

# **CPSC 3720**

## **Lesson 11**

# **Estimating and Planning Part 2**

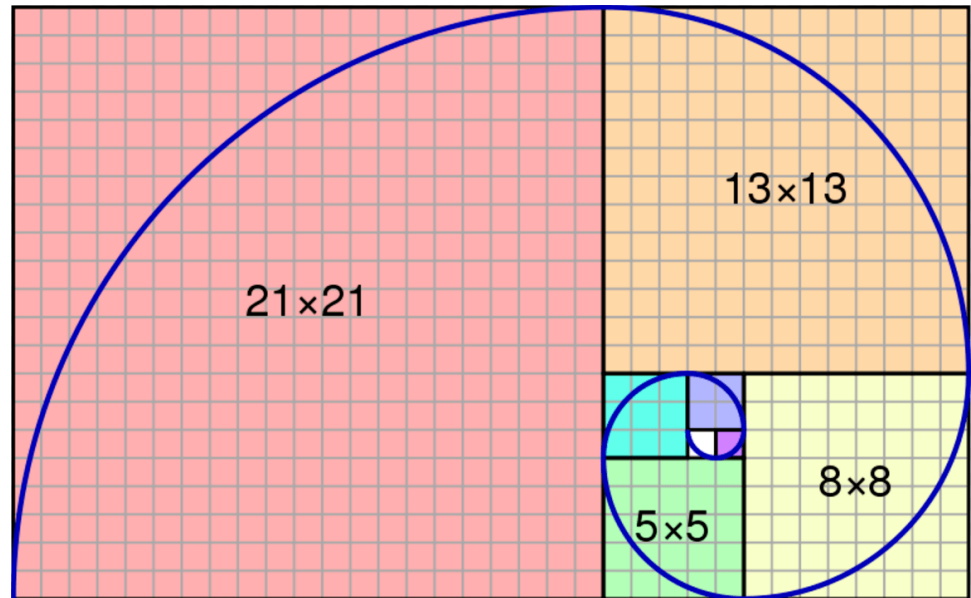
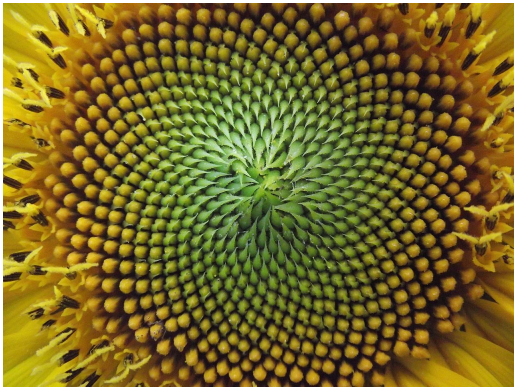
# **Sprint 0 Part 2 Kickoff**

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# Estimating Using Fibonacci Numbers

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144, 233, 377, 610, 987, 1597, 2584, 4181, 6765, 10946, 17711, 28657, 46368, 75025, 121393, 196418, 317811, ...



1. It's Composed Of Integers
2. It's Non-linear
3. It Forces You To Choose "More Or Less"
4. It Sounds Cool And Adds An Air Of Legitimacy

**Let's Practice!**

Estimation using Fibonacci Numbers  
– make a copy of below xls file

[Rapid Estimation Game](#)

# Important Lesson in Software Projects

- Jim McCarthy – Visual C++ director at Microsoft in 90's-2000s; considered one of the greatest teams ever at Microsoft
  - <https://mccarthyshow.com/about/>
- From his book Dynamics of Software Development
  - Don't Go Dark
  - Beware of the Guy in the Room

# Don't Go Dark



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9OJ9hplU8XA&list=PL9B1543FBFFB18EDD&index=4>

