

# CENG 6101 Project Management

## **Project Cost Control**

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# Construction Project Management

1. Decision to Bid
2. Project Planning (develop WBS and CMS)
3. Project Estimating and Scheduling
4. Resource Allocation and Leveling
5. Submit Bid (proceed if awarded contract)
6. Estimate then forms basis of **budget** during construction (both use similar WBS and CBS)
7. Schedule forms basis of **execution plan** (use similar WBS)
8. **Cost control**: compare actual to budgeted costs
9. **Schedule control**: compare actual to planned progress
10. Detect **deviations** and implement **timely corrective actions**

# Job-based Cost Control

Two types of systems for job cost data collection:

- **Financial control system:** payroll, accounting, etc.
- **Cost control system:** man-hours spent on work packages, cost and productivity data, data on labour, material, equipment

Where are Cost Data Initiated?

- **Labour:** time sheets, foreman's daily work report, company's payroll system
- **Labour data collected:** craft, level (apprentice, journeyman), hours (regular, overtime), work package(s) worked on
- **Equipment:** equipment time sheets (similar to labour)
- **Material:** purchase orders, material delivery slips, material cost records (materials management system)



# Project Control

## Monitoring Productivity

- Another component of control is tracking productivity on basis of manhours/unit (i.e., input/output)
- Three methods of measuring output:
  - Estimated % complete
  - Physical measurement
  - Earned value

## Estimated % Complete

- Based on observation
- Simple and inexpensive
- Subjective and not sensitive to scope changes
- Estimated quantity complete  
= total quantity \* estimated % complete

# Project Control

## Physical Measurement

- Output based on actually counting or measuring number of work units completed (e.g., diameter inches of pipe welds, m<sup>3</sup> of earthwork)
- Objective, detailed, accounts for scope changes
- Time consuming, expensive

## Earned Value

- Actual manhours taken from time sheets
- Actual quantities based on “rules of credit” agreed upon in advance of work being undertaking (for budgeting and payment purposes)
- e.g., 80-20 rule: 20% credit given for commencing activity, 80% credit given for completing activity

# Project Control

- Earned Value
- More common is milestone approach: e.g., formwork activity:
  - Fabricate = 60% credit, Erect = 20% credit, Remove forms = 15% credit, Clean forms = 5% credit
- Rules of credit may reflect effort or work involved

## Earned value for manhours

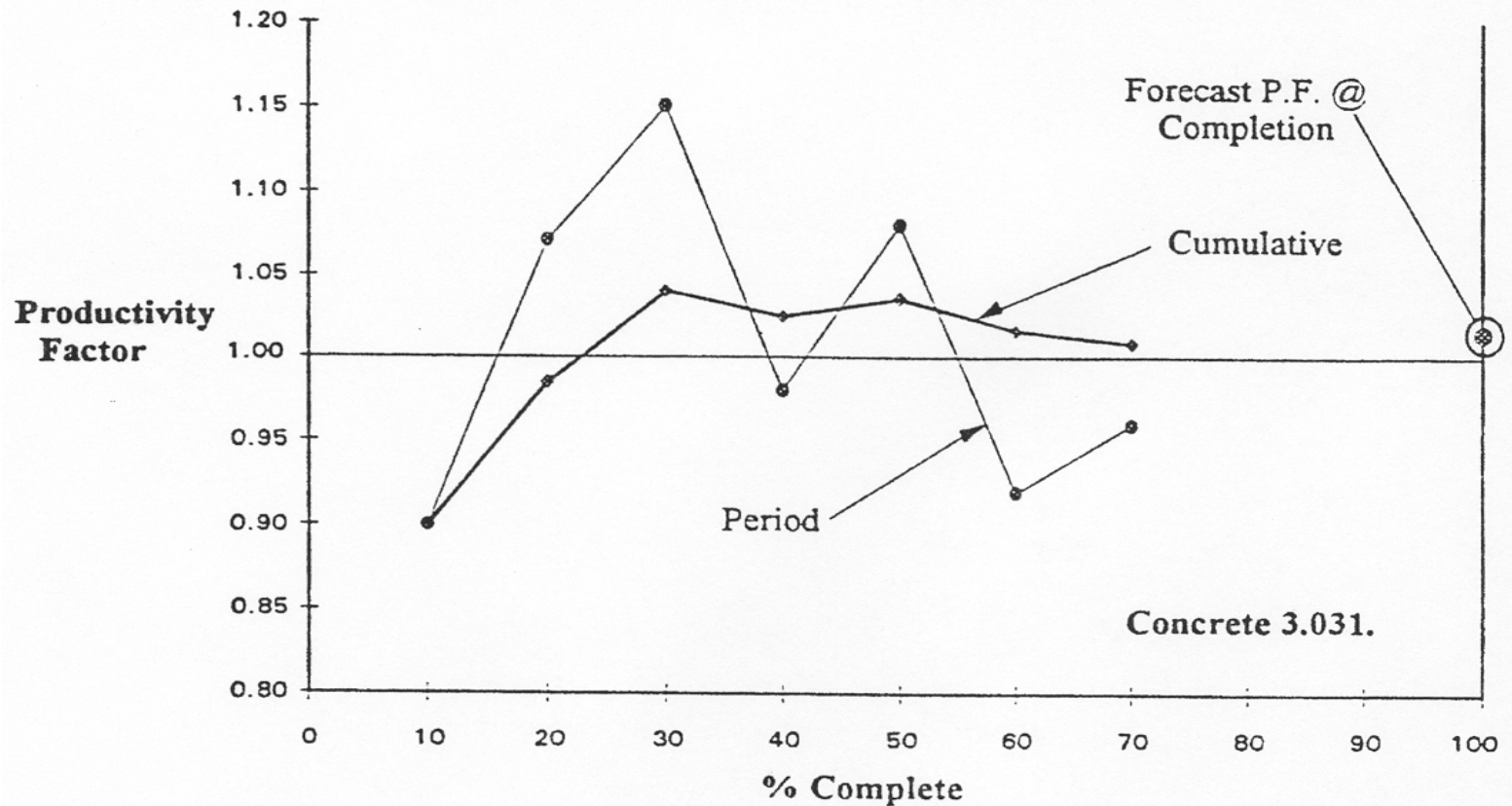
= earned value for quantities \* estimated (budgeted) productivity

