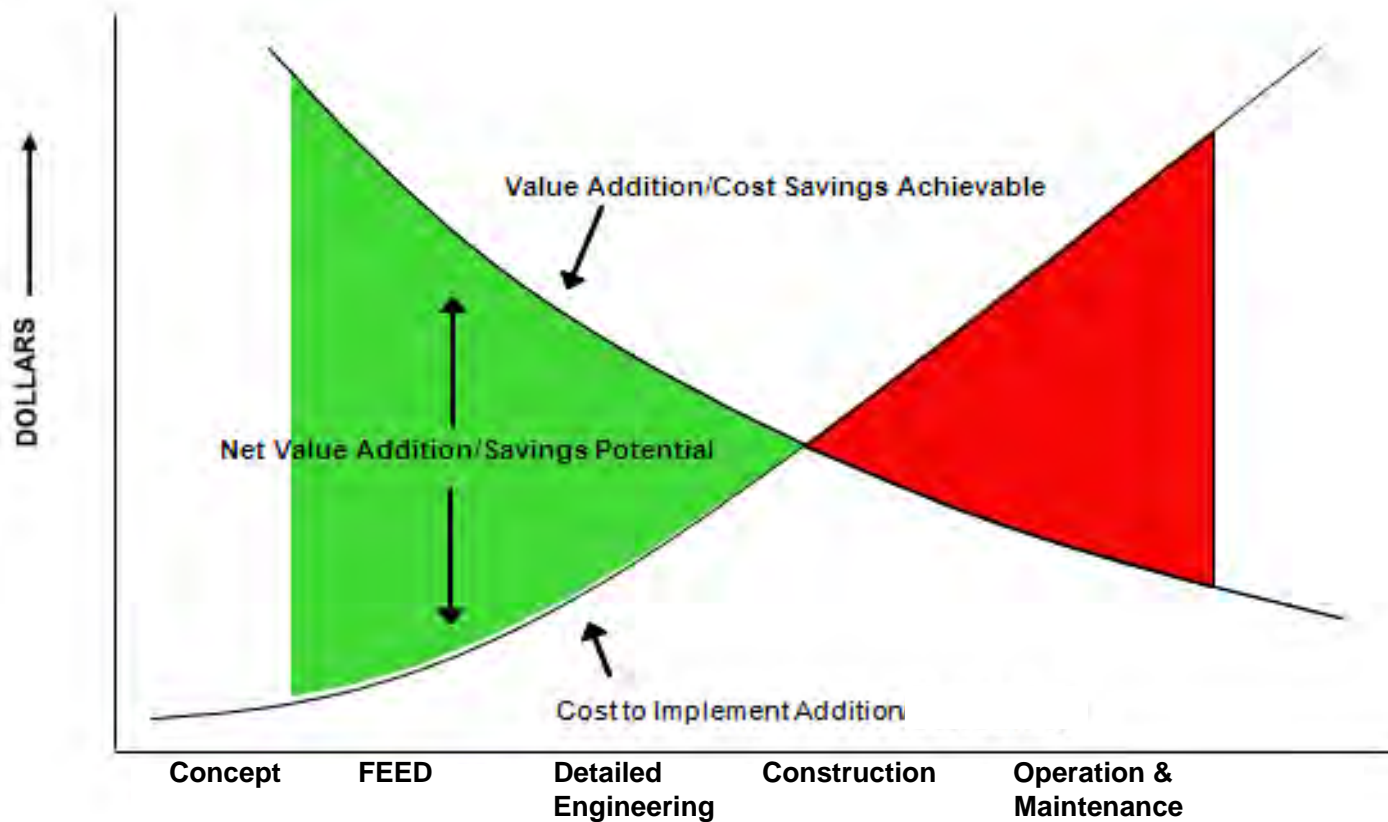
What are the solution changes, and how the project team manage them?

# Value Engineering Methodology



# Highlights

## Timing for VE – Why is earlier better?



# Highlights

## Value Engineering Participants in Oil & Gas Projects

**Multi-disciplined team members** – process, rotating equipment, materials, and other disciplines with large cost impact.

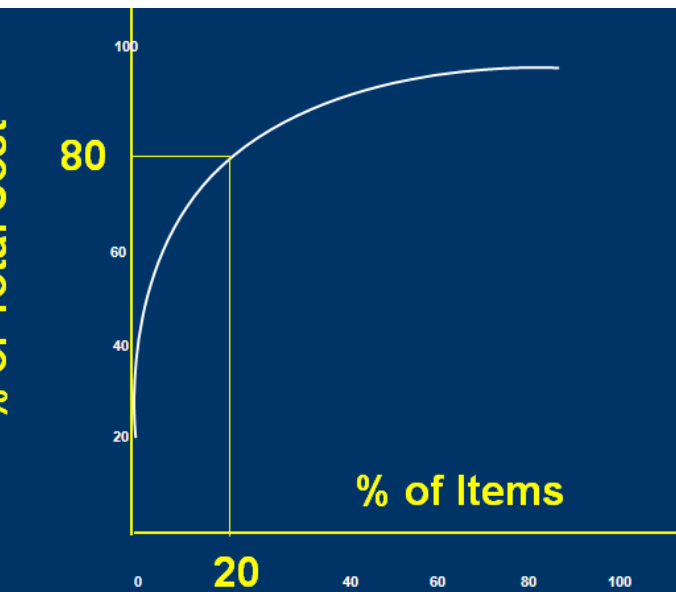
**Supporting team members** – cost estimator, planner, construction specialist.

