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## Complexity, Leadership, and Megaproject Performance: A Configuration Analysis

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### Abstract:

**Purpose:** Rapid worldwide growth in megaprojects has attracted academic interest. In practice, complexity is one of the main causes for the failure of megaprojects. This study proposes a system of project manager leadership to overcome problems of complexity in achieving success with a megaproject.

**Design/methodology/approach:** This study uses configuration analysis, *fuzzy-set qualitative comparative analysis* (fsQCA), to investigate the combination of complexity and leadership competencies that promote megaproject success. This study analyzes three megaproject manager leadership competencies—technical, emotional–social, and adaptive—with three megaproject complexities—structural, social, and emergent—to determine the combinations and levels required to ensure a megaproject's short- and long-term success. Seven Indonesian infrastructure megaprojects were involved in this explorative study.

**Findings:** This study has identified four combinations between complexity and leadership competencies and three necessary conditions that can lead to a successful megaproject. This study also reports that insufficient project manager leadership competence in the technical, emotional-social, and adaptive aspects can lead to lower megaproject performance.

**Research limitations/implications:** By using fsQCA, this study is sufficient to understand the combination of complexity and leadership competencies in the megaproject performance. However, configuration comparative analysis using small samples is unable to explain the results that are more rigorous compared with the statistical approach. Having higher cases and additional analytical approaches leading to a more robust quantitative analysis method is needed to address these limitations.

**Practical implications:** For practitioners, this study proposes effective leadership competency combinations for managing various complexities of the megaproject.

**Originality/value:** This study provides an insight into the competencies of megaproject management leadership. It contributes to the literature by providing fresh perspectives on megaproject management, especially in terms of complexity and leadership. This is an important research area for the development of megaproject management theory filling theoretical gaps in megaproject management in terms of the leadership aspect.

**Keywords:** complexity, configuration analysis, leadership, megaproject performance

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**1. Introduction**

Population growth, technological advancements, business developments, and shifts in human needs have led to the development of large-scale infrastructure projects termed “megaprojects” (Flyvbjerg, 2014), “big projects” (Ahola, 2012), “giant projects” (Grün, 2004), “large projects” and “major programs” (Hu, Chan, Le & Jin, 2015). Since the late 1990s, megaprojects have grown globally not only in developed countries such as Britain and France but also in developing countries like China, India, and Indonesia (Damayanti, Hartono & Wijaya, 2019).

Characteristically, these types of projects are defined as having high-cost investments of more than \$1 billion (Flyvbjerg, 2014) or an average of 0.01 % of the country’s gross domestic product (GDP) (Hu, Chan & Le, 2015; Zhou & Mi, 2017). The physical aspects (e.g., size, design, and scope) of the projects are beyond ordinary, having the longest, highest, and biggest construction, which become a megaproject’s features (Flyvbjerg, 2014). Because of budget and construction size, megaprojects need the involvement of multi-entities (e.g., teams or organizations), shareholders, and stakeholders (Li, Lu, Taylor & Han, 2017). These entities come from various backgrounds, such as multiple cultures and countries (Gerhard & Christian, 2008; van Marrewijk, Clegg, Pitsis & Veenswijk, 2008) involving different motives that may trigger conflicts (Li et al., 2017; Ruuska, Artto, Aaltonen & Lehtonen, 2009). Megaprojects are developed over several years (Brockmann, 2009; Zidane, Johansen & Ekambaram, 2013), which increases uncertainty because of dynamic global business (Kardes, Ozturk, Cavusgil & Cavusgil, 2013), laws and regulations (Rad, Sun & Bosché, 2017), and changes in stakeholder political interests (Qiu, Chen, Sheng & Cheng, 2019).