- $EV \text{ (mhrs)} = EV \text{ (m}^3) * \text{estimated mhr/m}^3$
- **Performance (Productivity) Factor (PF)**

= Earned value mhrs / Actual mhrs

(PF > 1.0 is good in this case)

**Figure 4.13 Trends of Productivity Factors**



- Period PF used for immediate control purposes to remedy trends.
- Cumulative PF used to forecast costs at completion.



**BETTER SUPERVISION PUMPSTATION PROJECT**  
**PROGRESS AND PERFORMANCE REPORT**  
**AS OF 13-JUNE-94**

						5/1380 100		7 X 6	7 X 5		10 / 9
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
ID	Description	Dur	Start	Finish	Mhrs	% Value	% Compl	Earned Value	Earned Mnhrs	Spent Mnhrs	Perf. Factor
1	CONTRACT AWARD	0	30-May	30-May	0	0.00	100%	0	0	0	1.00
2	MOBILIZE	4	30-May	2-Jun	32	2.32	80%	1.86	25.6	22	0.86
3	SPOOL DWGS	3	30-May	1-Jun	24	1.74	100%	1.74	24	26	1.08
4	DEL. PIPE & FITTINGS	6	30-May	4-Jun	4	0.29	100%	0.29	4	4	1.00
5	DEL. PUMP & VALVES	10	30-May	8-Jun	2	0.14	100%	0.14	2	2	1.00
6	DEL. PMPHSE BLD'G PKG	7	30-May	5-Jun	2	0.14	0%	0.00	0	0	1.00
7	SURVEY	1	3-Jun	3-Jun	16	1.16	100%	1.16	16	12	0.75
8	FAB. PIPE SPOOLS	6	2-Jun	7-Jun	64	4.64	60%	2.78	38.4	36	0.94
9	DRILL AND CAST PILES	2	4-Jun	5-Jun	64	4.64	100%	4.64	64	72	1.13
10	EXCAVATE FOR FDN'S	3	6-Jun	8-Jun	48	3.48	100%	3.48	48	41	0.85
11	FORM FDN'S & REBAR	5	9-Jun	13-Jun	120	8.70	100%	8.70	120	130	1.08
12	POUR CONC. FDN'S	1	14-Jun	14-Jun	40	2.90	100%	2.90	40	45	1.13
13	STRIP FORMS	2	15-Jun	16-Jun	32	2.32	100%	2.32	32	30	0.94
14	BACKFILL	5	17-Jun	21-Jun	120	8.70	60%	5.22	72	63	0.88
15	INSTALL PUMP	3	17-Jun	19-Jun	48	3.48	0%	0	0		
16	CONC. SLAB	1	22-Jun	22-Jun	48	3.48	0%	0	0		
17	INSTALL PIPING	10	23-Jun	2-Jul	240	17.39	0%	0	0		
18	ERECT PUMPHOUSE	12	30-Jun	11-Jul	300	21.74	0%	0	0		
19	INSTALL INSTRUMENTS	2	3-Jul	4-Jul	32	2.32	0%	0	0		
20	INSTALL DOORS	3	12-Jul	14-Jul	32	2.32	0%	0	0		
21	PULL & TERM. CABLE	4	5-Jul	8-Jul	64	4.64	0%	0	0		
22	DEMOBILIZE SITE	3	15-Jul	17-Jul	48	3.48	0%	0	0		
23	PROJECT COMPLETE	0	17-Jul	17-Jul	0	0.00	0%	0	0		
<b>Total</b>					<b>1380</b>	<b>100.00</b>		<b>35.22</b>	<b>486.00</b>	<b>483.00</b>	<b>0.99</b>

(PF < 1.0 is good in this case)