**Facilitators** – engineering management and project management.

**Operation Specialists** – essential

# Highlights

## Pareto's Rule The 80/20 Principle



significant  
few

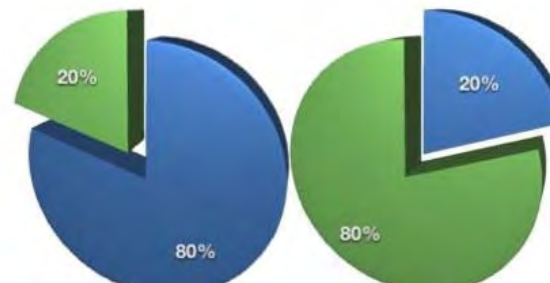
20%

80%

insignificant  
many

80%

20%



Due to limitations in time and resources in value engineering exercises, the 80/20 Principle is

# Highlights

## Cost vs. Worth

**Cost** is measured by the monetary value given for a required function.

**Worth** may be determined by the least cost to perform the required function.

Worth, on the other hand, is assessed using tools such as [Need-Want-Desire](#).



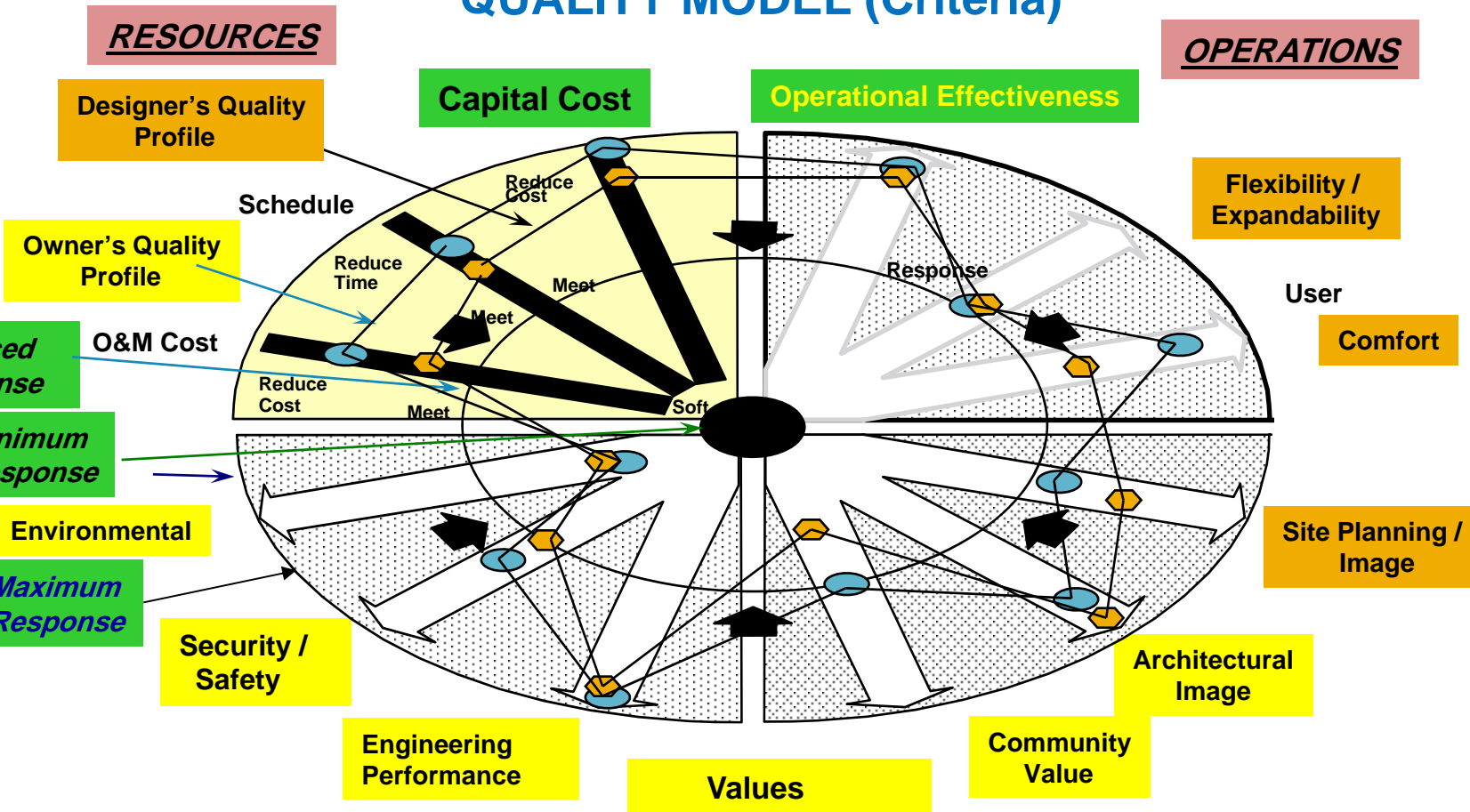
# Highlights

## Cost vs. Worth

In functional analysis, it is useful to introduce the **cost-worth ratio (value index)** in order to help focusing on items with higher ratios.

