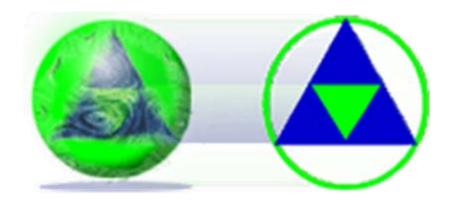
# Sustainability and Capital Projects: Modeling the Emergent Property of Total Cost of Ownership



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# Challenge

- Measuring sustainability in a way that can be incorporated as part of decision making for capital projects
- Linking investments to outcomes
- Total cost of ownership:
  - LCC = proxy for external resource demand
  - First cost = feasibility criterion
  - Externalities can also be incorporated



# Total Cost of Ownership

- "[T]he sum total of the present value of all direct, indirect, recurring and nonrecurring costs incurred or estimated to be incurred in the design, development, production, operation, maintenance of a facility/structure/asset over its anticipated lifespan."
  - International Facilities Management Association



# Total Cost of Ownership

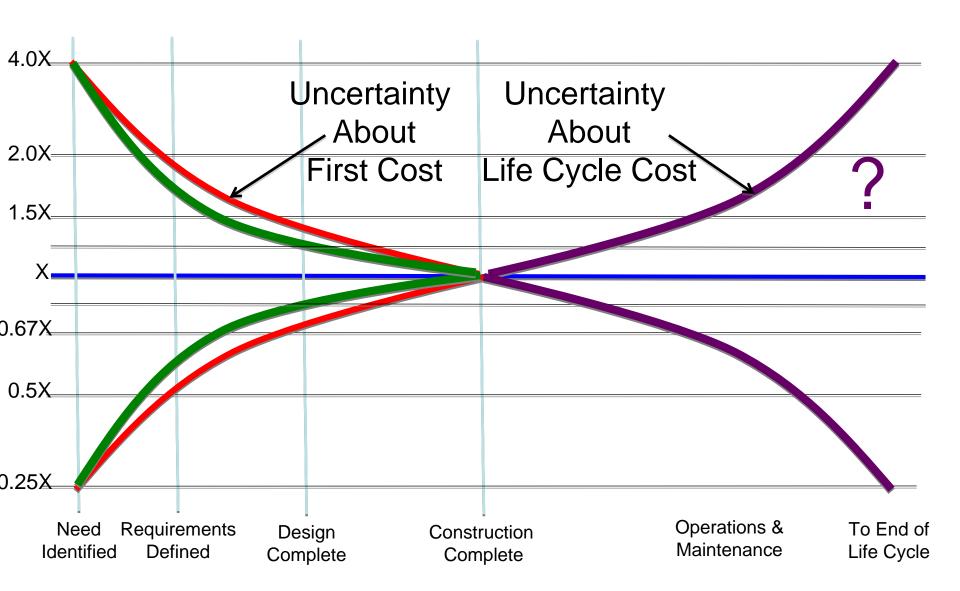
- Facility scale:
  - Life cycle cost of the facility
  - Comparing alternatives
  - Evaluating feasibility
  - Identifying cost drivers
- Portfolio scale:
  - Prioritizing repairs/replacement
  - Which facilities are costing the most to deliver required function?



# **Project Planning**

- Details are not yet known
- Parametric estimates are based on historical data
- Novel cases or innovative projects are difficult to estimate
- Many possible future states over the long facility life span – increasing uncertainty for life cycle costs

### Level of Uncertainty with respect to Project Life





# Sustainability as Innovation

- Project performance criteria are expanded
- The delivery process is different
  - Different sequencing
  - New subs/supply chains
- The delivered product & components are different
  - Unfamiliar products
  - Tightly coupled systems
- Translation problems
- Big brother is watching!

#### Owner says:

"I want to my building to generate renewable energy."

### **Designer interprets:**

"This building could include Building-Integrated Photovoltaic shingles."

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#### **Contractor hears:**

"You want me to include a product in my cost that will require me to ask my network of established subcontractors to do unusual things at unusual times."

### Electrical sub thinks:

"I have to work on a rooftop? I'm not trained for fall protection!" Roofing sub thinks:
"You want me to put holes for wires in my roof deck/felt and still warranty it for leaks?"

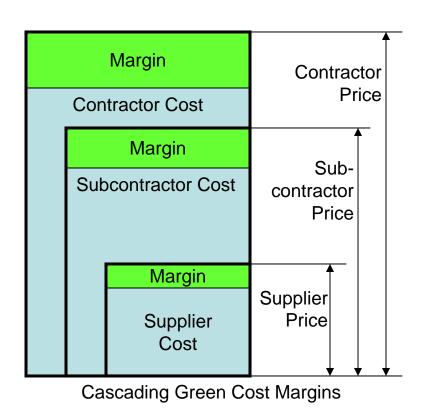
### Supplier thinks:

"There are only a few manufacturers of this product, all with lengthy backlogs."

