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## **Estimating the Risk of Technology Development**

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### **When do you do risk analysis ?**

**Risk analysis and response planning must be done during the initial planning phase of the project. Ideally, risk analysis and response planning is done during the project proposal phase and revisited on a regular basis.**

*"70% of a project's cost at completion is committed by the time the first 5% of the project's budget is actually spent."*

## The Elements of Risk

Risk is composed of TWO elements:

1.) The UNCERTAINTY (expressed as a probability (Pf) of achieving a project performance objective

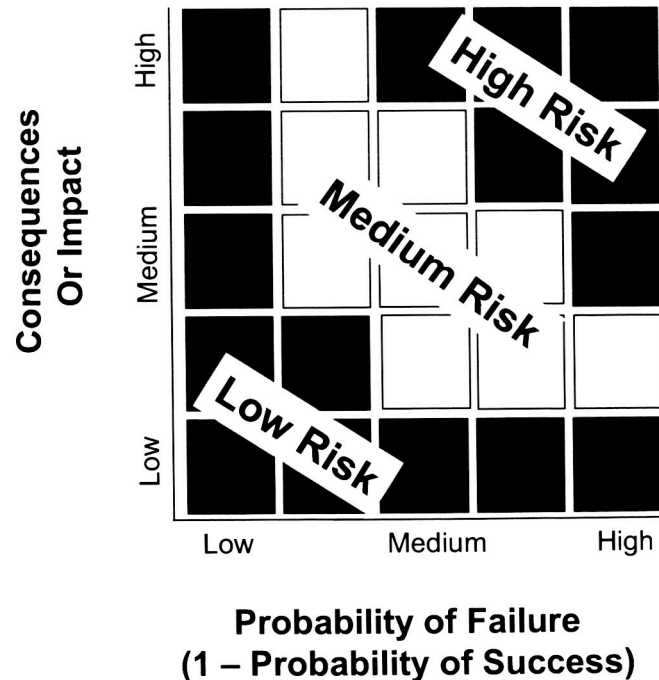
AND,

2.) The CONSEQUENCES (Cf) of a risk event

$$\text{Risk} = \text{Pf} \times \text{Cf}$$

Caution is needed, of course in using this approach. It is necessary to be wary of multiplying 2 pieces of information together to produce a figure which may make an account's eyes light up but be of little practical value to a project manager.

## Risk Assessment Matrix



## **Characterization of Technology Risk**

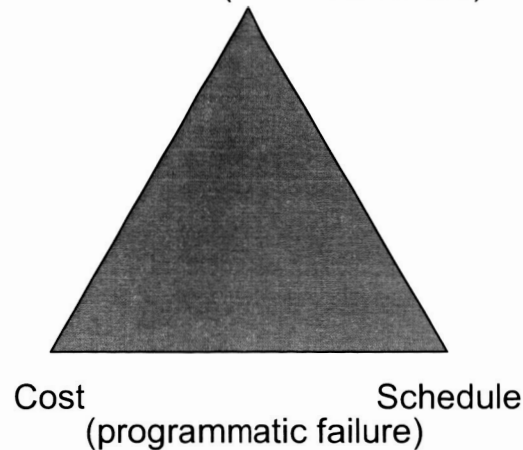
(utilization for system development)

- Probability of failure to:
  - Reach maturity for system integration (programmatic failure)
  - And meet Technical Performance Measures goals (technical failure)
  
- Impact on overall system performance of failing to meet TPM goals

## **Measures of Probability of Failure**

- The Probability of Failure is measured by the three measures used for programs or projects - cost, schedule, and performance.

Performance (technical failure)



## **Measures of Programmatic Failure**

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- **Development difficulty**
  - **Technology Readiness Level Gap (Initial to TRL6)**
  - Research and Development Degree of Difficulty
  - TPM gap
- **Requirements, requirements flowdown, interface requirements, etc.**
- **Schedule**
  - Defined schedule showing maturity increasing/adequate analysis and testing
  - Critical Path
  - Adequate slack
  - High risk items, work around
  - Exit criteria for every milestone
- **Cost**
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- **Management and technical team (experienced)**