Environment ecological issues (Ma, Zeng, Lin, Chen & Shi 2017; Zeng, Ma, Lin, Zeng & Tam, 2015), geographical locations and uncertain natural conditions (Bosch-Rekvelde, Jongkind, Mooi, Bakker & Verbraeck, 2011; Lessard, Sakhrani & Miller, 2014), and novel technology system innovations (Ahn, Shokri, Lee, Haas & Haas, 2017) add to the challenges of megaprojects. From this description, it is clear that megaprojects have much more complex social, cultural, institutional, and technical aspects than ordinary projects (Li, Han, Luo & Zhang, 2019).

Indeed, megaprojects come hand in hand with mega-problems (Flyvbjerg, 2013), which may lead most megaprojects to failure (Flyvbjerg, 2014; Ninan, Clegg, Burdon & Clay, 2021). However, if successful, a megaproject can make a region prosperous and even become a unifying symbol for the country (Flyvbjerg, 2013). Therefore, it takes rigorous effort, more than in ordinary projects, along with a proper approach to manage a megaproject (Flyvbjerg, 2014; Li, Han et al., 2019; Locatelli, Mikic, Kovacevic, Brookes & Ivanisevic 2017).

From a complexity perspective, one can effectively understand and manage a megaproject (Flyvbjerg, Bruzelius & Rothengatter, 2003; Sato & Chagas Jr, 2014). This perspective can serve as a powerful analytical lens in terms of observing intricate problems that may stem from various project management settings, such as project failure (Ivory & Alderman, 2005), knowledge management (Hartono, Sulisty, Chai & Indarti, 2019), stakeholders (Aaltonen & Kujala, 2016), leadership (Hartono, Sulisty & Umam, 2019), tasks and scheduling (Ahn et al., 2017), team (Hsu, Weng, Cui & Rand, 2016), and project practice (Cooke-Davies, 2011). However, the literature review exhibits a limited focus in the context of megaproject studies.

Thus, this study redefines megaproject management from a complexity perspective. While few complexity studies have focused on regular project management, the findings are not often applicable in the context of a megaproject. Megaprojects differ in that in megaprojects there are significantly more problems to resolve and greater complications to address, that is, they operate at a higher level of complexity (Li, Han et al., 2019; Müller, 2014). Therefore, this study posits that a traditional plan-and-control project management approach is insufficient for addressing the multifaceted problems in megaprojects (Shenhar, 2004).

Furthermore, from a temporary organizational perspective, project management entails managing both technical aspects and leadership (He, Luo, Hu & Chan, 2015; Graham, Nikolova & Sankaran, 2020; Pitsis, Clegg, Freeder, Sankaran & Burdon, 2018). Megaprojects often transcend technical activities and task relationships as they involve significant human relationships that include both internal and external stakeholders (Amoatey & Hayibor, 2017; Denicol, Davies, & Pryke, 2021). Consequently, it has been deemed crucial to look into leadership aspects in megaproject management.

Previous studies on regular project management have suggested that effective leadership depends on the project setting or attributes (e.g., the type of project (Müller & Turner, 2007), industry type, and project complexity (Hartono, Sulisty & Umam, 2019). Similar strategies potentially apply in megaprojects, wherein project managers make choices according to the megaproject and its complexities (Sankaran, 2018). Therefore, to deal with possible megaproject complexities, project managers must have strong leadership competencies (Li, Lu, Cui & Han, 2019). As megaprojects are expected to have far greater challenges than conventional projects, project manager leadership competencies are presumed to be better (Flyvbjerg, 2014; Li, Lu et al., 2019). Nevertheless, there is limited research on project managers' leadership competencies in megaprojects (Li, Lu et al., 2019), especially in managing complexities. Therefore, this study aims to explore project managers' leadership competencies in terms of managing complexities for a successful megaproject.

This study examines leadership competencies in response to complexity in the form of a combination configuration approach. The proper configuration combining certain "leadership competency" and "complexity" has been determined to play a key role in achieving a successful megaproject. This exploratory study adopts the fuzzy-set qualitative comparative analysis (fsQCA), a method with a comparative approach that balances qualitative exploration through case studies as well as combination variables configurational that analysis quantitatively based on the Boolean algebra (Rihoux & Ragin, 2009).