# Beware of the Guy in a Room



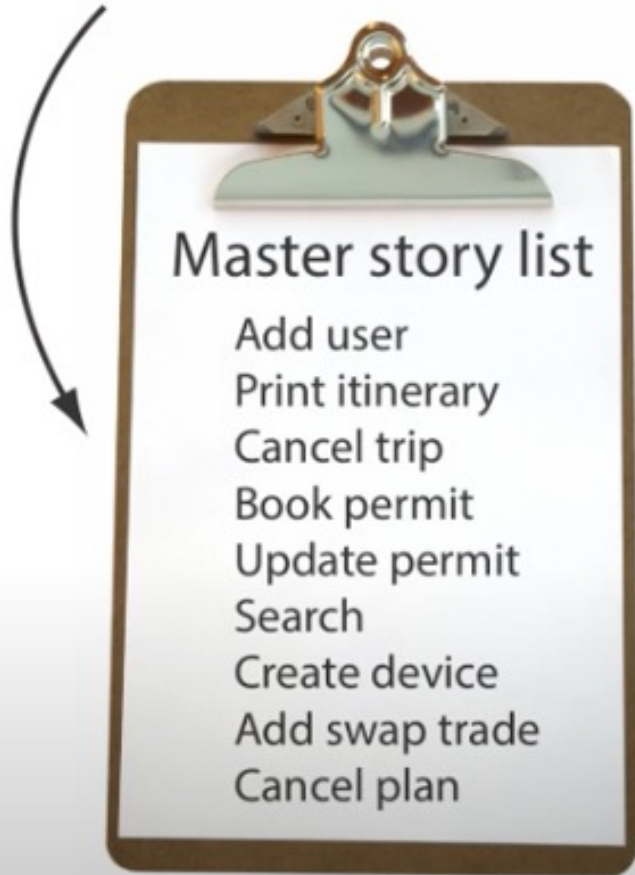
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oY6BCHqEbyc>

# Plans need Estimates

- How?
  - Keep it Simple
  - Use Relative Sizing
- Once you have estimates:
  - Create a high-level plan and budget
  - Ongoing refinement (reminds us we were guessing)

