



## A Multi-Objective Market Assessment Process

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### **Obligatory Dilbert**



I SUMMON THE DARK
DEMON OF INEFFECTIVE
MANAGEMENT TO SMITE
THE PERSON WHO WANTS
THIS DECISION!!!



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## Background

- BFGoodrich Aerospace Engineered Polymer Products (EPP) Division had developed a new product, FyreRoc that has a significant number of market applications
- Specific target market sectors/applications for FyreRoc had been identified
- EPP management realized that internal resources are not available to immediately exploit every attractive opportunity
  - A complex range of business objectives and technology factors (decision elements) come into play when evaluating the set of market sector candidates
  - The EPP management team needed a way of optimally integrating the decision elements in order to prioritize the market segments, yielding a portfolio of opportunities aligned to maximize corporate return at an acceptable level of investment risk

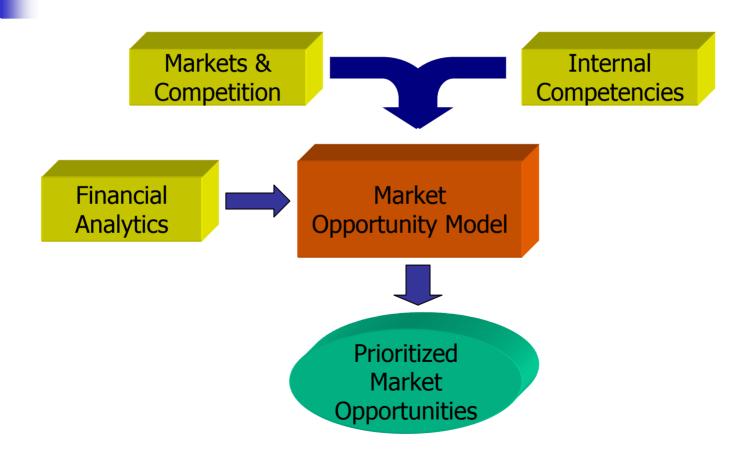


## Market Assessment Objective & Strategy

- Determine the best market opportunities for the FyreRoc product
  - Build a multi-objective market assessment model that incorporates the decision elements identified by EPP management
    - Facilitated sessions with the management team
  - Weigh the decision elements based on their importance to individual market sector success
    - Use the Analytic Hierarchy Process Team Expert Choice for collaborative weighing
  - Rate the candidate market sectors against the weighted decision elements
    - Collaboration Team Expert Choice
  - Identify high value opportunities that may be exploited through tactical investing
    - Facilitated session to review results and determine action items/next steps
  - Output prioritized market opportunity profile that will maximize corporate return at an acceptable level of investment risk
    - Build credible investment "Story" for corporate management