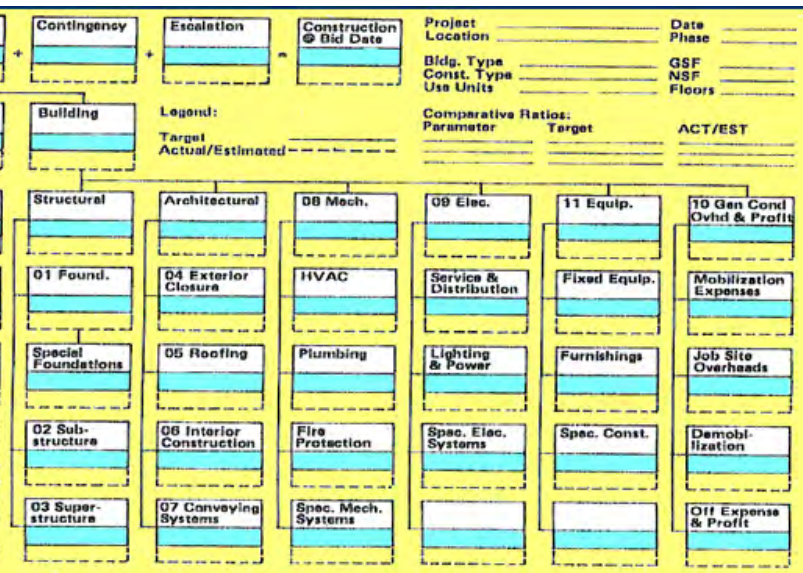
# Highlights

## QUALITY MODEL (Criteria)



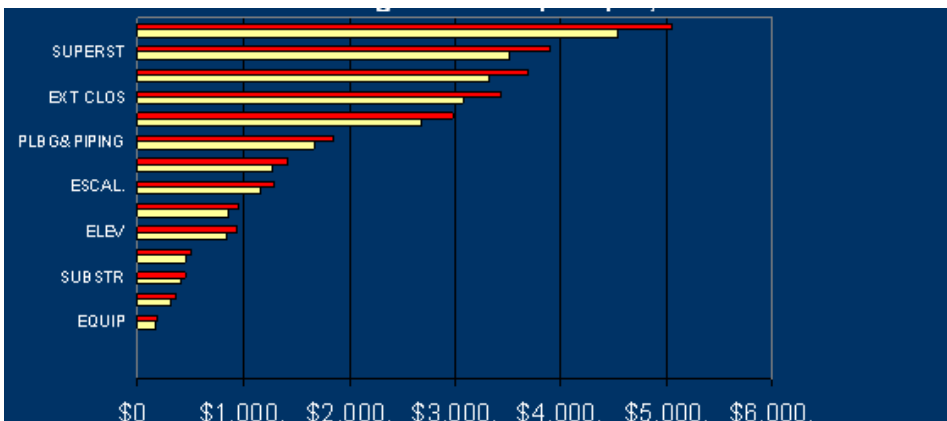


# Highlights



Cost MODEL

## FUNCTION COST-WORTH MODEL



# Highlights

Two essential tools and techniques used in  
the Value Study are:

- ❑ Function Analysis System Technique  
(FAST diagram)
- ❑ Weighted Evaluation Template

# Break



# FAST Diagram

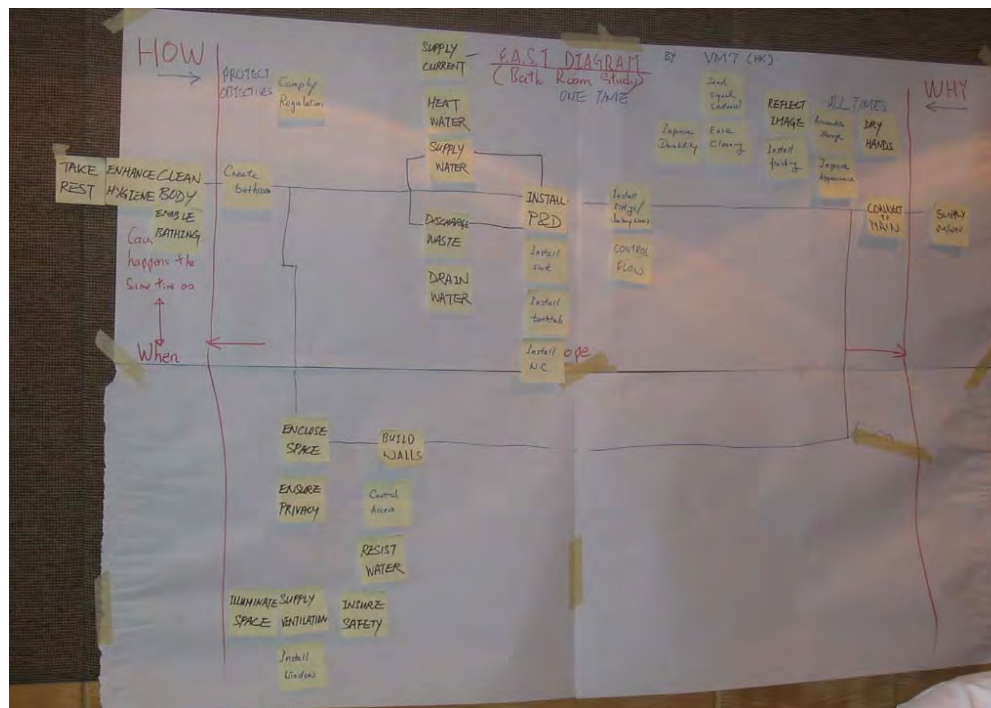
## FUNCTION ANALYSIS

Component	Function Verb	Function Noun	P = Primary S = Secondary FUNCTION	Comment	Cost S	Worth S
Worth Ratios = C/W					C	W