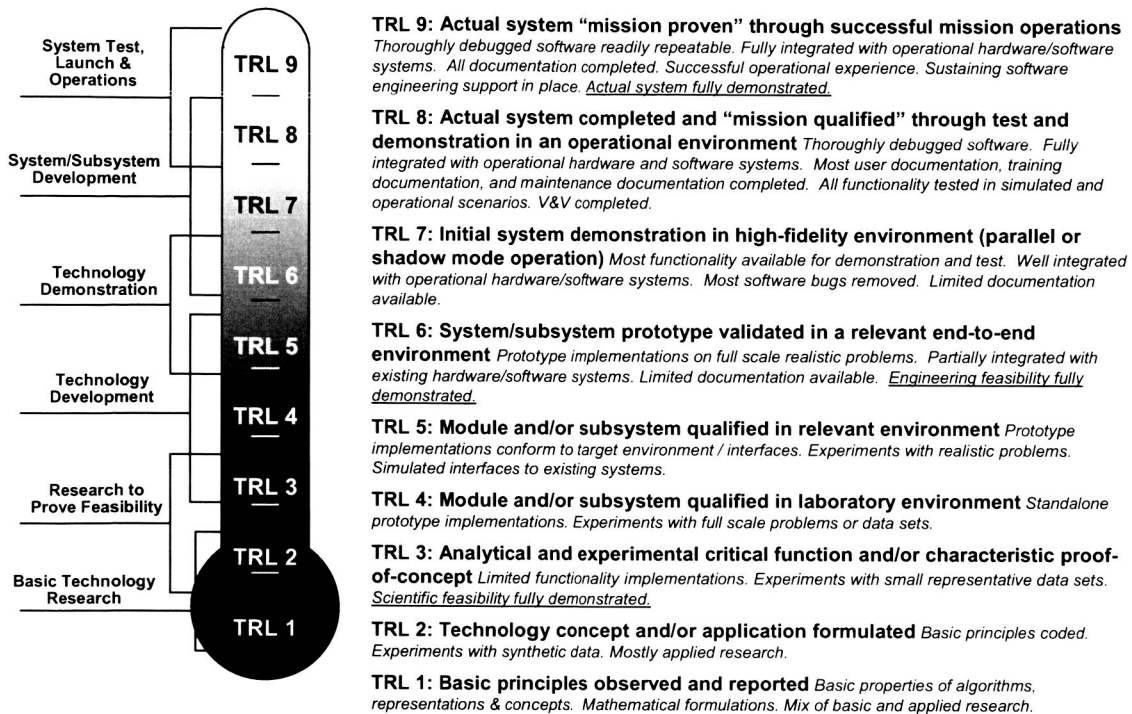
## **NASA's TECHNOLOGY READINESS LEVEL (Scale for Tracking Risk Reduction)**

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- 9 - Actual system "flight proven" on operational flight
- 8 - Actual system completed and "flight qualified" through test and demonstration
- 7 - System prototype demonstrated in flight
- 6 - System/Subsystem (*configuration*) model or prototype demonstrated/validation in a relevant environment
- 5 - Component (or breadboard) verification in a relevant environment
- 4 - Component and/or breadboard test in a laboratory environment
- 3 - Analytical & experimental critical function, or characteristic proof-of-concept, or completed design
- 2 - Technology concept and/or application formulated (candidate selected)
- 1 - Basic principles observed and reported

**Technology Readiness Level of 6 is usually  
required for Development**

# NASA's Technology Readiness Levels (Software)



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## **Research and Development Degree of Difficulty (RD<sup>3</sup>)**

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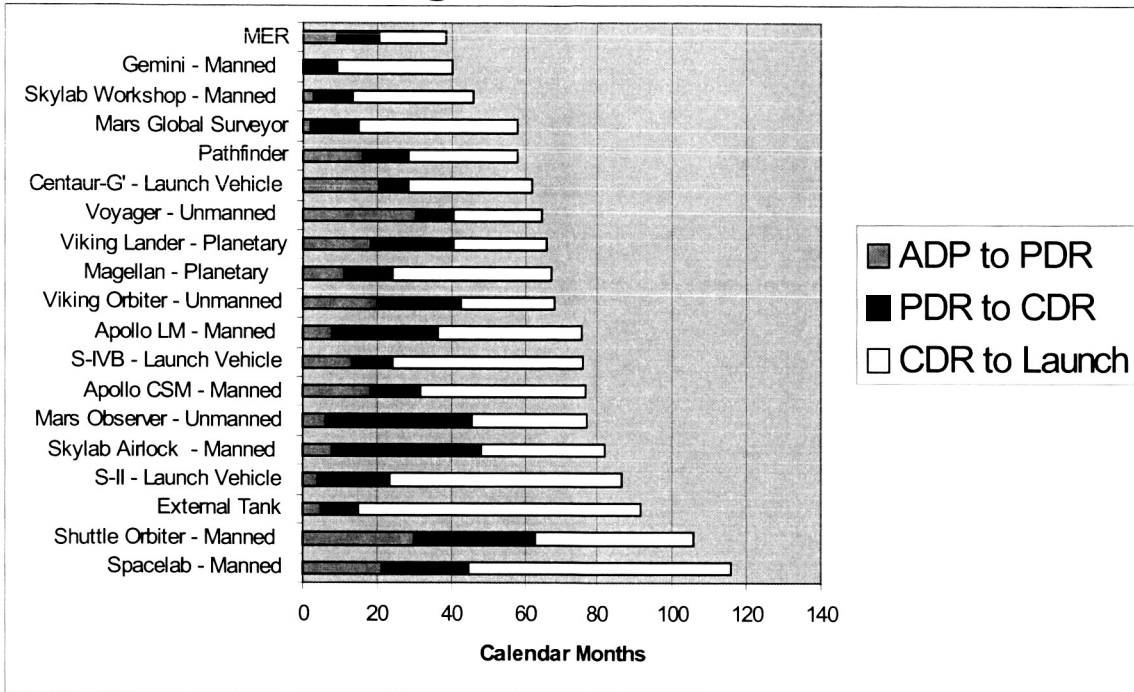
- I** A very low degree of difficulty is anticipated in achieving research and development objectives for this technology.
- Probability of Success in "Normal" R&D Effort > 99%
- II** A moderate degree of difficulty should be anticipated in achieving R&D objectives for this technology.
- Probability of Success in "Normal" R&D Effort > 90%
- III** A high degree of difficulty anticipated in achieving R&D objectives for this technology.
- Probability of Success in "Normal" R&D Effort > 80%
- IV** A very high degree of difficulty anticipated in achieving R&D objectives for this technology.
- Probability of Success in "Normal" R&D Effort > 50%
- V** The degree of difficulty anticipated in achieving R&D objectives for this technology is so high that a fundamental breakthrough is required.
- Probability of Success in "Normal" R&D Effort > 20%