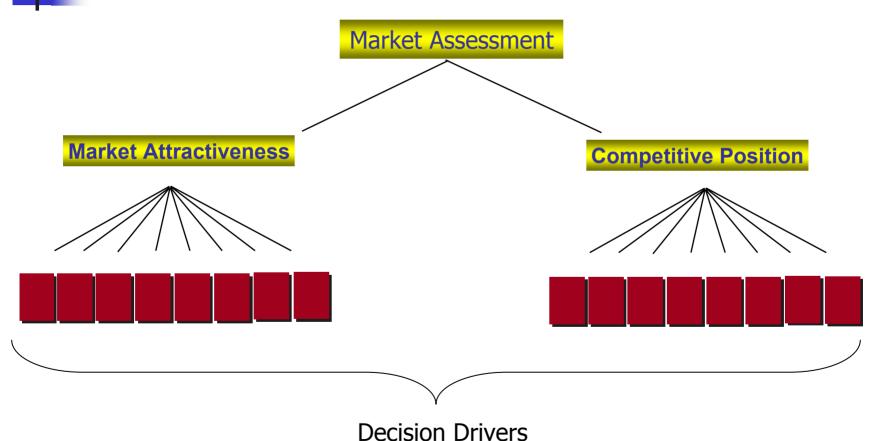
## Market Assessment Approach





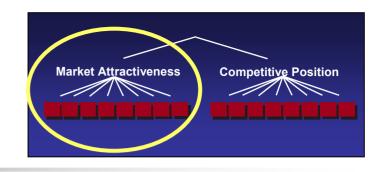


## Market Assessment – 2D Decomposition





## Market Attractiveness Structuring



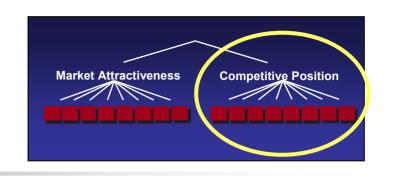
#### Market Attractiveness Drivers



Elements	Description
MARKET SIZE	CURRENT SIZE OF AVAILABLE MARKET IN \$ OR UNITS
GROWTH RATE	COMPOUNDED ANNUAL MARKET GROWTH RATE (%)
PROFITABILITY	PREFERRED FINANCIAL MEASURE
TECHNOLOGY FIT	EXISTING COMPANY TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES OR STRENGTHS
STRATEGIC FIT	EXISTING COMPANY STRATEGY/VISION
COMPETITION	PREFERRED COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT
SUPPLIERS/PARTNERS	BARGAINING POWER, QUALITY/AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLIERS/PARTNERS
EXTERNALITIES	ABILITY TO DEAL WEXTERNAL FACTORS (GOV'T REGS, LAWS, TRENDS, UNIONS, ENVIR



# Competitive Position Structuring

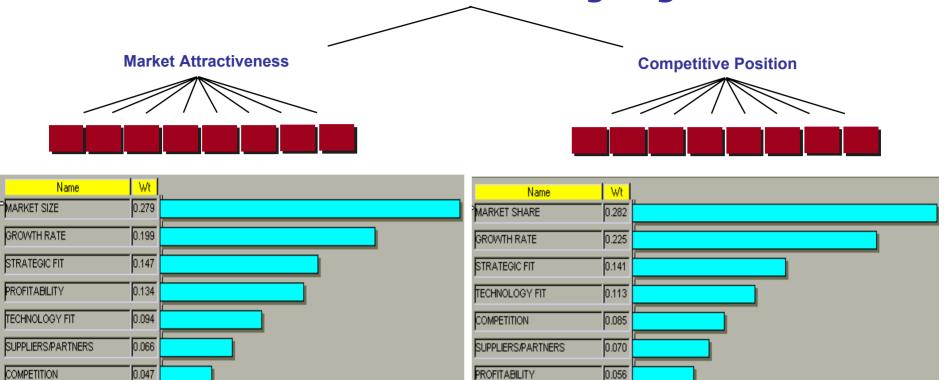


#### **Competitive Position Drivers**



Elements	Description
MARKET SHARE	PERCENT SHARE OF THE MARKET COMPARED TO COMPETITORS
GROWTH RATE	% GROWTH RATE OF SHARE OF MARKET COMPARED TO COMPETITORS
PROFITABILITY	FINANCIAL SUCCESS COMPARED TO COMPETITORS
TECHNOLOGY FIT	FIT OF YOUR TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES COMPARED TO COMPETITORS
STRATEGIC FIT	FIT OF YOUR EXISTING STRATEGY/VISION COMPARED TO COMPETITORS' STRATEGY
COMPETITION	ABILITY TO DEAL WITH COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT COMPARED TO COMPETITORS
SUPPLIERS/PARTNERS	ABILITY TO GAIN ADVANTAGE WITH SUPPLIERS/PARTNERS COMPARED TO COMPETITORS
EXTERNALITIES	ABILITY TO DEAL WITH EXTERNALITIES COMPARED TO COMPETITORS

#### **Market Assessment Weighing Process**



**EXTERNALITIES** 

#### Prioritized market attractiveness criteria

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**EXTERNALITIES** 

- EPP management determines the relative importance of the attractiveness criteria.
  - Paired comparison process identifies high impact decision elements and focuses discussion of the team.
  - Communicates strategic direction throughout the organization.