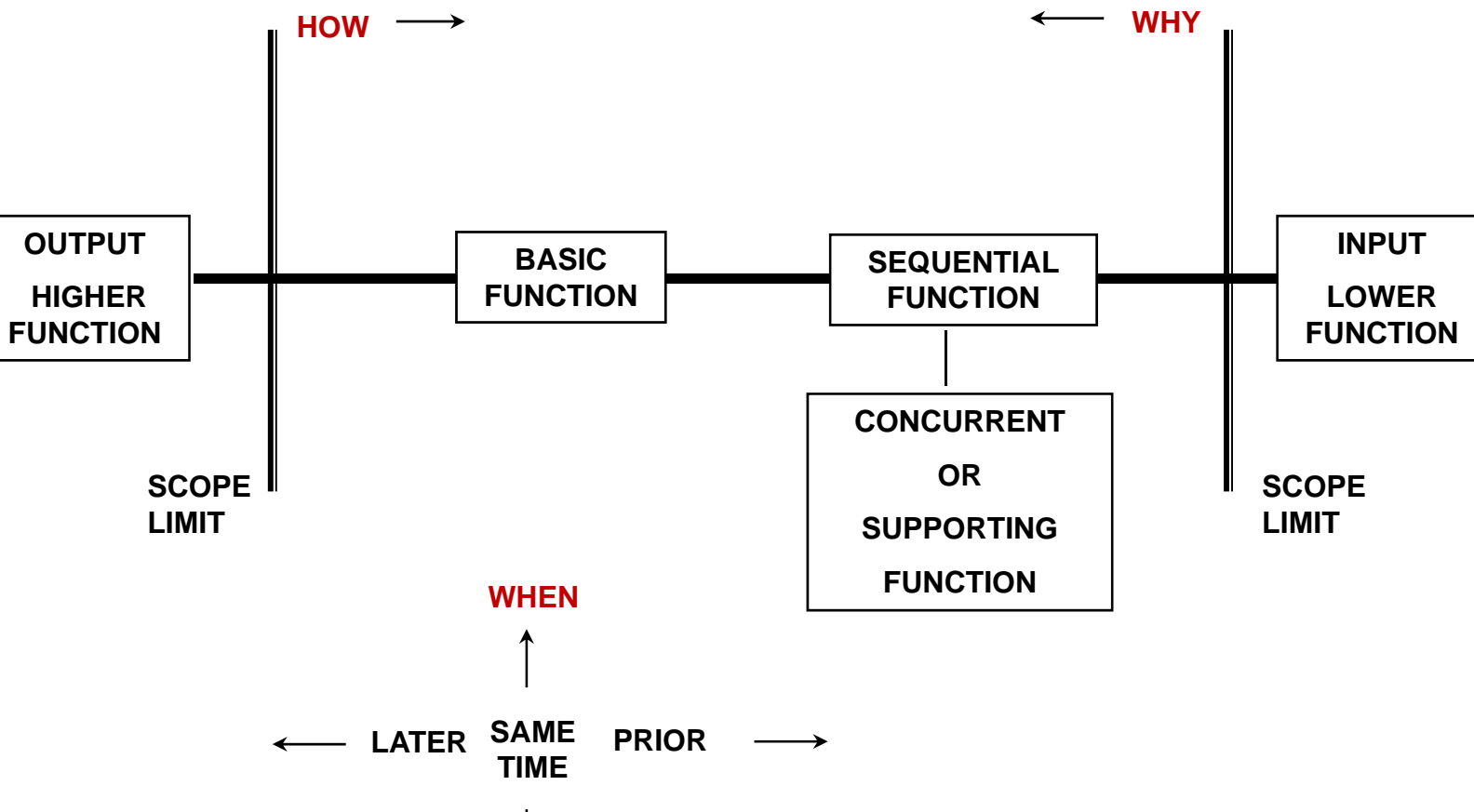
# FAST Diagram

## Function Analysis System Techniques (FAST):

Function displaying  
the interrelationship of  
functions to each other  
in a “**how-why**” logic.



# FAST Diagram



# Project Example

Plan for field development in an oil and gas company  
needed to increase the **liquid handling capacity** in order  
to **sustain the crude production rate**.

Due to aging of the oilfield, **water cut**, which is currently  
15%, is being increased and expected to reach 30%  
within 7 years and 50% within 15 years.

# Project Example

The conceptual studies adopted the approaches to increase overall crude rate by **artificial lifting** for recovery improvement including **water injection**, **gas lift**, and **electrical submersible pumps**.

The need to establish a project for the following

capabilities was demonstrated :



# Project Example

Install new **offshore flow stations** contain oil/gas separators, pumps and transmission pipelines to onshore.

Expand **onshore inlet separators'** capacities to accommodate the increased production volumes.

