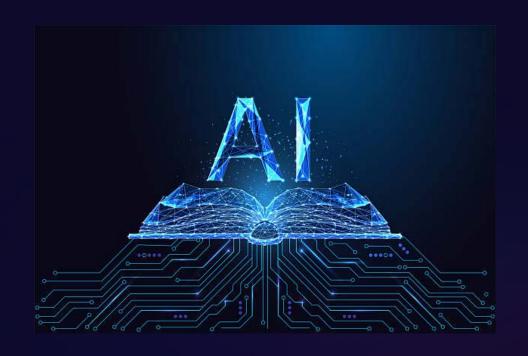




Al in Project Management: Disruption or Complementarity?

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This research

- Systematic literature review
- 25+ recent publications
- Human-Al collaboration
- AI critical success factor?

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Where AI helps:

Minimizing costs

Risk forecasting

Reducing delivery delays

Resource optimization

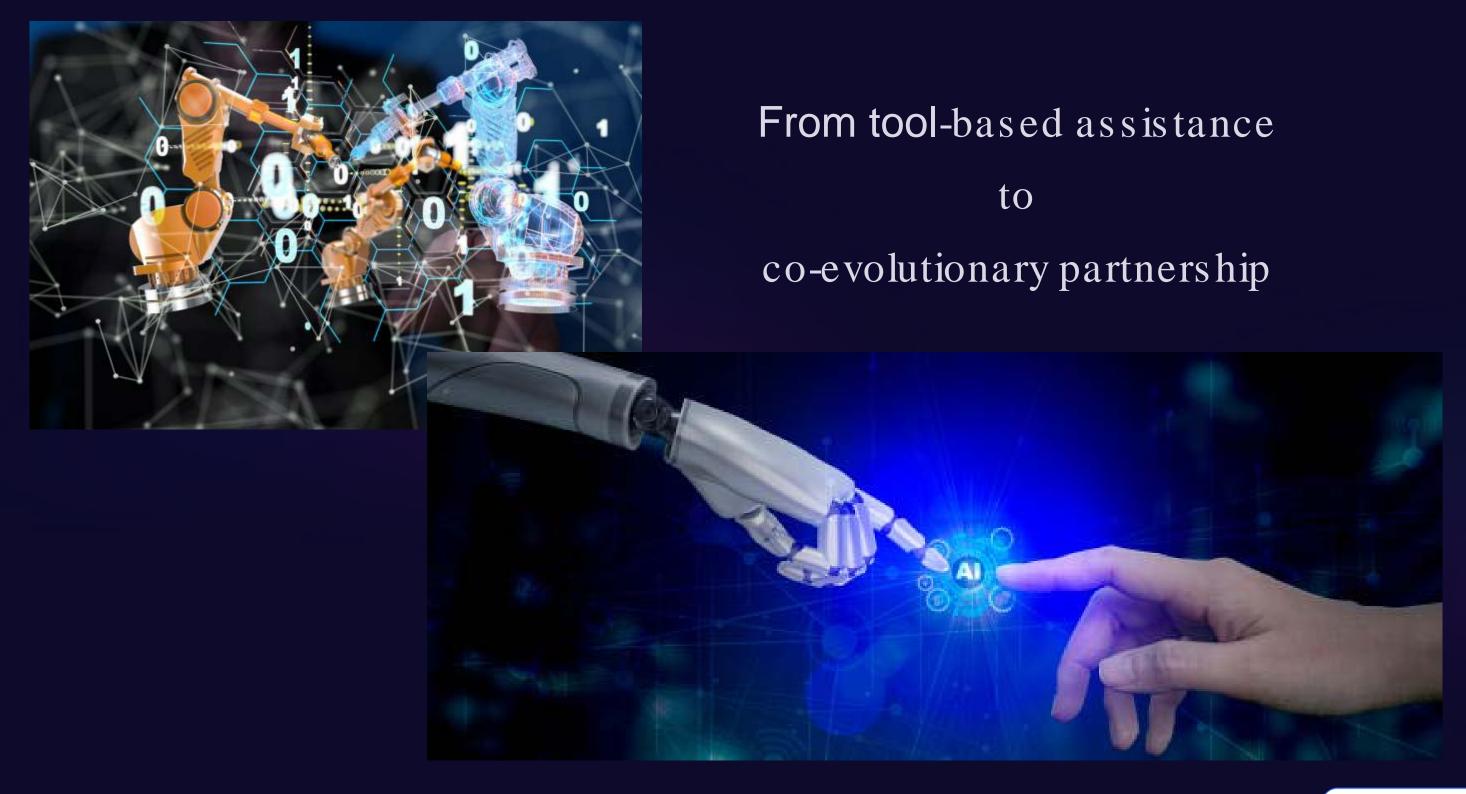


Issues:

Organizational resistance

Data quality limitations

Regulatory gaps



Ethical concerns, algorithmic bias and transparency gaps.