# Project Control

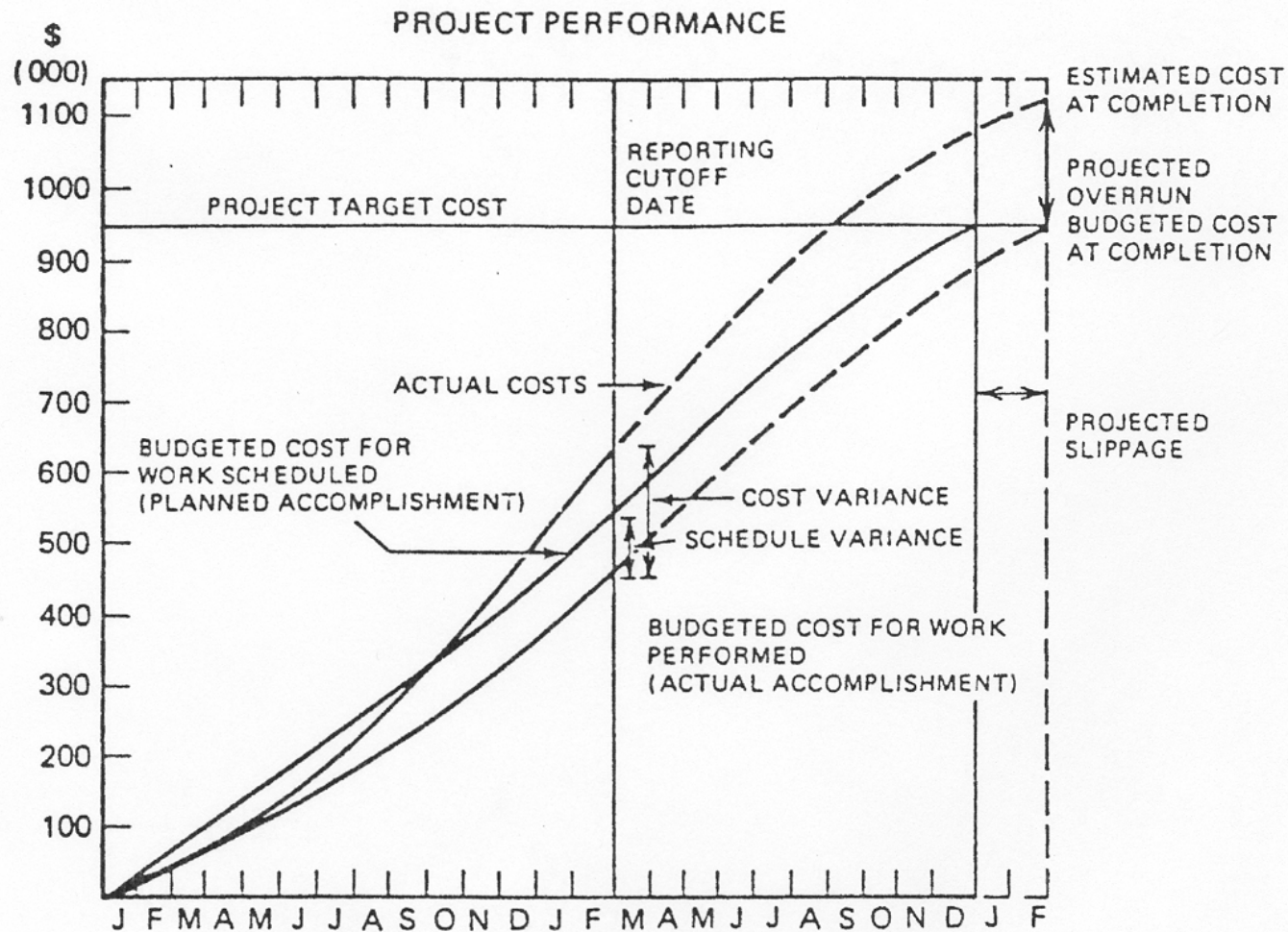
- Project and Budget Performance
- **BCWS** (planned value - **PV**) = budgeted cost of work scheduled
- **BCWP** (earned value - **EV**) = budgeted cost of work performed
- **ACWP** (actual cost - **AC**) = actual cost of work performed = commitments + payments due + payments made

# Project Control

- Cost Performance
- **CV** = cost variance
  - $CV = BCWP - ACWP = EV - AC$
- **CPI** = cost performance index (periodic)
  - $CPI = BCWP / ACWP = EV / AC$
  - $CPI < 1.0$  indicates cost overrun
  - $CPI > 1.0$  indicates cost underrun
- Cumulative cost performance index ( $CPI^C$ ) (sum of periodic values for each index):
  - $CPI^C = EV^C / AC^C$
  - Used to forecast project costs at completion