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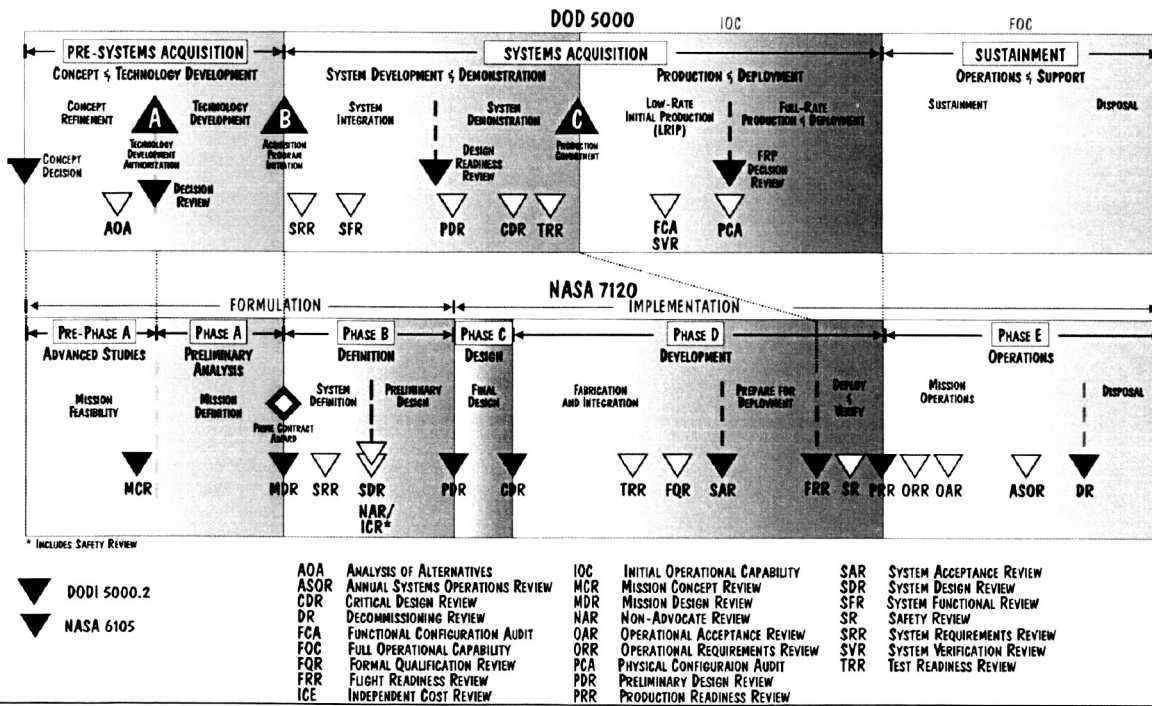
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# NASA Program Schedule Actuals



# Life Cycle Milestones

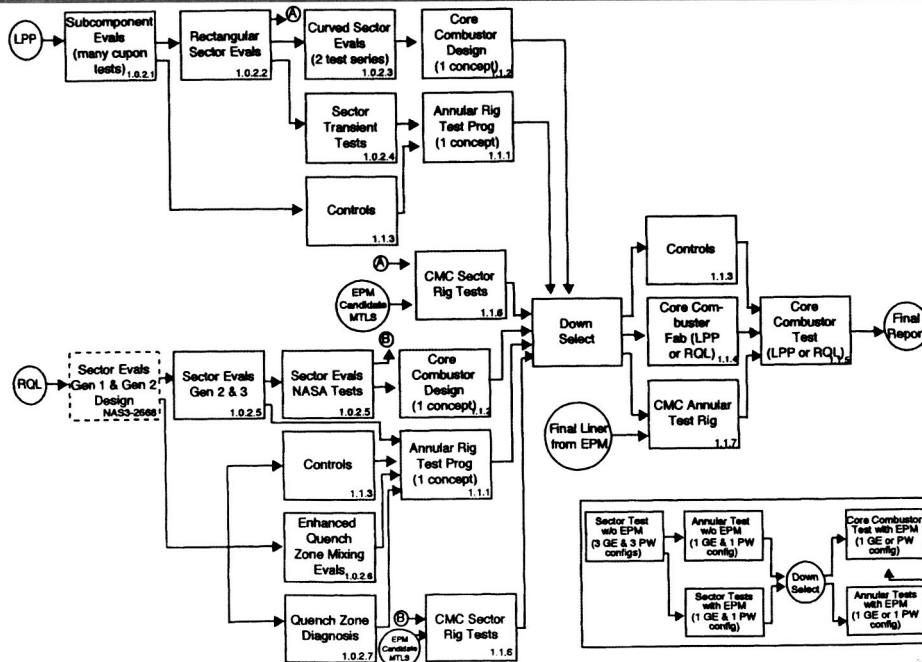


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  - Basis of costs (FTEs, facilities, hardware, etc.)
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## Low NOx Combustor

