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9 Reasons AI Projects Slip Despite Perfect Planning

Delivery discipline, not ambition, defines success.

The 9 Hidden Traps of AI Delivery

Why precision without flexibility breaks — and how intelligent governance keeps projects on course



Plan for Change –
build schedules
that learn

Govern by
Design – context
over control



Measure
Learning – not
just progress

Deliver Predictably
– discipline that
endures



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About This Paper

AI delivery has a paradox: the better the plan, the faster it unravels. Every milestone is documented, every sprint scheduled — yet deadlines move, costs climb, and outcomes drift. According to McKinsey, over 80% of AI projects fail to scale or meet delivery timelines, even in enterprises with mature PMOs. The cause isn't incompetence or lack of funding — it's the illusion of control.

AI projects don't collapse suddenly; they decay in sequence — in estimation, alignment, context, and confidence. This paper examines the nine hidden factors that quietly derail AI delivery, and how intelligent governance restores predictability. It is written for CIOs, PMO Directors, Program Leaders, and Governance Officers responsible for turning AI initiatives into measurable impact.

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