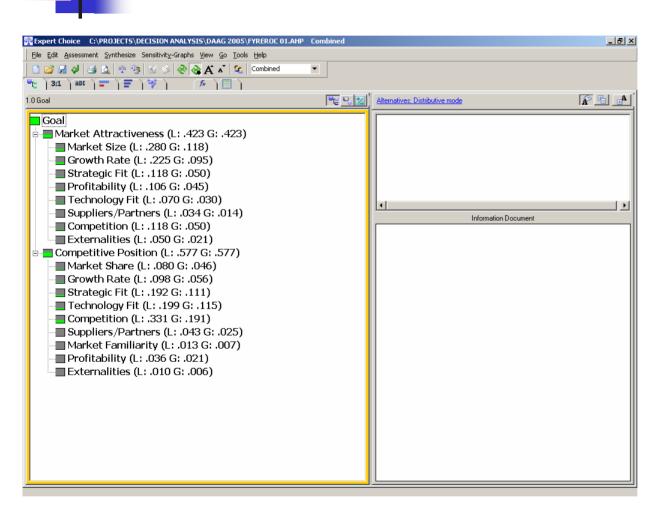
#### Prioritized competitiveness criteria

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- EPP management determines the relative importance of the competitiveness criteria.
  - Identifies the organization's most effective weapons to win in this marketplace.
  - Determines how the organization positions itself in the marketplace.







Objectives and structure determined by the management team

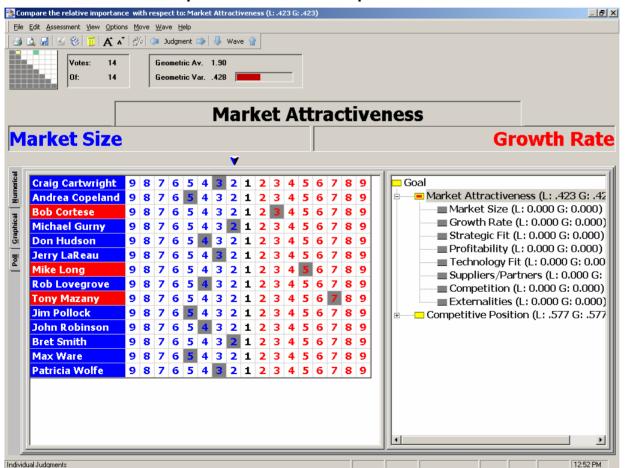
Facilitated through structured collaboration: pro/con assessments, affinity diagramming

Team Expert Choice software used for model management



## **Group Weighing of Market Attractiveness**

"It's the process not the product – most of the time..."



**EPP Representatives** 

- R&D
- Finance
- Manufacturing
- Sales & Marketing
- Management

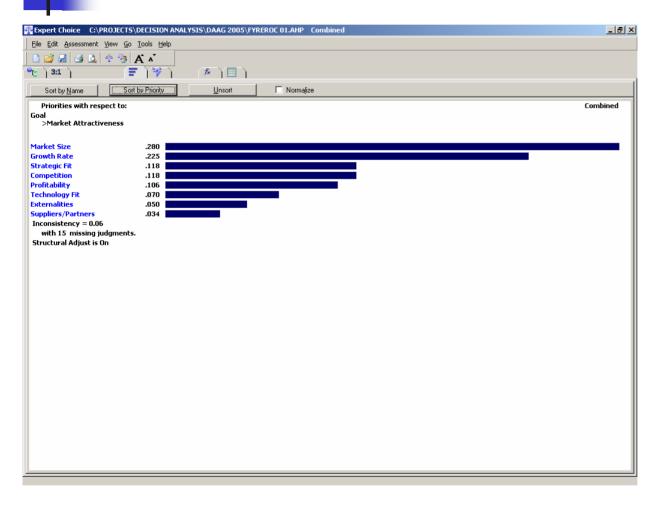
Pairwise comparisons derive individual and collective weights – isolates contention for resolution