### 1-Pager Work Logic







# Low NOx Combustor

## 1-Pager Cost Distribution

		94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	Total
1.0.2	Combustor Supt Tech	3	3.6	.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2
	P	-	2.5	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0
	G	-	3.3	3.1	2.0	1.2	1.1	1	-	-	10.8
	N	-	3.3	3.1	2.0	1.2	1.1	1	-	-	10.8
	T	3	9.4	6.0	2.0	1.2	1.1	1	-	-	20.1
1.1.1	Annular Combustor Rig	4	2.9	2.6	4	-	-	-	-	-	6.3
	P	2	4.3	6.8	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	12.9
	G	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	T	6	7.1	9.5	1.9	-	-	-	-	-	19.2
1.1.2	Core Combustor Design	-	2	3.0	3.6	1.1	.8	6	4	-	9.9
	P	-	2	1.5	2.0	.7	.1	1	2	-	4.6
	G	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	T	-	4	4.5	5.6	1.8	.9	7	5	-	14.5
1.1.3	Low NOx Combustor Controls Dev	-	4	5	6	4	1.0	9	3	-	4.0
	P	-	1	8	4	1	2	-	-	-	1.6
	G	-	2	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	7
	N	-	2	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	7
	T	1	1.4	1.1	9	7	1.0	9	3	-	6.3
1.1.4	Core Engine Combustor Fab	-	-	-	-	5	1.0	5	-	-	2.1
	P	-	-	-	-	1	1.6	-	-	-	1.7
	G	-	-	-	-	6	2.6	5	-	-	3.8
	N	-	-	-	-	6	2.6	5	-	-	3.8
	T	-	-	-	-	6	2.6	5	-	-	3.8
1.1.5	Core Engine Test	-	-	-	-	5	.1	3.4	3.3	-	7.3
	P	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	1	-	6
	G	-	-	-	-	6	1.2	7.2	4.5	-	13.5
	N	-	-	-	-	6	1.2	7.2	4.5	-	13.5
	T	-	-	-	-	6	1.2	7.2	4.5	-	13.5
1.1.6	CMC Combustor Sector Rig	-	3	7	1.6	-	-	-	-	-	2.7
	P	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
	G	-	-	9	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
	N	-	-	9	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
	T	-	3	9	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	3.0
1.1.7	CMC Annular Combustor Rig Test	-	1	1	-	2	2	-	-	-	7
	P	-	2	8	.7	2.6	1.3	1	-	-	5.6
	G	-	3	9	.7	2.8	1.5	1	-	-	6.3
	N	-	3	9	.7	2.8	1.5	1	-	-	6.3
	T	-	3	9	.7	2.8	1.5	1	-	-	6.3
Total	P	7	7.4	7.3	6.3	2.5	3.1	5.6	4.0	-	36.9
	G	3	7.8	11.6	4.5	1.8	4.5	1.7	4	-	32.6
	N	-	3.52	3.5	2.2	1.3	2.0	3.6	1.0	-	17.2
	T	1.0	18.6	22.3	13.0	5.6	9.6	10.9	5.4	1	86.7

## Minimal Technology Data Sheet

Contact Information			
Person Providing Data:		Secondary Contact:	
Phone:		Phone:	
Email Address:		Email Address:	

Capability:	
Capability Impact:	(see chart 1-10)
Impact Rationale:	

Technology Project Name:	
Description	Objectives, Scope, State of the Art and Improvements to SOA (Gap assessment), Heritage of Technology (evolution or revolution path)

Technology Maturity	
Current TRL (1-6)	(List/Describe Characteristics of Technology or Your Rationale for Qualifying it at the TRL noted.)
Time to mature to TRL=6, yrs	(use technology development schedule to show TRL progression)
Total cost to obtain TRL=6	(full cost including workforce, contracts, hardware, infra-structure, test facilities use and/or improvements, etc)
Research Degree of Difficulty (1-5)	(List/Describe Characteristics of Technology or Your Rationale for Qualifying it at the RD <sup>3</sup> noted.)

Dependence on other technologies to meet capability expectations			
Technologies	Developers	Funded or Unfunded	

Technical Performance Measures	State of Art Value	Projected Value	Probability
(e.g. weight, power, etc.) and Units		Value at end of development program	Probability of meeting performance by technology development date.