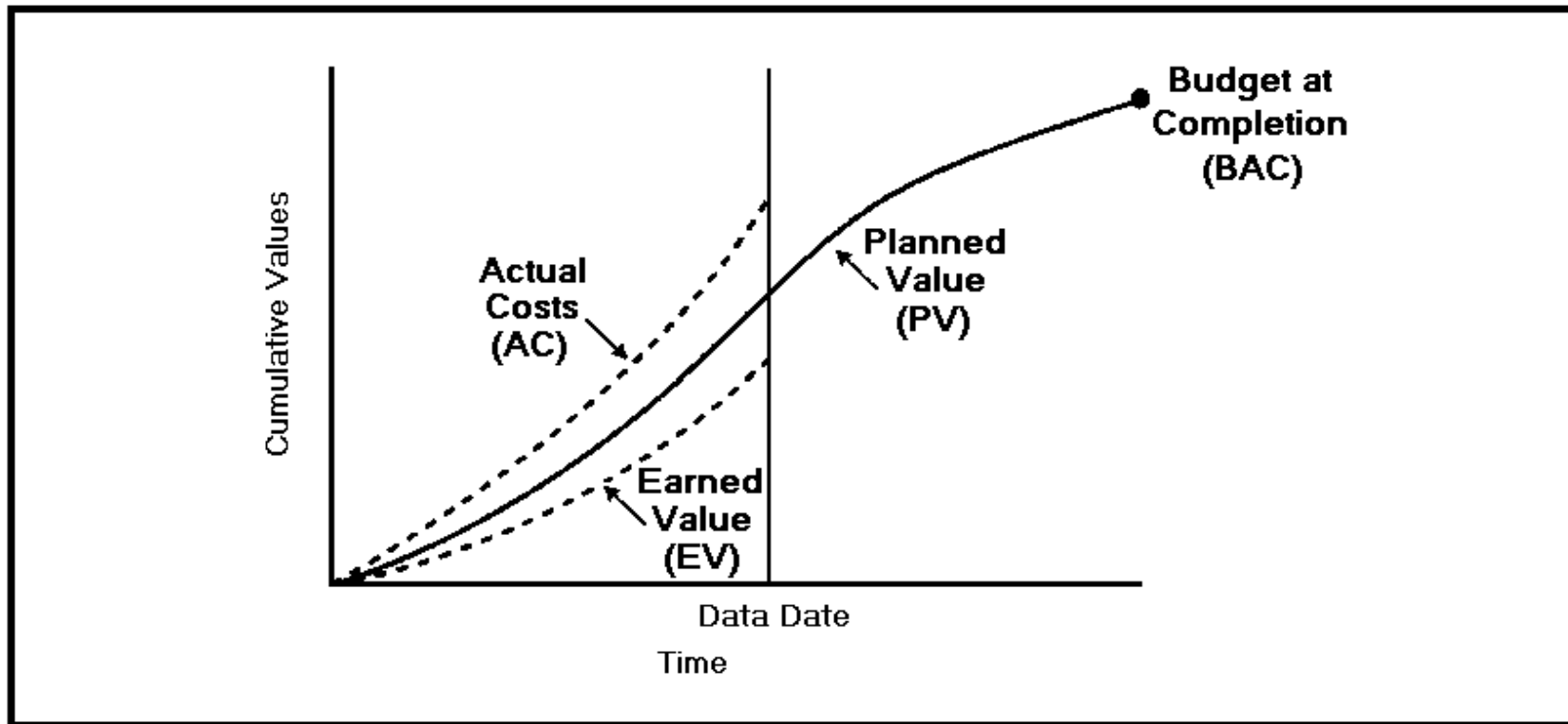
# Project Control

- Schedule Performance
- **SV** = schedule variance
  - $SV = BCWP - BCWS = EV - PV$
- **SPI** = schedule performance index (periodic)
  - $SPI = BCWP / BCWS = EV / PV$
  - $SPI < 1.0$  indicates behind schedule
  - $SPI > 1.0$  indicates ahead of schedule
- SPI used to predict project completion date, and in conjunction with CPI to forecast costs at completion



**FIGURE 14.18** Performance Curves

# Earned Value Technique



**Figure 7-7. Illustrative Graphic Performance Report**

# Forecasting

- Budget at completion (BAC):
  - BAC = total cumulative PV at completion
- Estimate to complete (ETC): estimate for completing remaining work
- ETC can be calculated based on 3 different scenarios

## Scenario 1:

- ETC based on new estimate:
  - Revised estimate for work remaining
  - Original estimate assumptions flawed or no longer relevant

## Scenario 2:

- ETC based on atypical variances:
  - $ETC = BAC - EV^C$
  - Current variances atypical and will not occur in future

# Forecasting

## Scenario 3:

- ETC based on typical variances:
  - $ETC = (BAC - EV^C) / CPI^C$
  - Current variances typical of future variances

**Estimate at completion (EAC):** projected or anticipated **total cost** when project is completed. Accordingly, EAC can be calculated based on 3 different scenarios

## Scenario 1:

- EAC based on new estimate
  - $EAC = AC^C + ETC$  (new estimate)
  - Original estimate assumptions flawed or no longer relevant