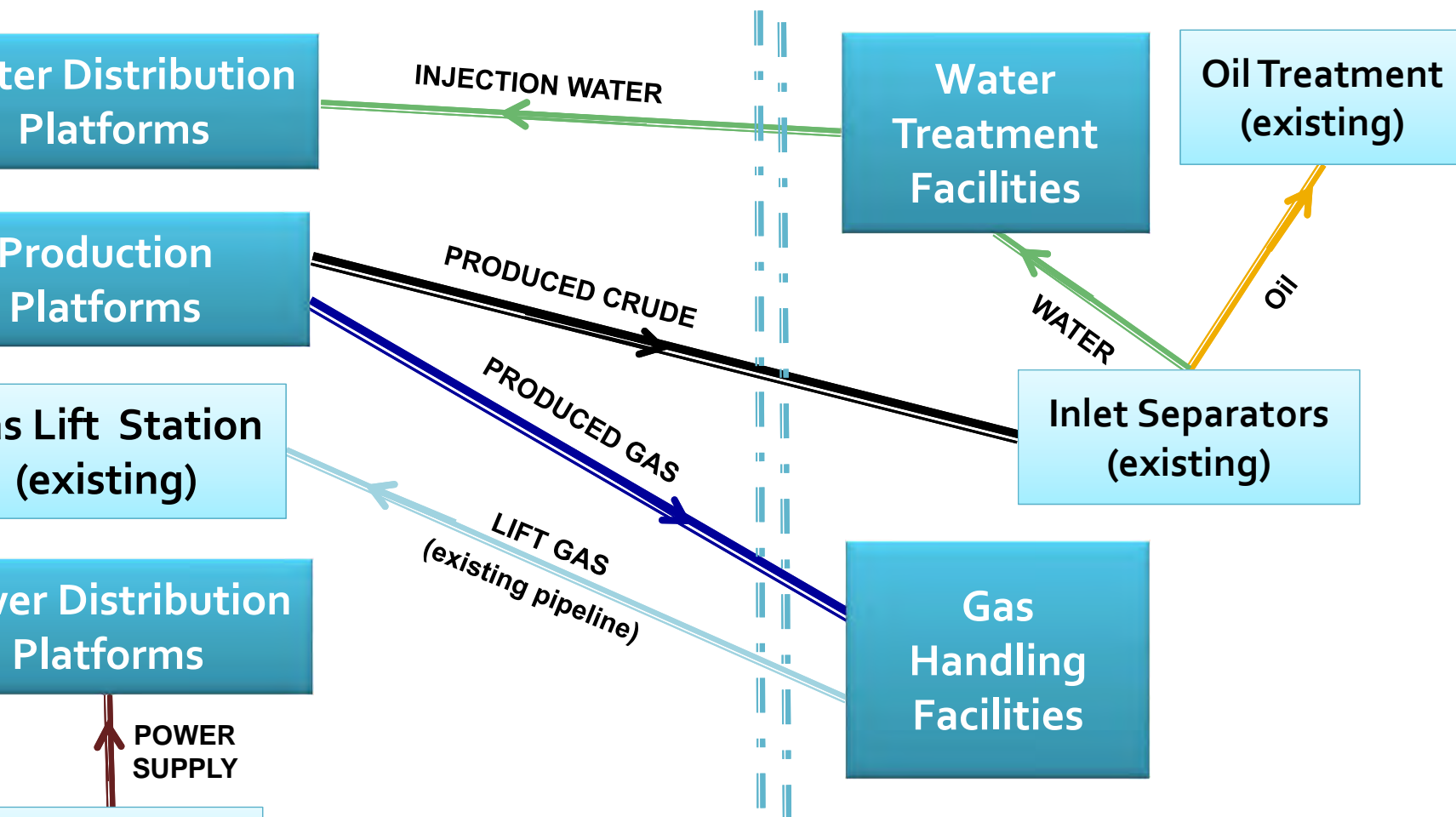
Expand the **water treatment facilities** to accommodate the increased water.

Install **water distribution platforms** for injection of the treated water including onshore injection pumps and submarine pipeline.

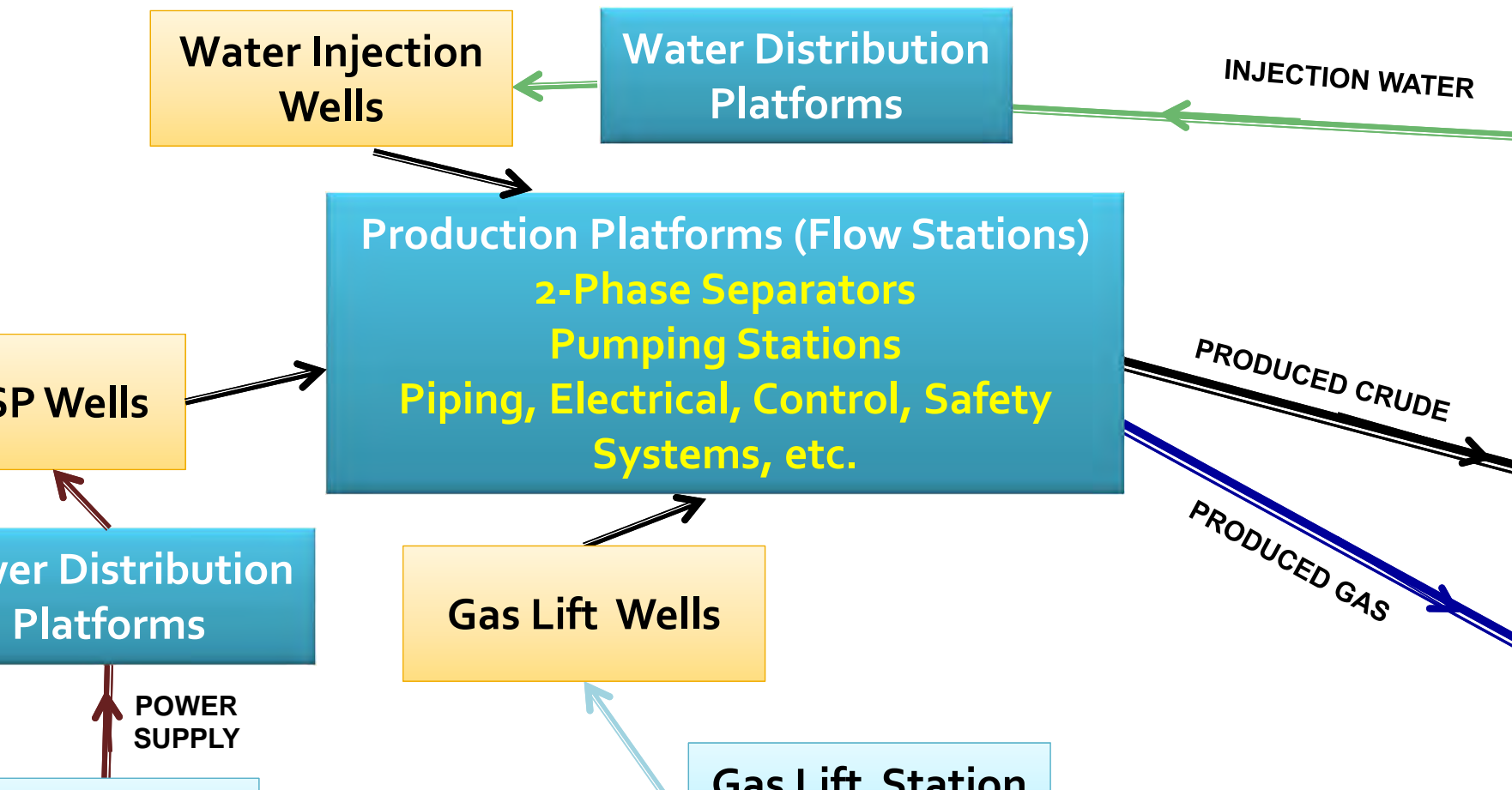
Install **onshore gas compressors** for gas lift operations.