# The Agile Plan

How much we have to do



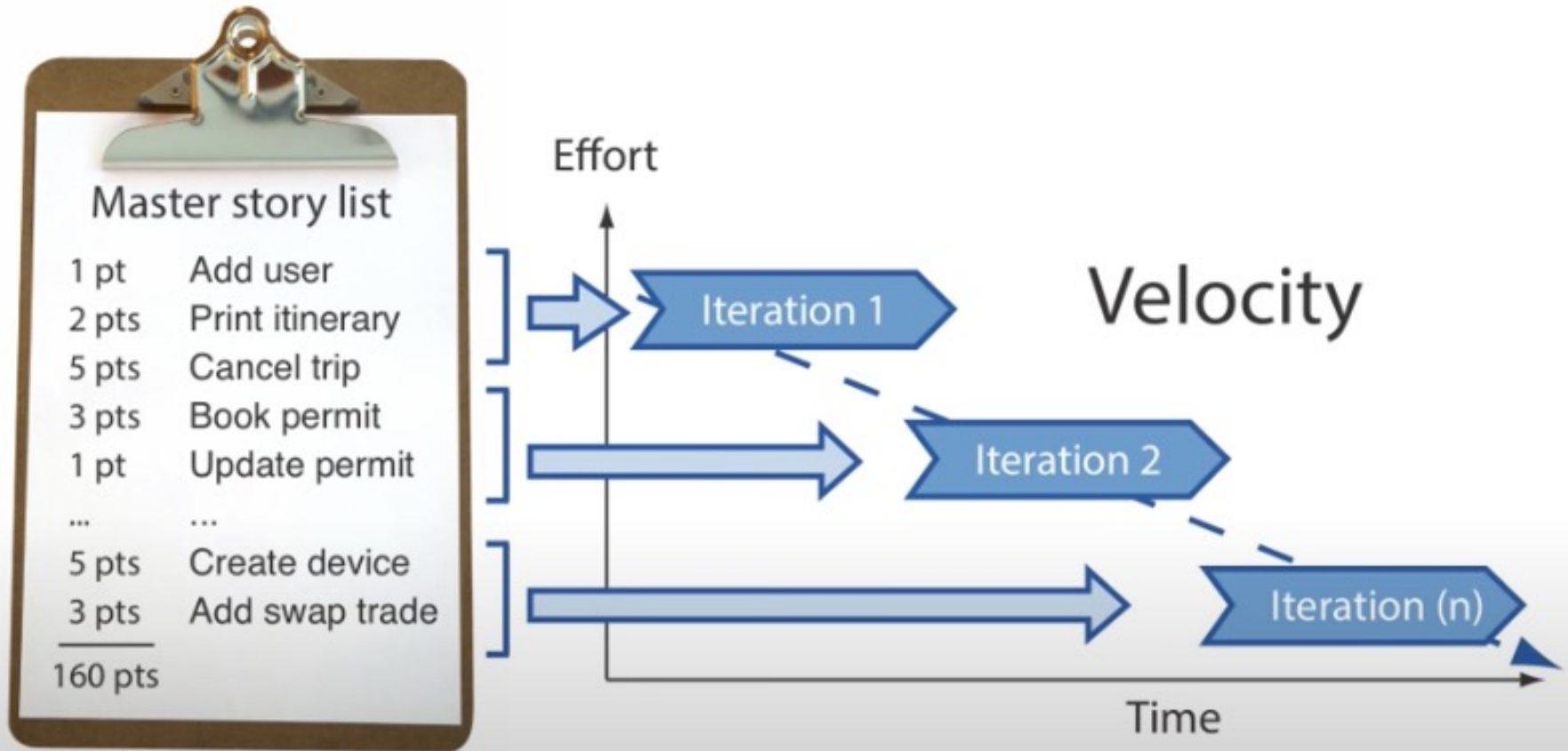
How fast we are going