# Forecasting

## Scenario 2:

- EAC based on atypical variances:
  - $EAC = AC^C + BAC - EV^C$
  - Current variances atypical and will not occur in future

## Scenario 3:

- EAC based on typical variances:
  - $EAC = AC^C + ((BAC - EV^C) / CPI^C)$
  - Current variances typical of future variances

# Example

Task	Budget	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		6	6										
1	12	6	6										
			8	12	16	12							
2	48		8	12	16	12							
						7	21						
3	28					7	21						
								18					
4	18							4	8	10	6		
5	28							4	8	10	6		
												8	8
6	16											8	8
$\Sigma$	150	6	14	12	16	19	21	22	8	10	6	8	8
CUM	-	6	20	32	48	67	88	110	118	128	134	142	150

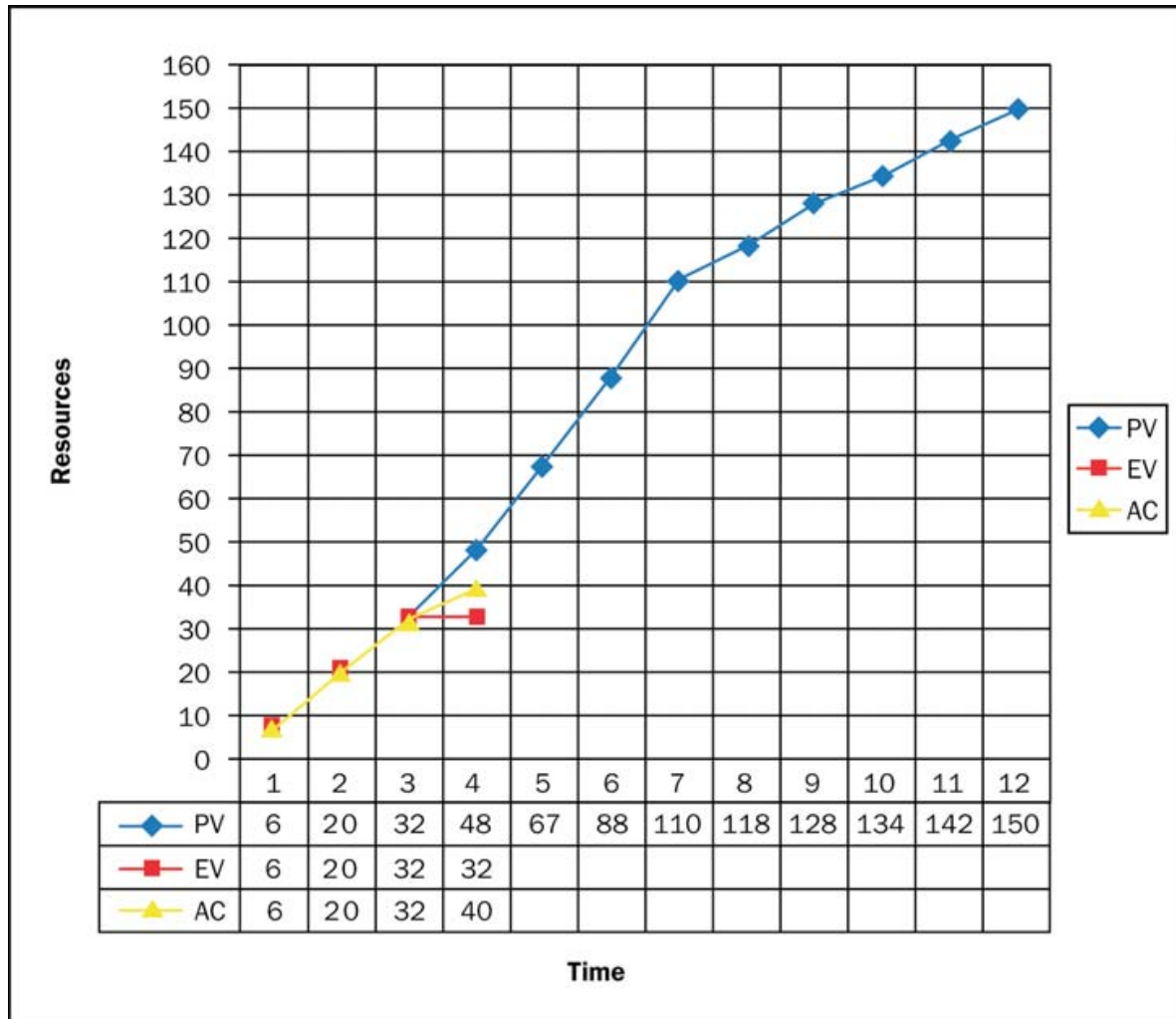
Figure 1-4. Work Plan—Gantt (Bar) Chart

# Example

Task	Budget	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		6	6										
		▼	▼										
1	12												
			8	12	16	12							
		▼	▼	▽	▽								
2	48					7	21						
						▽	▽						
3	28												
								18					
								▽	▽				
4	18												
								4	8	10	6		
								▽	▽	▽	▽		
5	28												
												8	8
												▽	▽
6	16												
Σ	150	6	14	12	16	19	21	22	8	10	6	8	8
CUM	-	6	20	32	48	67	88	110	118	128	134	142	150
PV	48	6	14	12	16	19	21	22	8	10	6	8	8
CUM		6	20	32	48	67	88	110	118	128	134	142	150
EV	32	6	14	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CUM		6	20	32	32								
AC	40	6	14	12	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CUM		6	20	32	40								