This study offers both theoretical and practical contributions as it extends the existing literature by proposing a megaproject management approach that simultaneously analyzes the "complexity" and "leadership" involving a megaproject. This study also introduces a relatively new method in engineering management that is comparative analysis fsQCA for empirical examination and analytical in a configurational. With regard to its practical contributions, this study proposes combinations solution of leadership competencies in varying contexts of megaproject complexity to support project managers manage the megaprojects achieving the success target.

This study is presented in five sections. Section 1 elucidates the background and the problem formulated in the research objective. Section 2 provides a literature review concerning complexities in megaprojects as well as the management approach and megaproject leadership. Section 3 presents the research methods, detailing the study approach and procedures. Section 4 explains the discussion and research findings as well as the research contribution to engineering management. Section 5 contains the conclusion and limitations as well as suggestions for further research.

## **2. Literature Review**

### **2.1. Complexity and Megaproject**

Looking into megaproject complexity, researchers have identified complexity as a critical factor for success. Some researchers concluded that several megaprojects failed due to a lack of understanding and required methods to address the complexities associated with megaprojects (Shenhar & Holzmann, 2017).

Despite megaproject complexities becoming one of the primary reasons for a megaproject to fail, studies on this topic are scarce. Between 2000 and 2010, several prominent project and engineering management journals included only 4.7 % of 85 studies examining megaproject complexities (Hu, Chan, Le & Jin, 2015). This result is consistent with a study conducted by Wang, Chan, He, and Xu (2020), who noted a gap in megaproject studies conducted between 2007 and 2018, identifying that only 7.2 % of 145 studies focused on complexity management.

Most previous research attempted to explore the complexities and management of megaprojects. Some researchers have discussed the topic and related it to the size or several interrelated structural aspects; for instance, the interrelatedness of many goals (Rad et al., 2017; Bosch-Rekvelde et al., 2011), the number and diversity of tasks and activities (Gerhard & Christian, 2008; Rolstad & Schiefloe, 2017), high technology integration (Lu et al., 2015;

Ahn et al., 2017), law and regulation (He et al., 2015; Othman, 2013), the project budget (Kardes et al., 2013; Chapman, 2016), and many other resources and organizational structures (Rad et al., 2017; Lu, Luo, Wang, Le & Shi, 2015). Borrowing from project complexity, this aspect of complexity should be classified as a dimension of structural complexity (Maylor, Turner & Murray-Webster, 2013; Maylor & Turner, 2017).

As a megaproject requires involvement from many teams and stakeholders, past researchers have also highlighted the complexity of social human aspects concerning cultural backgrounds or political motives (e.g. Jia, Yang, Wang, Hong, & You, 2011; van Marrewijk et al., 2008). Having a transnational team is often common in megaprojects. Because of differences in organizational and national cultures, this can be a challenge for team collaboration; examples include, dealing with different team cultures in a large project partnership in Thailand (Prasitsom & Likhitrungsilp, 2015a), in an energy megaproject in Siberia (van den Ende & van Marrewijk, 2015), and an oil and gas megaproject in Vietnam (Van Ban & Hadikusumo, 2017). Additionally, most stakeholders often have different motives and interests, which has emerged as a complexity concern in a megaproject. For example, the challenge discussed by Wu, Jia and Zhang (2019) has been evident for the infrastructure trunk line between the Beijing and Shenyang megaproject in China, the Mashhad Urban Railway project in Iran (Bahadorestani, Karlsen & Farimani, 2020), the partnership alliance contract between the client and contractor in Main Roads Western Australia (Galvin, Tywoniak, & Sutherland, 2021), and in some large projects around the world as examined by Di Maddaloni and Davis (2017). In this study, these aspects were categorized as social complexity, in line with the term from the context of social dimension project complexity (Maylor & Turner, 2017).