Team velocity

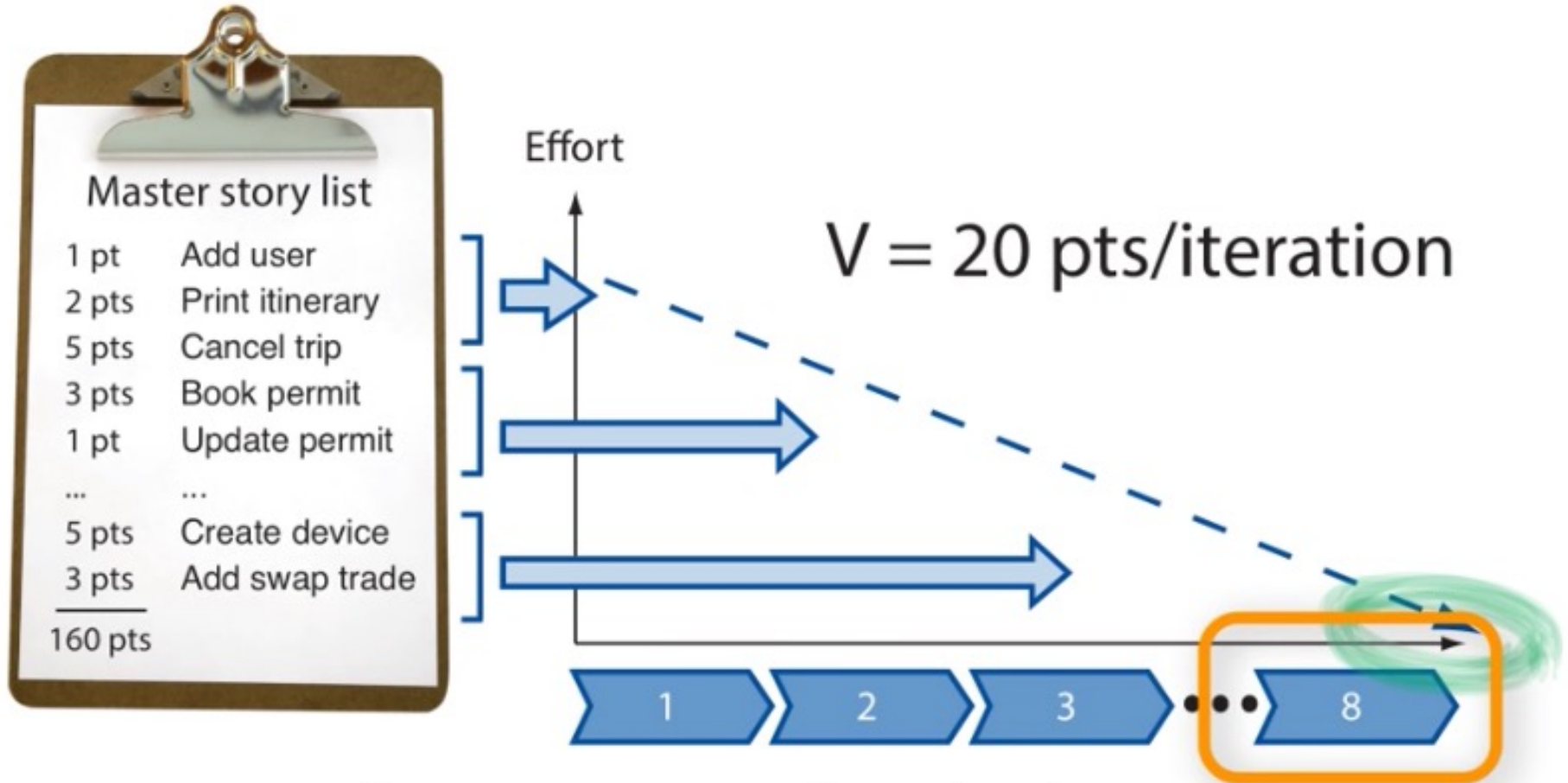
When we expect to be done