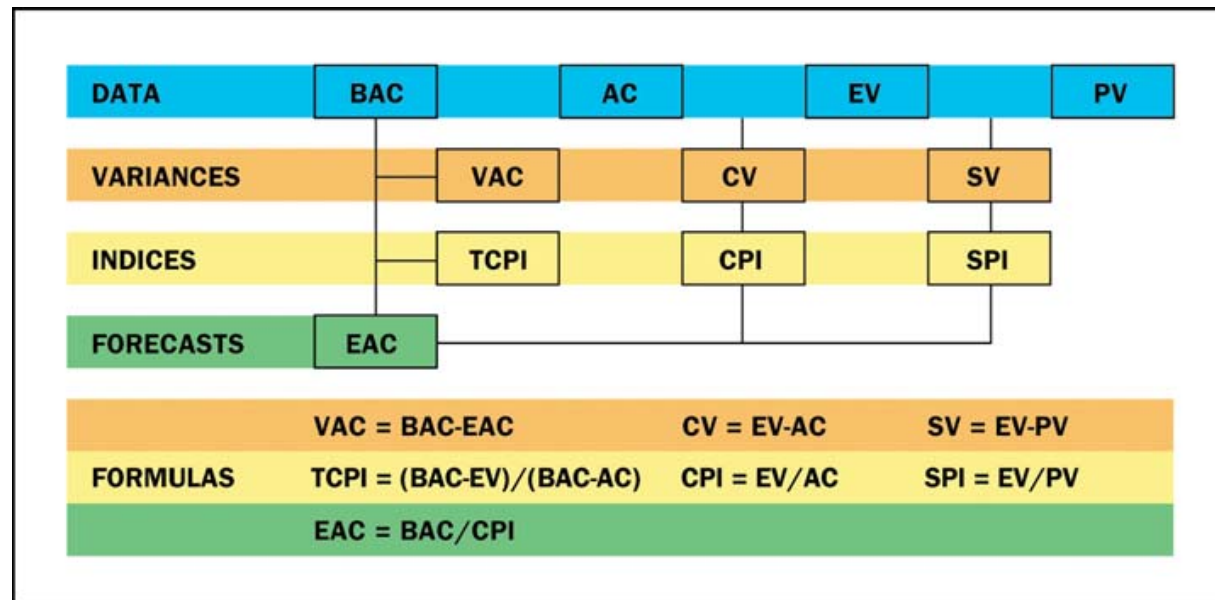
Figure 2-6. Work Plan and Status for Project EZ (As of April 30)

# Example



**Figure 2-7.** Cumulative Planned Value, Earned Value, and Actual Cost for Project EZ (As of April 30)

# Example



**Figure 3-1.** EVM Performance Measures

# Example

- Schedule Analysis and Forecasting

- $SV = EV - PV = 32 - 48 = -16$  {unfavourable}

- $SV\% = \frac{SV}{EV} = -\frac{16}{48} = -33\%$  {unfavourable}

- $SPI = \frac{EV}{PV} = \frac{32}{48} = 0.67$  {unfavourable}

- $EAC_t = \frac{\left(\frac{BAC}{SPI}\right)}{\left(\frac{BAC}{months}\right)} = \frac{\frac{150}{0.6667}}{\frac{150}{12}} = 18 \text{ months} > 12 \text{ months}$

- Cost Analysis and Forecasting

- $CV = EV - AC = 32 - 40 = -8$  {unfavourable}

- $CV\% = \frac{CV}{EV} = -\frac{8}{32} = -25\%$  {unfavourable}

- $CPI = \frac{EV}{AC} = \frac{32}{40} = 0.80$  {unfavourable}

- $EAC = \frac{BAC}{CPI} = \frac{150}{0.80} = 187.50 > 150$

- $TCPI = \frac{BAC - EV}{BAC - AC} = \frac{150 - 32}{150 - 40} = 1.07 \rightarrow$  For the project to achieve the BAC, performance must improve from a CPI of 0.80 to a TCPI (To-Complete PI) of 1.07

# Project Cost Control

## Factors Influencing Original Plan

- Changes in time or cost objectives for completion
- Changes in operating policies
- Changes in technical specifications
- Changes in construction methods
- Changes in owner's needs
- Revised activity time estimates
- Inaccurate planning of activity relationships
- Failure of suppliers or contractors to deliver on time
- Reassessment of resource requirements and usage
- Unexpected technical difficulties, environmental conditions, market fluctuations