Technology Development Schedule			
Year	Milestone	TRL	Cost

Impact

Cost and Credibility

Difficulty

Meets architecture ATP schedule

## Assessing Technology Risk Using AHP (Analytical Hierarchical Process)

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- The AHP is based on the hierarchical decomposition of the prioritization or forecasting criteria down to the level at which the decision or forecast alternatives can be pair-wise compared for relative strength against the criteria.
- The pair-wise comparisons are made by the participating experts and translated onto a numerical ratio scale.
- The AHP mathematical model then uses the input pair-wise comparisons data to compute priorities or forecast distributions as appropriate.

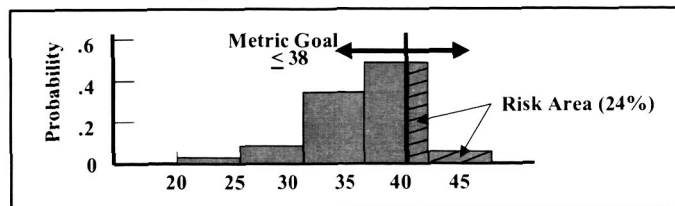
### Analytical Hierarchical Process

#### Individual Assessment

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Metric Interval	Most Likely	Relative Likelihood	
20 to 25 Units	<input type="radio"/>	5%	As likely as 35 to 40
25 to 30	<input type="radio"/>	25%	As likely as 35 to 40
30 to 35	<input type="radio"/>	75%	As likely as 35 to 40
35 to 40	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	100%	Most likely interval
45 to 50	<input type="radio"/>	10%	As likely as 35 to 40

#### Integrated Group Assessment



## Technology Risk Assessment – Phase 3 Summary Of Airframe Risk Assessments

TA	TECHNOLOGY PROJECT	COST	SCHED	TECH
2	STRUCTURAL HEALTH MONITORING – NORTHROP GRUMMAN			
2	METALLIC CRYOTANK - BOEING			
2	CERAMIC MATRIX HOT STRUCTURES - MRD			
2	DURABLE ACREAGE CERAMIC TPS - BOEING			
2	DURABLE ACREAGE METALLIC TPS - OCEANEERING			
2	INTEGRATED AERO-THERMAL & STRUCTURAL THERMAL ANALYSIS - NASA			
2	STRUCTURAL & MATERIALS/TANK/TPS INTEGRATION - NASA			
2	STAGE SEP & ASCENT AERO-THERMODYNAMICS - NASA		No Data	
2	MATERIALS & ADVANCED MANUFACTURING: PERMEABILITY RESISTANCE - NASA			
2	LIGHTWEIGHT INFORMED MICRO-METEOROID RESISTANT TPS - NASA			
2	ULTRA HIGH TEMPERATURE SHARP EDGE TPS - LMC			
2	CERAMIC MATRIX COMPOSITE – SOUTHERN RESEARCH			

## Technology Risk Assessment – Phase 3 Structural Health Monitoring (Shm)

TA-2 Airframe

Northrop Grumman

### MAJOR RISKS

- **Cost** – Cost of 8,000 sensors for full scale SHM could be very high, but is understood.
- **Schedule** – Critical schedule issue is availability of Composite Cryo-tank for testing. SHM starting at TRL 4 in 2002. No development issues affecting schedule.
- **Technical**
  - Reliability – Integration of 8,000 sensors into one reliable SHM is a risk
  - Testability - Availability of Full Scale Composite Cryo-tank for testing to achieve TRL 6

### CONTINGENCY PLAN SUGGESTION

Use a subscale tank (18 to 20 ft diameter) to test SHM system

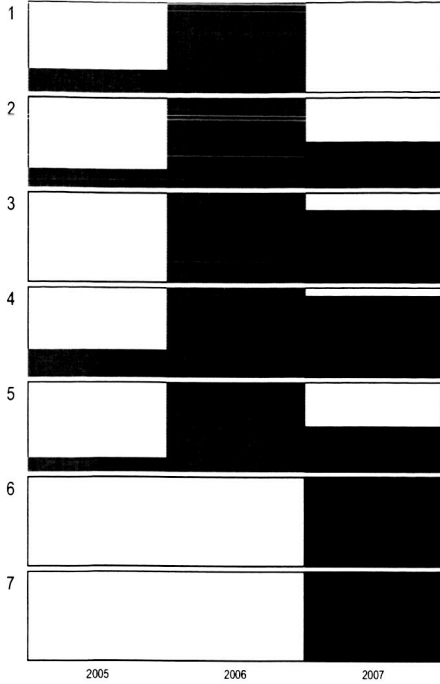
**NOTE: Only new or updated comments are contained in this report. Refer to Phase 2 report for complete evaluation. No significant change in evaluation from Phase 2.**

**Show Stopper – Lack of Funding for Composite Cryo-tank for Testing**

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# Structural Health Monitoring (Northrop Grumman)

## Development Schedule



1: They should meet this goal based on present information.