# The Agile Plan



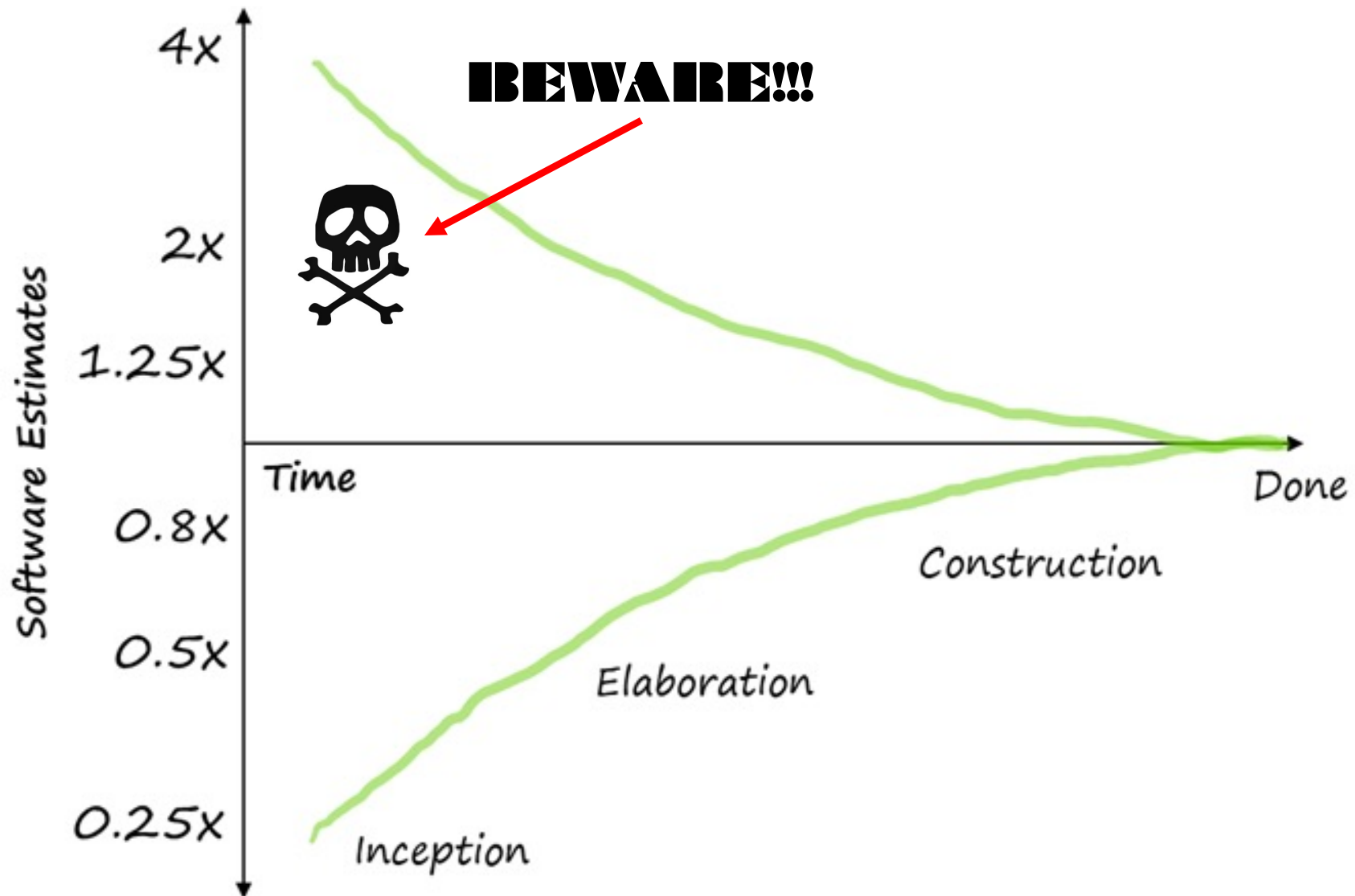
# The Agile Plan – First “Guess”