Install new **power distribution platforms** and submarine cables to

# Project Example



# Project Example



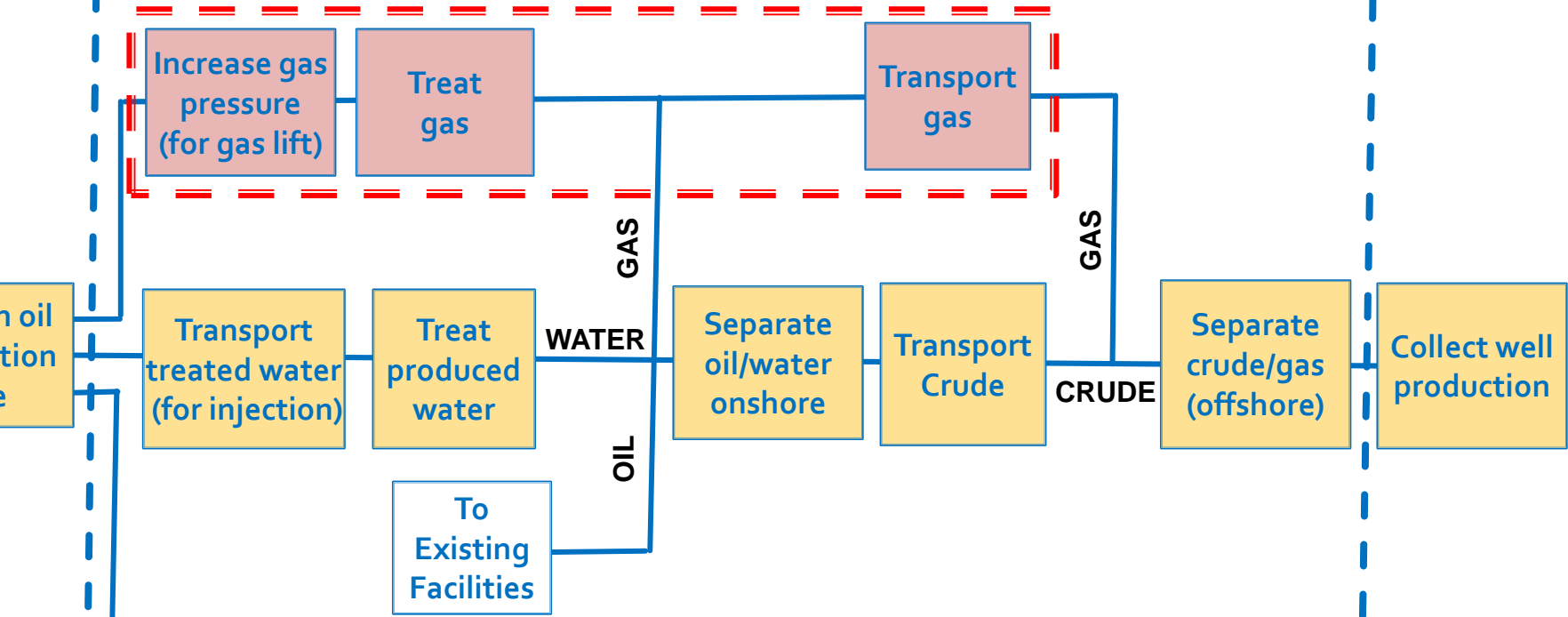
# Project Example

to optimize **functionality** and **costs**, a Value Engineering study was initiated to take place with the following purpose statement:

“Maximize project returns by eliminating non-value adding low-value adding components of the project and increase capital effectiveness by minimizing the capital expenditure required to meet project objectives.”