2: NGC is starting with the SHM technology at a TRL level of 4 in 2002. They have plans to develop a structural health monitoring system and integrate it into a full-scale composite cryotank and complete test in 2005 timeframe. So the critical element of this is really having available a full-scale composite tank with this system integrated into it in 2005. That's the biggest concern because the funding level could get cut on the full-scale development of a composite tank that is in a separate technology development/funding under GEN2. So, there are no major issues with respect to developing the SHM system that NGC is proposing here. The issue is with respect to the availability of a full-scale composite cryotank in 2005/2006 which could face some serious funding issues given that GEN2 is probably not going to carry two tanks to TRL = 6 (metallic and composite).

5: If funding is maintained for the duration of the project, it is probable that it will come in on schedule.

7: There is a trade-off that should be made between the amount of health monitoring and robustness of design/analysis. As the vehicle is used for repeated flights some of the health monitoring sensors will become inoperable and others will produce data that has increasing errors. At some point a decision will need to be made relative to how many flights can be achieved before the health monitoring system itself must be inspected and checked out for adequate performance. The cost of maintaining the health monitoring system should be weighed against the cost of increasing the robustness of design thereby reducing the need for health monitoring. The reliability of the health monitoring system must consider the sensors, the data system and everything that is needed to transfer the data from the sensor to the data system. The lowest reliability part of the system may be the vehicle installed data transmission lines (quite a nest of lines) which must pass through the vehicle requiring compromises to be made in other disciplines of the vehicle design.

Goal: 2006 years

### Technology Success Data

Metric	Units	Weight	Low	High	Goal	EV	EV Dev.	Success
Technology Area: Airframe Technologies								
Technology Development: Composite Cryotank								
					(Northrop Grumman)	Probability of Success		
Development Cost	Million \$	0.50	85	235	115	137	-19%	12%
Development Schedule	years	0.50	2005	2007	2006	2006.9		50%
<sup>2</sup> Weighted Programmatic Success:		31%						
External Inspection Interval	missions	0.09	0	200	125	86	-31%	30%
Flight Mission Life	missions	0.13	0	500	400	232	-42%	15%
Internal Inspection Interval	missions	0.09	120	60	60	42	-30%	26%
Leak Rate	SCIM	0.11		1200	200	399	-100%	28%
Operating Pressure	PSI	0.11	10.0	50.0	30.0	30.7	2%	58%
Reliability	%	0.11	99.99900	100.00000	99.99950	99.99952	0%	52%
Weight/Volume	lb/cu ft	0.13	0.100	0.900	0.220	0.376	-71%	13%
<sup>2</sup> Weighted Technical Success:		31%						
<sup>3</sup> Combined Weighted Success:		31%						

Assumption: The Low to High range contains 100% of the possible values of the metric.

Expected Value – Mean or average value of the estimated probability distribution. It is the value of the metric expected by the evaluators

Expected Value Deviation – Deviation of the EV from the goal, calculated as follows:

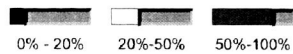
$$\text{Absolute Value: } \frac{\text{EV} - \text{Goal}}{\text{Goal}}$$

A minus sign in front of the calculated value indicates that the EV is worse than the goal.

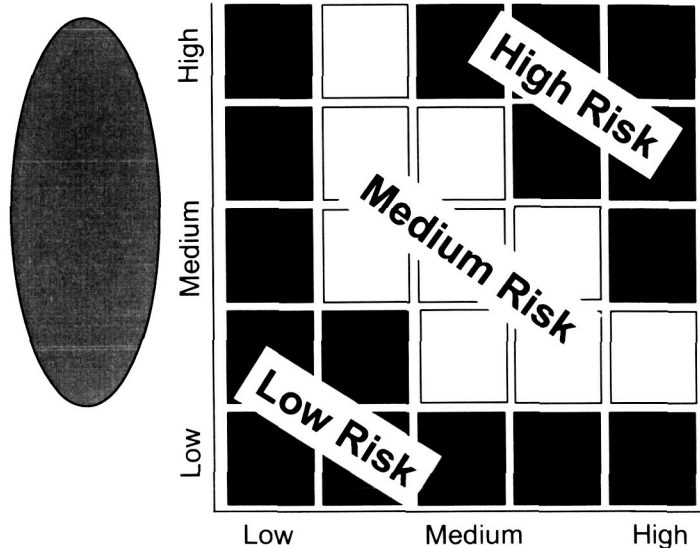
<sup>1</sup> EV Deviation show by how much the EV misses the goal. It is omitted for certain metrics.

<sup>2</sup> Weighted Success is the average success probability of the metrics.

<sup>3</sup> Combined Weighted Success is average of technical and programmatic Weighted Success.



## Risk Assessment Matrix



Probability of Failure  
(1 – Probability of Success)

## Launch Vehicle Propulsion Technology Selection

	Delta Isp, sec	Cost	Delta Isp/Cost	TRL	RDY3	Probability of Failure
Metalized Hydrogen	15	200	0.075	2	5	25
Advanced Materials	10	150	0.067	3	4	16
Chamber Pressure	8	100	0.080	3	4	16
Combustion Efficiency	6	90	0.067	4	3	9
Nozzle Efficiency	4	50	0.080	4	2	6
O/F Ratio	2	65	0.031	5	2	4

What is the your investment order?