# Project Cost Control

## Elements of Management Control

- Obtaining feedback from output and comparing it with designed performance levels
- Responding to changing conditions to mitigate their effects
- Implementing corrective actions
- Requires management of change and unexpected conditions



# Project Cost Control

## Change Control

- Changes required to: (1) correct errors or omissions (2) changes in scope due to economic or functional reasons
- Project manager must establish formal procedure for control of changes
- Authorization of changes required → becomes a **change order**
- Risky for contractor to implement changes prior to obtaining written authorization

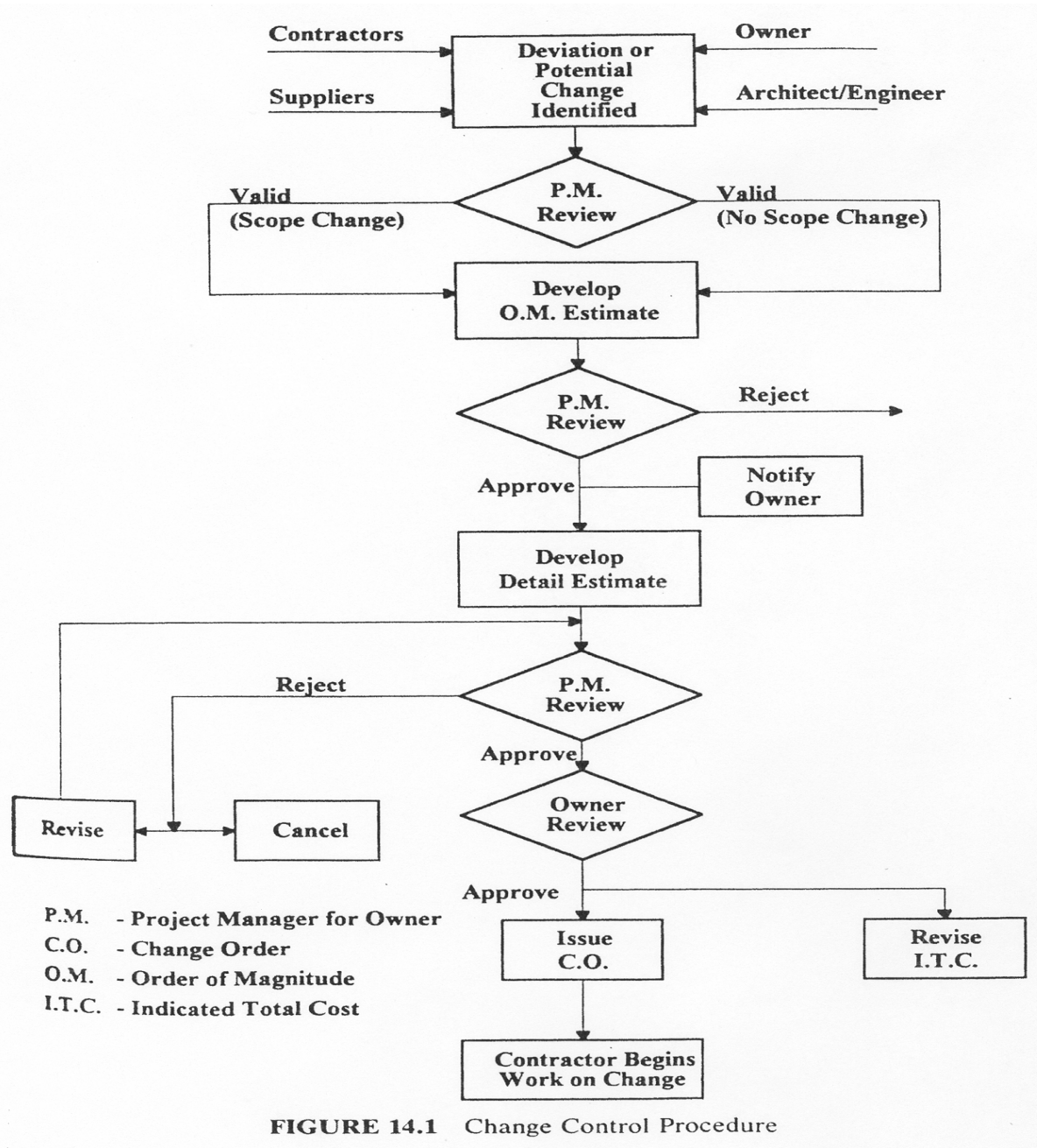


FIGURE 14.1 Change Control Procedure

JONES AND SMITH  
PROJECT MANAGERS  
GANDER, NFLD.

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

Project: *Airport Terminal Building*  
For: *Dept. of Transportation*  
To: *The Labrador Construction Co., Ltd.*  
*Churchill, NFLD.*

Change Order No. 1  
Date July 27, 19     

Revised Contract Amount

Previous contract amount *5,762,634.00*  
Amount of this order  
~~(decrease)~~ (increase) *5,478.00*  
Revised Contract Amount *5,768,112.00*

An ~~(increase)~~ ~~(decrease)~~ (no change) of      days in the contract time is  
hereby authorized.