# iterations = effort / velocity

# iterations =  $160 / 20 = 8$

# The Cone of Uncertainty



# Committing to the Initial Plan= The Death March





# Prioritize!!! And this may Change!

Biggest bang  
for buck

Most important



Least important



Most technical risk

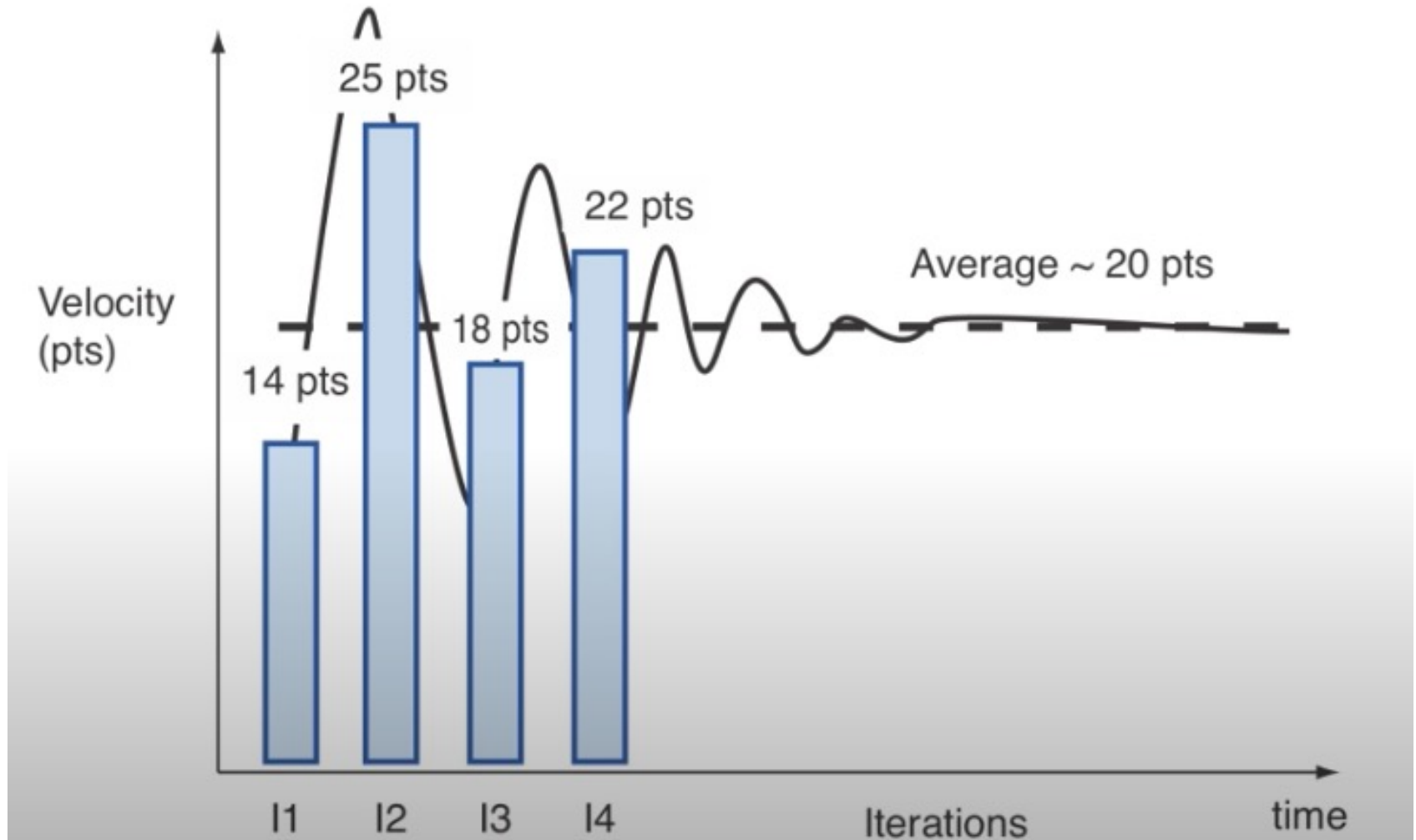
MINIMUM  
SHIP  
CRITERIA

Nice to haves

SOURCE: [Agile Samurai](#) Ones we may never get to

# Velocity fluctuates too!

What impacts velocity?



SOURCE: [Agile Samurai](#)

## After Every Sprint

- Review Velocity and adjust
- Review Release Burndown and adjust  
(**NOTE:** Release burndown is a graph showing we have completed stories as expected in the plan)
- Revisit backlog estimates and adjust
- Review Backlogs and adjust

*What do we do if any of these change from our original plan?*

## Ways to Adjust

- Move the date
- Adjust features
- Add people

*Which is best?*



## Ways to Adjust

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 Adjust features

- Add people

*Nothing gets software done like a date!*

# Planning Poker Demo

<https://planningpokeronline.com/>

# Planning Poker for your Epics

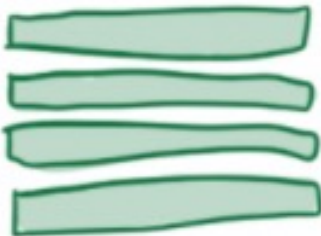
- Assign someone in your team to set up the Planning Poker game; use the Fibonacci estimate method
- Invite members of your team with link
- Go to your team's ***TigerChow Epics and Services*** Board in Trello and pick 3 Epics from the board (across different user roles) that apply to your team's service
- Add the 3 Epics (FYI - 5 is the free limit) to the Issues in Planning Poker
- Play!

# The Product Backlog

Epics Requested  
by Stakeholders



Broken Down  
Into Stories



Stories Prioritized  
by PO



outside view  
of Backlog



# TigerChow Project

## – Sprint 0 Part 2



### Sprint 0 Part 2 (total of 25 points):

- **Create a Release Plan** using the instructions in Canvas!
- 3-4 minute review per team Thursday 2/22 to present your overall TigerChow release plan. You will create an Excel plan (similar to the exercise today) and a PowerPoint.
- 10 points for plan presentation
- 10 points for well structured plan
- 5 points for the Sprint Review (if you are not present you lose the points)
- Team Survey due at end of day Friday 2/23 (if you don't do the survey, it will impact your grade!)