# Weighted Technology Impact Ranking

(Quantitative assessment after tech portfolio selected and funded)

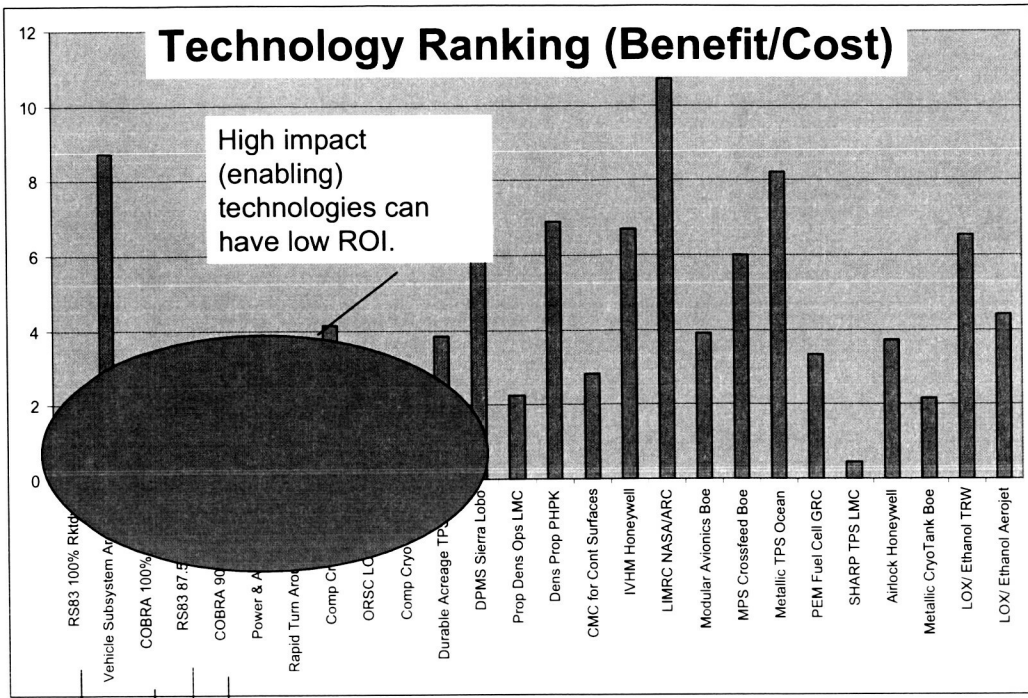
Requirements	Technologies																											
	RS83 100% Rkttdyne	RS83 87.5% Rkttdyne	COBRA 100% P&W/AJ	COBRA 90% P&W/AJ	ORSC LOX/RP 86%	Vehicle Subsystem Arch Boe	Power & Actuator LMC	Rapid Turn Around TPS Boe	reage TPS Boe	S Ocean	ywell	Tank Boe	Tank NG	'a Lobo	Ops LMC	PHPK	int Surfaces	LIMRC NASA/ARC	Modular Avionics Boe	MPS Crossfeed Boe	Airlock Honeywell	SHARP TPS LMC	Metallic Cryo Tank Boe	PEM Fuel Cell GRC	LOX/ Ethanol TRW	LOX/ Ethanol Aerojet		
Safety (45%)	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.37	0.37	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.10	0.07	0.07		
Loss of Crew								0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3		
Loss of Vehicle								0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3		
Loss of Mission								0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3		
Loss of Payload								0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3		
\$/lb (35%)	0.19	0.11	0.13	0.09	0.02	0.16	0.11	0.23	0.11	0.09	0.14	0.16	0.11	0.11	0.08	0.08	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.08	0.06	0.02	0.11	0.06	0.02	
Launch Availabil	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3		
DDT&E - Average								0.3	0.3	0.3																		
1st Unit Prod. Cos								0.3	0.3																			
Annual Ops Cost (		0.3	0.3	0.3				0.3	0.3																			
Facilities Cost (10		0.3	0.3					0.3	0.3																			
Technical (20%)	0.20	0.03	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.06	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.06	0.20	0.17	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.10	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.03	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00		
Vehicle Empty Wei		0.3	0.3					0.3	0.3	0.3																		
Vehicle GLOW			0.3					0.3																				
Total Weighted Score	0.84	0.59	0.64	0.54	0.47	0.67	0.54	0.51	0.39	0.27	0.34	0.50	0.41	0.38	0.36	0.36	0.34	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.25	0.26	0.22	0.27	0.13	0.09		