# Exercise

## FAST Diagram Oilfield Development Plan

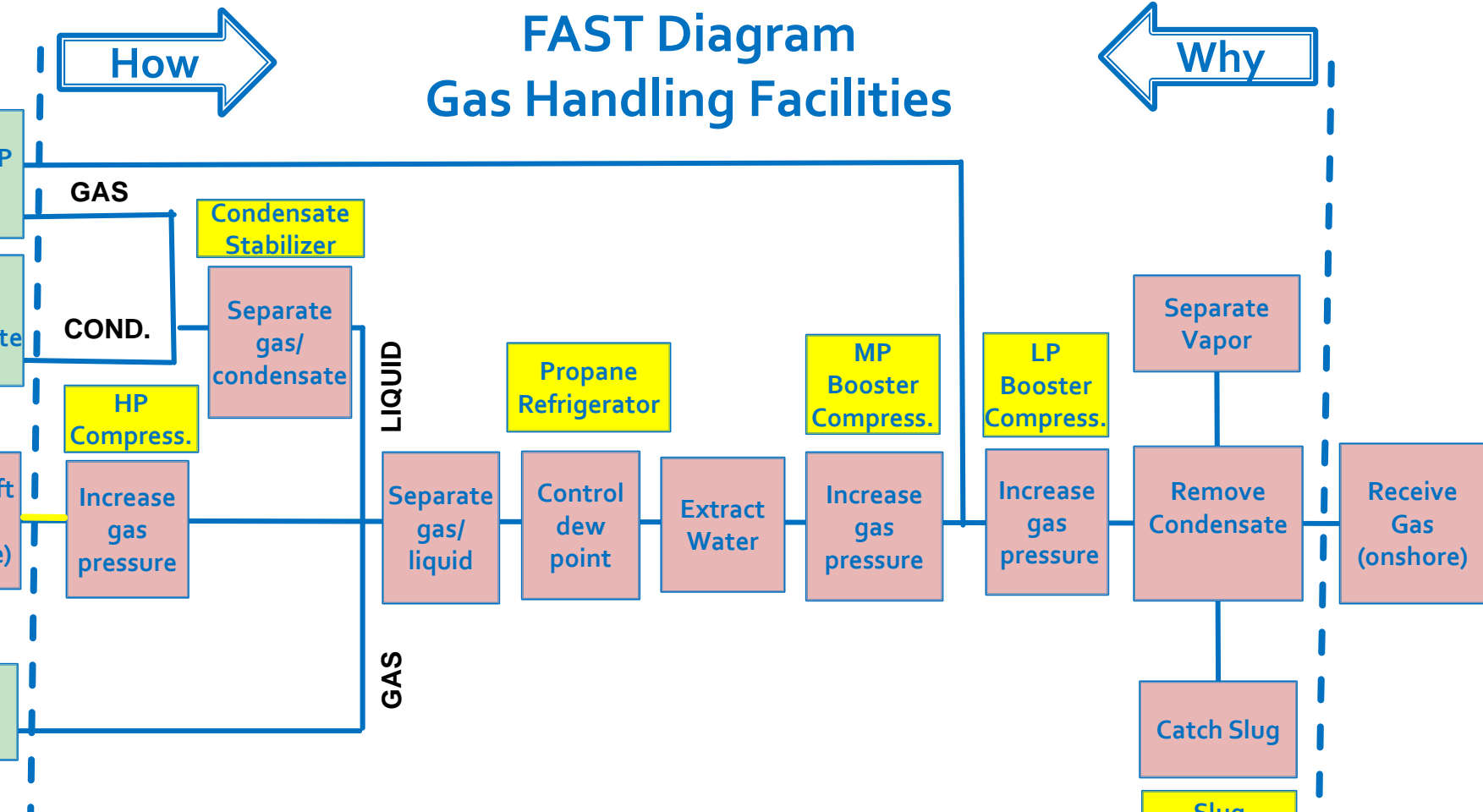


# Exercise

## FAST Diagram Gas Handling Facilities

How

Why



# Project Example

Upon completing the value engineering workshop,  
the following results were presented:

Potential cost saving estimated at approximately **US\$ 42 MM**

(Capex 28 MM and Opex 14 MM).

Optimized onshore and offshore facilities and operations.

Maximized availability of water treatment facilities.

Optimized expandability of water treatment facilities.

Maximized controllability of gas handling facilities.

Optimized plot area of gas handling facilities

# Project Example

on proceeding with implementation phase, a proven cost saving of **\$ 34 MM** (Capex US\$ 24 MM and Opex US\$ 10 MM) was justified.

following items were key potential output (only few listed):

Postpone two 12" interconnecting submarine pipelines.

Eliminate the MP compressors and adjust LP & HP compressors.

Change compressor drivers from gas turbines to 13.2 kV induction motors.

Utilize existing slug catcher.

Utilize existing 12" submarine gas pipeline in reverse flow.

Optimize sparing configuration of nutshell filters.

Eliminate the internal FBE coating for the 20" water injection pipeline.



# FAST Diagram (RECAPPING)

Identify functions (**verb + noun**), not equipment.

Breakdown large complex problem into **manageable pieces**.

Use it as good basis for **brainstorming**.

Look for **non-value adding steps**;

Functions that you **Do** and then **Undo**:

- Cool off, then heat
- Solidify, then melt
- Let down, then re-pressure
- Dissolve, then dry

Observe **value index**.

# Weighted Evaluation Technique

The **weighted evaluation technique** can be useful when there are a number of elements in the project criteria

The pre determined criteria for value may include:

- Capex
- Opex
- Area-Space Utilization
- Execution Schedule
- Construction Effectiveness
- Operation Efficiency
- Ease of Operation
- Ease of Maintenance