**Group Polling** 





## Weighed Market Attractiveness Objectives

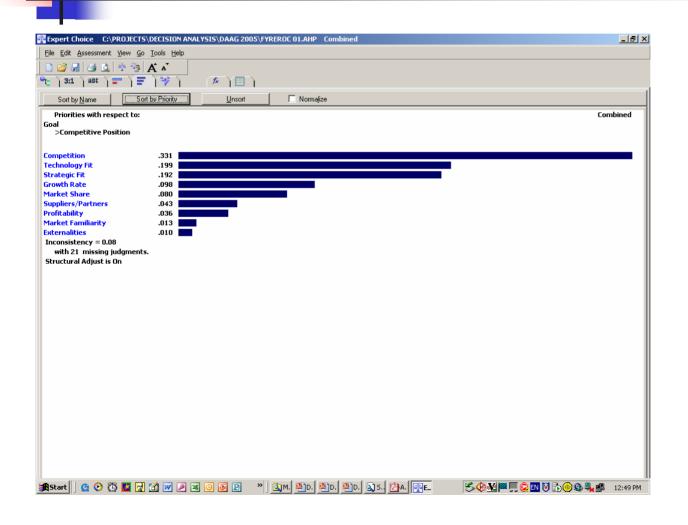


Weighed average of group inputs

Individual models automatically generated and maintained

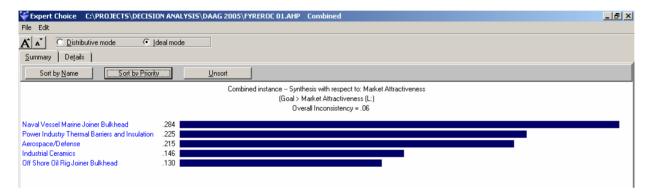


## Weighted Competitive Fit Objectives









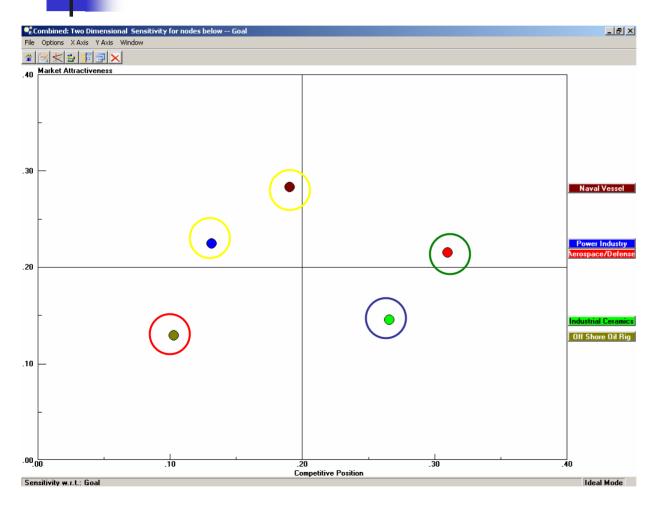
#### \_ B × Figure Choice C:\PROJECTS\DECISION ANALYSIS\DAAG 2005\FYREROC 01.AHP Combined A A C Distributive mode !deal mode Summary Details Sort by Priority Sort by Name Unsort Combined instance -- Synthesis with respect to: Competitive Position (Goal > Competitive Position (L:) Overall Inconsistency = .08 Aerospace/Defense Industrial Ceramics Naval Vessel Marine Joiner Bulkhead .190 Power Industry Thermal Barriers and Insulation .132 Off Shore Oil Rig Joiner Bulkhead

#### Market Candidates

- Aerospace/Defense
- Industrial Ceramics
- Naval Vessel Bulkheads
- Commercial Marine
- Power Industry Thermal



## Competitive Position vs. Market Attractiveness



2 D Market Assessment

#### Quads

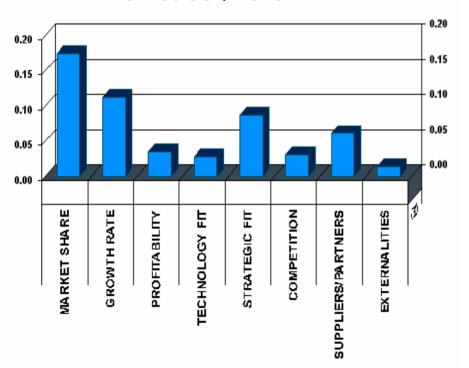
- 1. Dogs
- 2. Low Hanging Fruit
- 3. No Brainers
- 4. Tactical Opportunities





#### **Competitive Fit - Leveraging Opportunities**

Opportunity Chart For each Market Segment



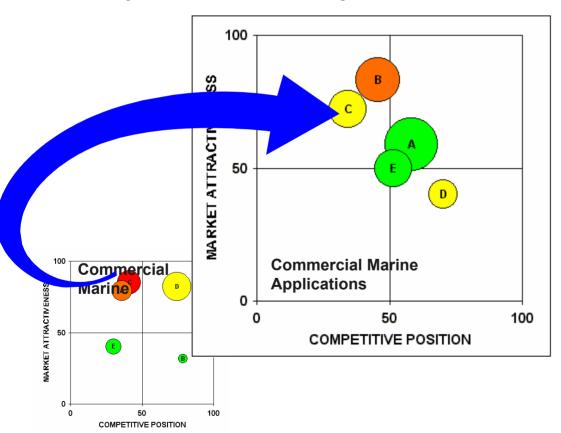
- Illustrates the opportunity to improve EPP's competitiveness in each market relative to each competitiveness criterion.
  - The longer bars indicate the attributes that should be emphasized in the market communications strategy
- Provides the necessary direction to formulate strategies in the individual sectors.
  - The shorter bars pinpoint areas of opportunity to improve EPP's competitive position.