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# Effect on Capital Costs



 The green cost margin gets added in at every step:

- Procurement risks
- Learning curve
- Qualification expenses
- Data management
- Inability to use existing strategic relationships



# Integrated Project Delivery

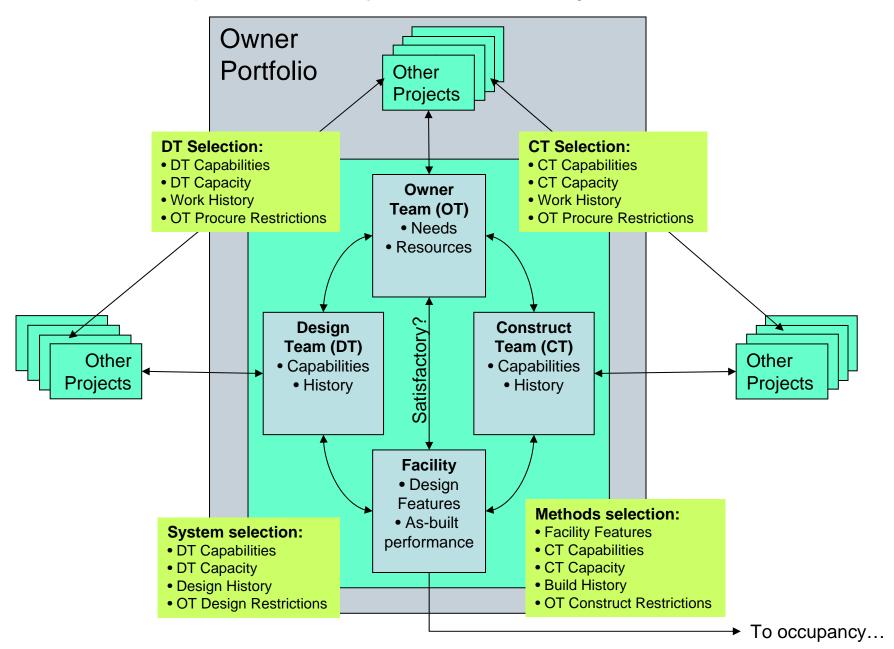
- Earlier involvement of supply chain and later stakeholders
- New agents:
  - Preconstruction services consultants
  - LEED consultants
  - Education consultants
  - Commissioning agents
- Extensive documentation/analysis
- Commissioning processes



# Total Cost of Ownership

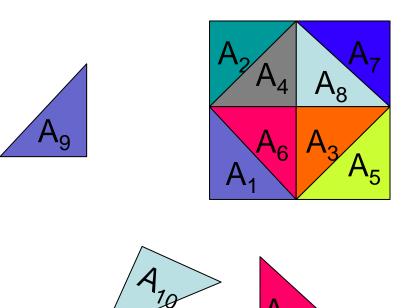
- Emergent property of a project system affected by:
  - Initial program of requirements
  - Individual decisions of agents involved with project delivery
  - Construction quality and congruence with design intent
  - New technologies applied over the life cycle
  - Interactions between facility and occupants

## Capital Projects as Systems





# Prototype Design Process



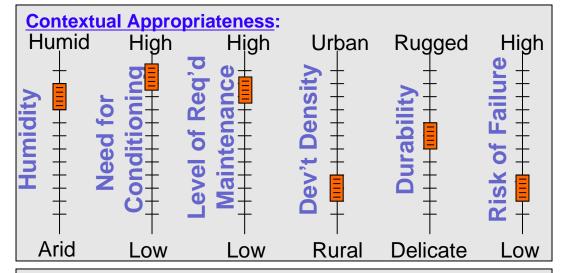




- Agents (systems)
   moving around in a
   decision space
- Feasibility, fit, and improvement
- Displacement of default systems
- Iteration until steady state is achieved

Name: Solar Hot Water Heating

Subs for: D3020



Unit cost: \$1.60 per Unit: sq. ft.

LC cost per year: \$20 Service Life: 20 years

Possible LEED points contributed to: 3

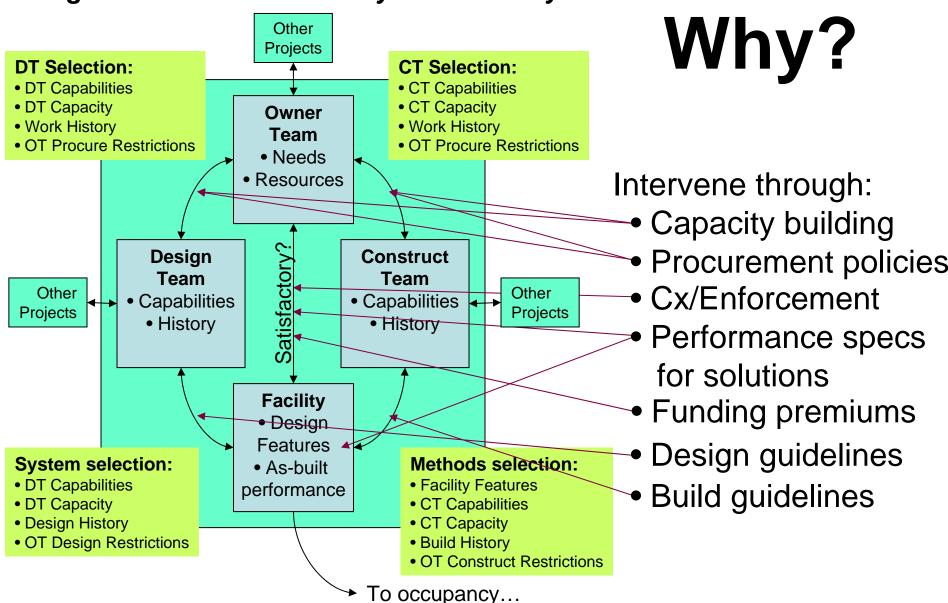
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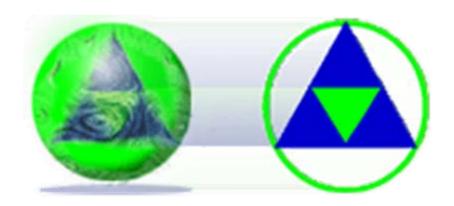
- Facility systems at the assembly level
- Context specificity
- Ability to add additional context features
- Project agents' past experience can also be incorporated

### **Design-Bid-Build Project**

Agent Attributes and Analysis Boundary



# Thank you for your attention!



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