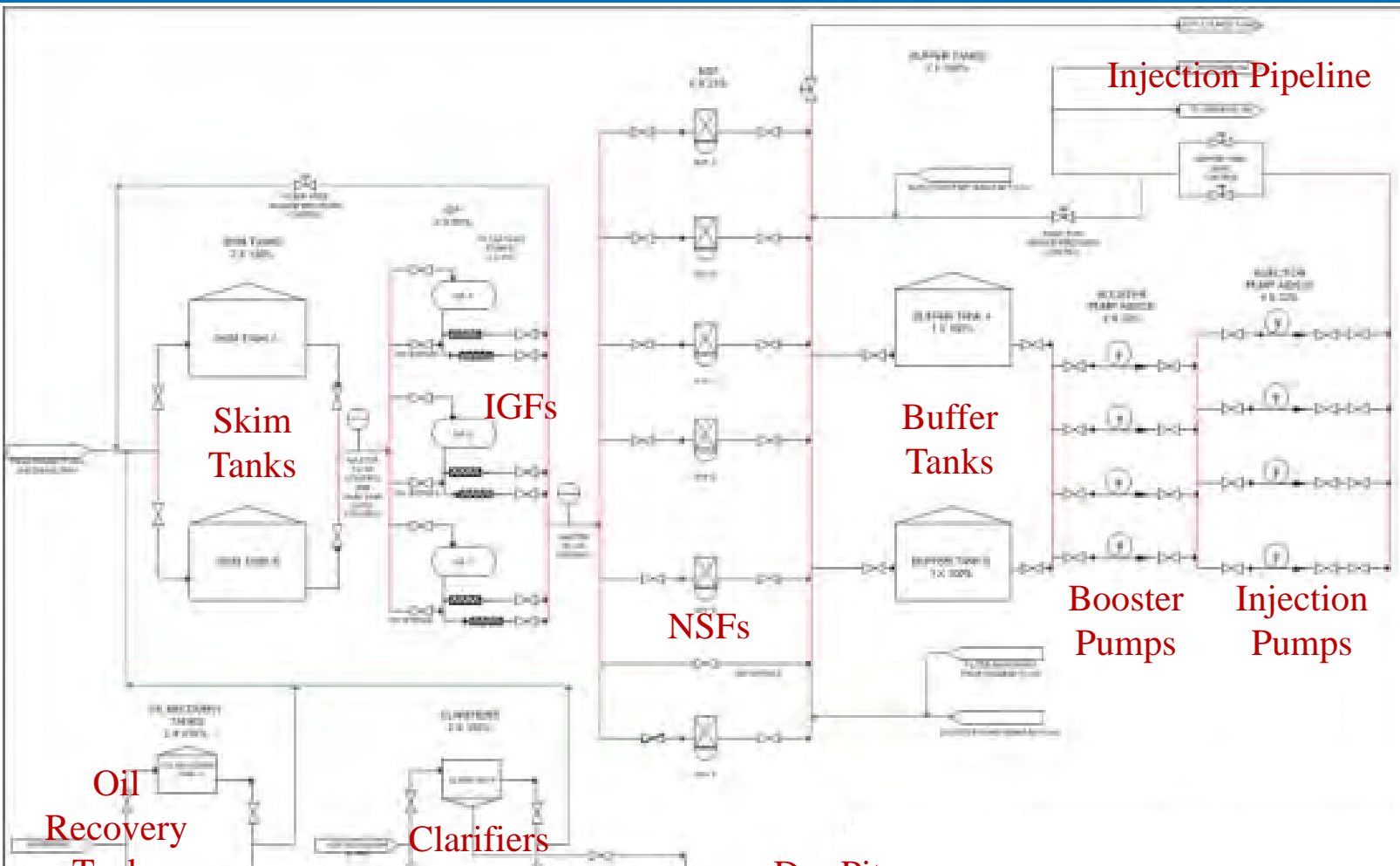


# Weighted Evaluation Technique

## Two Main Steps to Conduct Weighted Evaluation

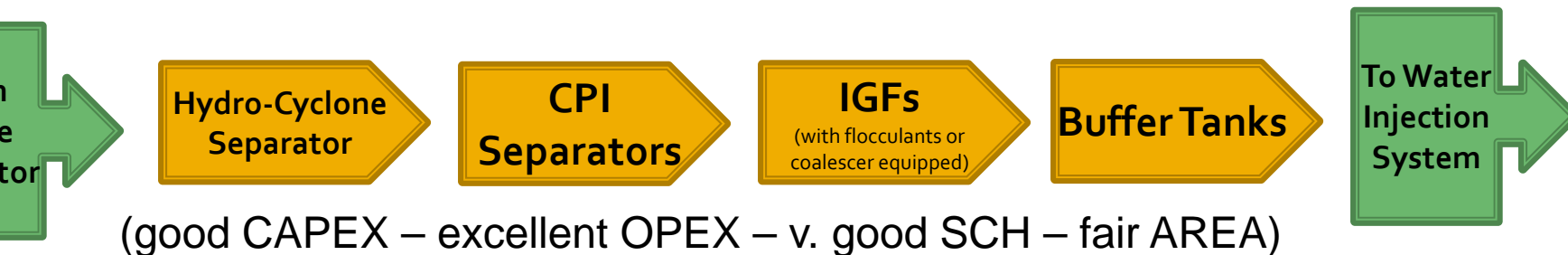
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<b>Compare and weight the criteria</b> to be used in the evaluation of ideas/systems.	<b>Compare and rank the ideas</b> that were generated in the previous steps.
What is the relative preference among the criteria:	To which extent a criterion is satisfied by an idea/alternative:
4 = Major preference 3 = Medium preference 2 = Minor preference 1 = Equal preference	5 = Excellent 4 = Very Good 3 = Good 2 = Fair

# Exercise



# Exercise

Evaluate two alternatives for Water Treatment Facilities against four criteria (CAPEX, OPEX, EXEC SCHEDULE, PLOT AREA)



Consider that the most important criteria for this project is the **CAPEX**. Both the **OPEX** and **PLOT AREA** are of the same importance.



# Final Thought

# Critical Success Factors for VE

## Methodology

systematically follow value engineering job plan.

## Participants

ensure right attitude, appropriate participants, awareness of process.

## Timing

be applied at the optimum time in the project and initiated in the front-end phase.

## Integration

be made a focused event and seen as an integral part of the



# Critical Success Factors for VE

## Workshop Facilitation

probe with right questions, use appropriate tools, manage the process, maintain momentum of team, etc.

## Documentation

be fully documented.

## Management of Process

ensure clear objectives, timelines, follow-up actions, review and feedback.

## Executive Support

be promoted and sponsored by senior management

**Better – Cheaper – Faster – Safer**

**PROJECTS**

Appropriate application of **Value Engineering**

at the **Right Time**

with the **Right Participants**

can help achieve

**World-Class Project Performance.**



**THANK YOU**