Some researchers have also highlighted changes and uncertainties that megaprojects may encounter. Brady and Davies (2014) analyzed complexity from a dynamic matter in Heathrow terminal 5 and the 2012 Olympic park in London, United Kingdom. Giezen (2013), on the other hand, discussed the uncertainty challenges in a large infrastructure project in the Netherlands, whereas Nätti (2016) studied the strategic network under an uncertainty power plant megaproject in Finland. Some researchers in developing countries have noted that new advancements in technology, lacking knowledge in organizing a megaproject, and unstable political and economic conditions can increase uncertainty in a megaproject (e.g., Babatunde, Perera, Udeaja & Zhou, 2014; Brahm & Tarzījān, 2015). These dynamic aspects relate to the change and uncertainty factors and are often referred to as emergent complexity (Gerald, Maylor & William 2011; Maylor & Turner, 2017); this term has also been adopted as a complexity dimension in this study.

Thus, in analyzing a megaproject's complexity, this study considered three aspects as dimensions of complexity: (1) structural complexity, which refers to scale and interrelationship; (2) social complexity, which refers to human factors, such as teams and stakeholders, with varying cultural and political backgrounds; and (3) emergent complexity, which refers to changes and uncertainties that a project may face.

## 2.2. Megaproject Complexity Management

In a study by Maylor and Turner (2017), three approaches were proposed to address a project's complexity: standard project management based on planning and control to respond to structural complexity; social engagement, consisting of the management of teams and stakeholders to address social complexity; and change with adaptive management to handle emergent complexity.

However, in megaprojects, approaches to complexity management must be expanded because multiple aspects can be highly interrelated, megaprojects have wider scopes as compared to an ordinary project, and larger entities are involved. Based on existing literature, a standard complexity management approach is still utilized in megaprojects; however, it must go hand in hand with a contemporary approach. For instance, robust integration management (Brady & Davies, 2014; Chen, Su, Zeng, Sun & Shi, 2018) along with standard project management, which is focused on planning and control (Maylor & Turner, 2017) are considered in response to the structural complexity involved with a megaproject.

Social engagement, which emphasizes emotional management strengthened by a creative humanist approach, has been used to address social complexity in a megaproject; this is in addition to the standard project teams and stakeholders' management (Gerhard & Christian, 2008; Wang, Han, de Vries & Zuo, 2016). Aside from change management and other adaptive, dynamic, creative, and flexible approaches (Li, Han et al., 2019), innovation



management is highly recommended for addressing the emergent complexity in a megaproject (Chapman, 2016; Chen et al., 2018).

### 2.3. Leadership and Megaproject

For most researchers, leadership is identified as a key aspect to achieving the short-and-long-term success of a megaproject (Li, Lu et al., 2019; Denicol, Davies & Krystallis, 2020). To date, researchers are still exploring the leadership competency that a project manager requires to manage a megaproject.

Considering the size and several interrelated factors, when dealing with megaprojects, project managers should have high technical competency and possess the following skills: procedural planning and control (Callahan, Pisano & Linder, 2010; Wu, Fang & Li, 2015; Sankaran, 2018); alignment and integration (Mazur & Pisarski, 2015); knowledge and experience to exploit current and available resources (van Johnston, 2011; Sankaran, 2018). As a megaproject can also involve several social entities, project leaders must have social competency (Parent, Olver & Séguin, 2009; Sankaran, 2018). This point was discussed by Mazur, Pisarski, Chang and Ashkanasy (2014) after studying a defense industry megaproject in Australia, wherein project managers exhibited high emotional-social competency when managing their stakeholders. Additionally, social competency allows proper communication, negotiation, and collaboration among multi-party teams (Wan, Le, Wang, Xia, & Liu, 2020) and stakeholders (Toor & Arain, 2012; Raziq, Borini, Malik, Ahmad & Shabaz, 2018; Sankaran, 2018).