Introduction: The AI-PM Paradox

Productivity Gains

Project delivery with Al 25-30% faster







42% PM stressed by managing AI outputs (interpreting complex AI recommendations)



Disruption vs. Complementarity

Theoretical Background

Disruption

A scenario where technology fundamentally alters existing processes, roles, or business models, often rendering traditional skills or structures obsolete.

Al technologies are being embedded into each PMBOK knowledge area—automating status reports, generating predictive models for risk assessment, and providing real-time data dashboards.

Complementarity

A symbiotic relationship in which technology enhances but does not replace human expertise.

The Recursive Theory of Knowledge Augmentation of Harfouche et al. suggests that effective AI use depends on iterative human-AI interactions where tacit and explicit knowledge are co-developed.

Al Applications in Project Management









Focus on functions:

automation

compliance

decisionmaking

risk management training across project lifecycles



Benefits and Costs of Al Implementation

25-30% Faster Completion

Agile teams using Al-driven decision support systems report 28% faster sprint completion

94%

Risk Prediction

Al systems achieve 94% accuracy in construction project risk prediction

18%

Cost Reduction

Automated forecasting leads to 18% lower project overheads

\$50K+

Implementation Cost

AI-Driven DSS requires \$50K-\$200K setup plus 15% annual maintenance

Implementation Barriers

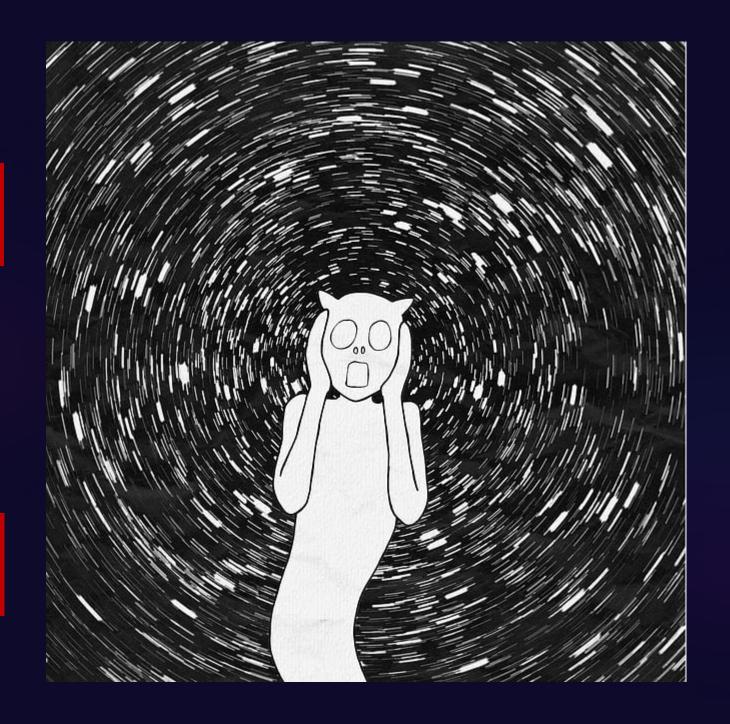


Implementation Barriers

Resistance from senior managers – 54%

Missing data - 67%

PM missing Al literacy – 88%





Ethical Challenges and Governance Models

Algorithmic Bias

skew towards large projects - 73% gender bias - 31% geographic representation - 56%

Accountability
Structures

no decision audit trails - 64%
no responsibility matrices - 81 %
no liability insurance - 68%

Governance Models

Strategic => Tactical => Operational



Recommendations for Implementation



Practitioners

- maturity assessment
- prioritizing use cases
- human-AI processes



Organizations

- AI-PM governance
- data infrastructure
- upskill project teams



Researchers

- valuation frameworks
- longitudinal effects
- ethical boundaries



Human-Al Relationship Evolution

Initial



Assistance -> routine tasks

Current



Complementarity – "human in the loop"

Next Future



Augmentation -> transparency

Long-term Future

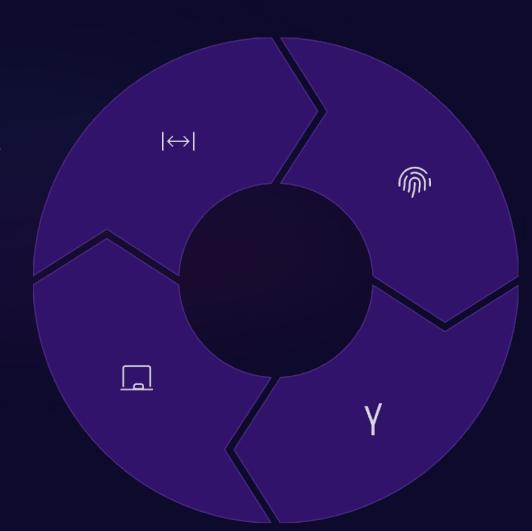


Cognitive Partnership

Conclusion: From Disruption to Complementarity

Al Analysis

Computational processing of project data and pattern recognition



Human Judgment

Contextual interpretation and ethical oversight

Continuous Learning

System improvement through feedback and adaptation

Integrated Decisions

Combined insights leading to optimized project outcomes



Thank you very much for your attention!

Wish you good luck and exciting experiences with AI, your new companion!