This order covers the contract modification hereunder described:

*Providing and installing 50mm dia. copper pipe as shown  
and described by Supplemental Drawing GB 25  
attached hereto*

The work covered by this order shall be performed under the same terms and  
conditions as included in the original construction contract.

Changes Approved

Jones and Smith, Project Managers

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Owner)

by \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Contractor)

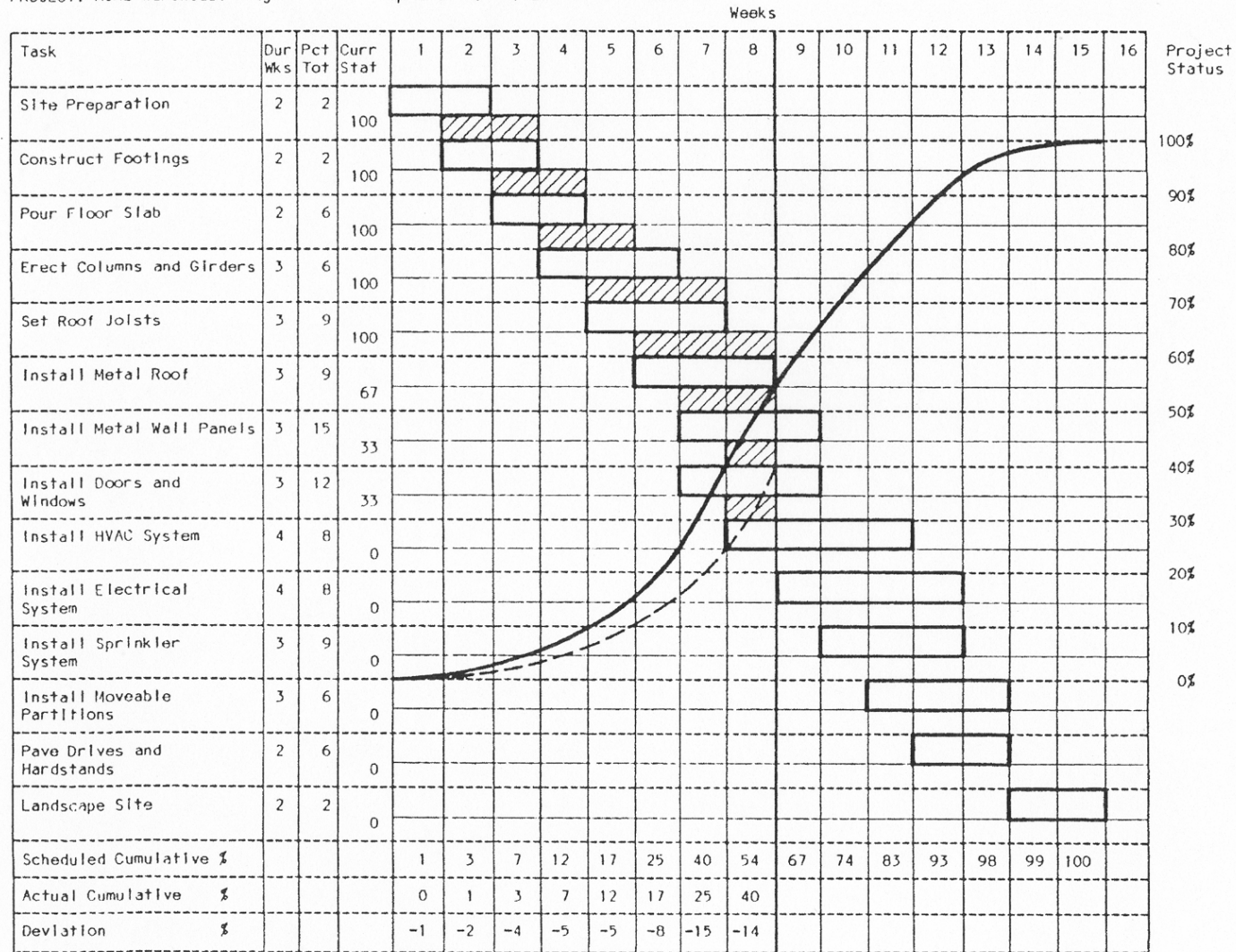
by \_\_\_\_\_

FIGURE 14.2 Contract Change Order

**FIGURE 12.3**  
 UPDATED BAR CHART FOR  
 WAREHOUSE PROJECT

PROJECT: ACME Warehouse Project

Updated As Of: End of 8 th Week



# Project Closeout

## Data to Collect at Project Closeout

- “As-built” CPM network from design to construction
- Crew composition, mhrs per unit measure
- Equipment usage per unit measure
- Materials consumed per unit measure
- Overhead expenditure as % total job cost
- Learning curve effects
- Progress at different stages in project
- Special difficulties, problems encountered
- Effective techniques and corrective actions
- Evaluation of consultants’, contractors’, subcontractors’ performance
- Comparison of sub-element cost in design estimates with actual costs at completion
- Actual vs. estimated contingency and profit

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