## Impact Assessment



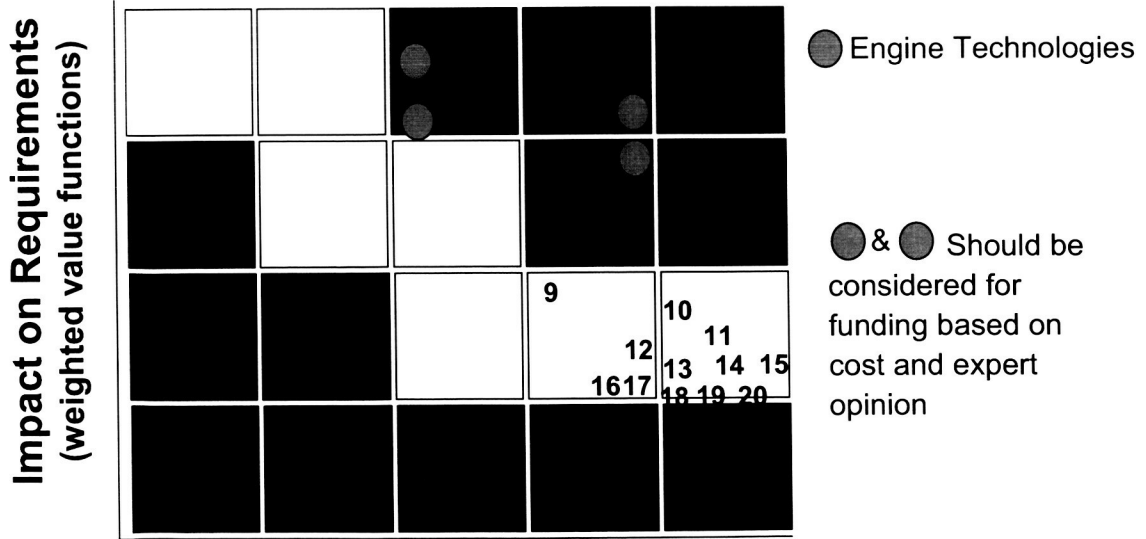
## Comments on Investment Strategy and Impact Assessment Method

- Very poor choice of technology portfolio (~two-thirds of technologies have low or negative impact)
- Wrong requirements were developed
- Systems analysis did not model the technologies correctly



Competing Main Propulsion Systems (see next chart)

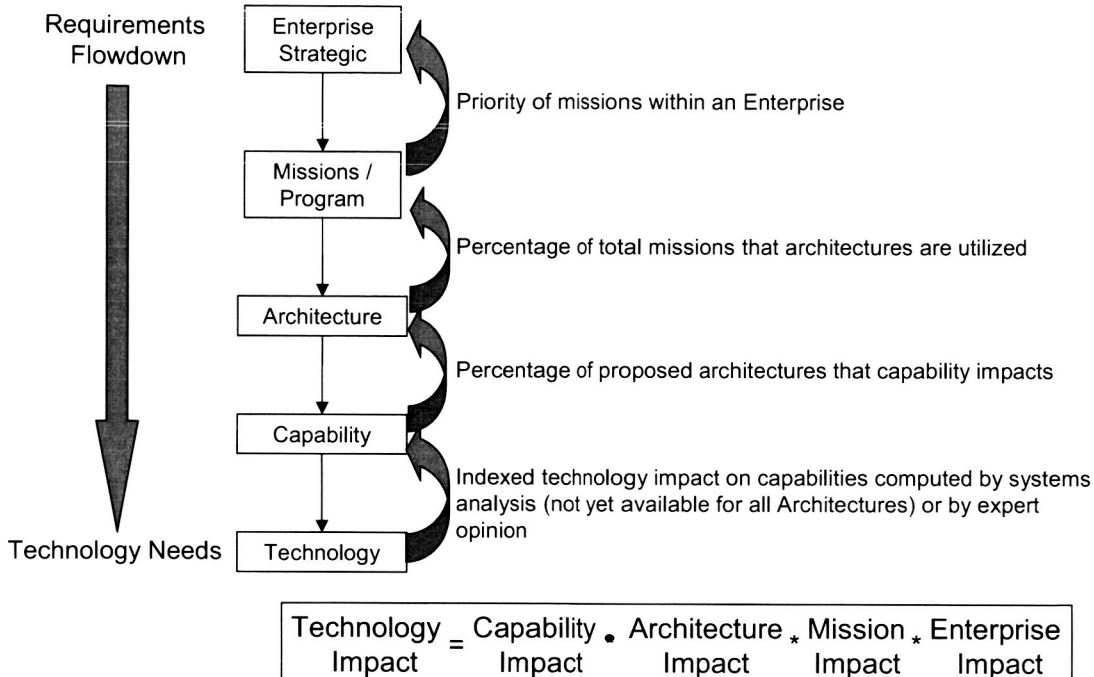
## Technology Risk Assessment



**Probability of Failure**  
(TRL, RD<sup>3</sup>, Cost, Schedule)



## Technology Agency Impact Model



## Summary Technology Risk Assessment

- **Technology risk is based on the probability of technology development success versus the impact of the technology on the system**
- **Technology development probability of failure is similar to any project. Should have defined WBS, requirements, schedule, cost, etc.**
- **Expert opinion is used for assessment; AHP is one method to obtain and integrate the opinions.**
- **Expert opinion or systems analysis can be used to define the impact of the technology on the system.**
- **For total Agency impact, future enterprise missions need to be prioritized to assess technology global impact and risk.**