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#### **Market Segmentation Profiles**

FyreRoc Position Analysis Chart - Commercial Marine Product Application



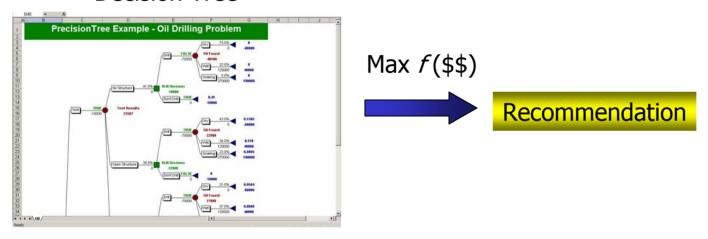
- The same template can be used to further segment each market sector to determine a sub-segment's attractiveness and competitiveness.
- For example, The FyreRoc Commericial Marine market can be segmented into Bulkheads, Engine Room Fire Barriers, Piping and Exhaust Stacks applications





### Decision Trees to Value Opportunities

#### **Decision Tree**



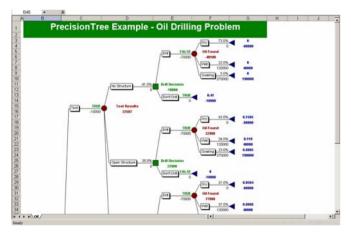
Explicitly monetize decision elements
Explicitly incorporate risk
Convert \$\$ returns to "Utils" if required — not easy



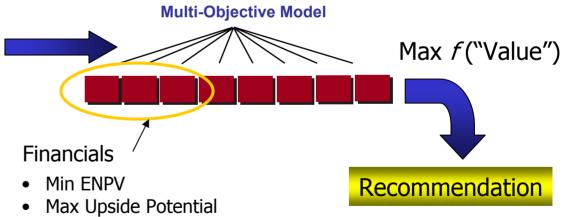
# Decision Trees and Multi-Objective Modeling to Value Opportunities

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#### **Decision Tree**



Monetize what you can
Incorporate financial metrics into a weighted
multi-objective model
Consider non-financial objectives
Evaluate alternatives against the objectives
Recommendation based on total "Value"





#### **Observations**

- Most important decision problems have objectives that cannot be directly monetized
- All Trade-offs are subjective
  - Management needs a trade-off mechanism
- Multi-objective recommendations are theoretically normative and prescriptive but in reality "approximate" and advisory
- Decision management interventions should be flexible
  - Integrate qualitative/judgmental factors with the analytics
- Partner with the client early in problem definition and solution design
  - The client wants a process that is temporally and intellectually accessible
  - Recommendations are often rejected because something was left out
    - Iterate until clarity is reached
- Active selling/marketing a complement of decision management solutions should be a core competency of both an internal and external consulting practice





#### Other Applications

- Marketing
  - Value Based Pricing
  - Resource Allocation Media Selection
  - Regional Analysis
- Procurement
  - Vendor Selection
  - Capital asset selection
- R&D
  - Project Portfolio Analysis
  - Employee Candidate Assessments
- Decision Analysis
  - Subjective Probability Assessments







- Rank reversal is <u>not</u> an issue with the EC implementation of AHP analysis
  - Enhanced algorithm introduced 8 years ago to preclude rank reversal
- Expert Choice has a very large user base
- The AHP process is more intuitive for many clients than other methods
- Group enabled EC builds individual traceble models for all participants
- Utility curves can be constructed for assessment
- The pair-wise process isolates specific points of contention
- It is not always necessary to complete an exhaustive pairwise process
- The axioms of AHP (and every compensatory method) are sometimes violated
  - "All model are wrong some are useful."