On the other hand, a project leader should also be flexible and adaptive, which are traits necessary to overcome change and any uncertain conditions that a megaproject might face. For instance, Callahan et al. (2010) discussed how the Alameda Corridor and Alameda Corridor East megaproject managers in the USA were able to cope with uncertainties by employing flexible leadership strategies through stakeholder lobbying. Based on a narrative inquiry approach, Sankaran (2018) pointed out that megaproject managers must adapt to the project milieu to establish their individual roles, as it is important to balance all aspects of the project to support innovation and to meet unanticipated requirements. Recently, Wan et al. (2020) discussed top managers in megaprojects across China, with a focus on adaptability in the paternalistic styles of leadership.

Although leadership has a clear effect on the success of a megaproject, previous research provides little insight regarding what and how leadership competencies fit into the context of megaproject complexity. From the complexity management approach and based on past megaproject leadership studies, three leadership competencies for megaproject managers are potentially proposed: (1) technical competency, which emphasizes one's ability to integrate consideration for the existence of multiple factors (e.g., activities, costs, organization, and technology); (2) emotional-social competency or social engagement management ability, which requires emotional intelligence with a creative human approach as megaprojects often involve multiple entities and possibly multiple countries with different backgrounds and motives (i.e., teams and stakeholders); and (3) adaptive competency, which emphasizes one's ability to change and shift while simultaneously balancing all factors, requiring an innovative mindset.

## 3. Methodology

### 3.1. Research Approach

This study aims to explore leadership competency in terms of managing complexities for a successful megaproject. This study is multivariable and involved three research factors (i.e., complexity, leadership competency, and megaproject performance) as main variables; each variable was divided into sub-variables for further analysis (Hair Jr., Black, Babin & Anderson, 2014; Neuman, 2007). Although these research variables seem interrelated, previous studies have not established how leadership competency and complexity affect the performance of a megaproject.

For an in-depth analysis, this study uses the conjunctural causation approach, which examines the cause and effect between variables not only in a single relationship but in a causal combination (Rihoux & Ragin, 2009). The fuzzy-set qualitative comparative analysis (fsQCA) from QCA method was identified as suitable for this study, as it is based on a comparison approach that balances the qualitative analysis of case studies with quantitative multivariable relationship analysis using Boolean algebraic calculations (Ragin, 2014; Rihoux & Ragin, 2009); thus, it is suited for research where interactions between variables are not well understood (Jordan, Gross, Javernick-Will, & Garvin, 2011).

The fsQCA approach uses specific terms to define the research variables and their relationships, namely, “outcome” to define the dependent variable and “causal condition” for the independent variable (Ragin, 2014). The relationship of the principal variables is referred to as the explicit connection. From the regression/correlation perspective, the relationship is simultaneous, symmetrical, and equivalent at the level of the existence of variables. However, from the explicit connection perspective, this analysis focuses on both the symmetry and asymmetry of the variable relationship (Ragin, 2008). Rather than examining the value or the strength of the relationship between condition variables on the outcome/result, the configurational form or the combination of variables is analyzed.

Following the given objectives, the “outcome” of this study is megaproject performance, namely, the short-term success targets (e.g., the iron triangle of time, cost, and quality) (Flyvbjerg, 2014) and long-term targets (e.g., client or customer satisfaction, team satisfaction, and community benefits) (Bahadorestani et al., 2020; Sato & Chagas Jr., 2014). These outcomes are analyzed in both high and low performance.

### 3.2. Research Procedure

In this study, the research procedure was adapted from the fsQCA stages by Berg-Schlosser and De Meur (2009) and Mendel and Korjani (2013). The procedure began with a formulation of the outcome, followed by the case selection, the formulation of causal conditions, the research model development, and the data collection stage. The next stage is data processing, ending with an interpretation of the result. A summary of these stages is presented in: Figure 1. Flowchart of the fsQCA study.

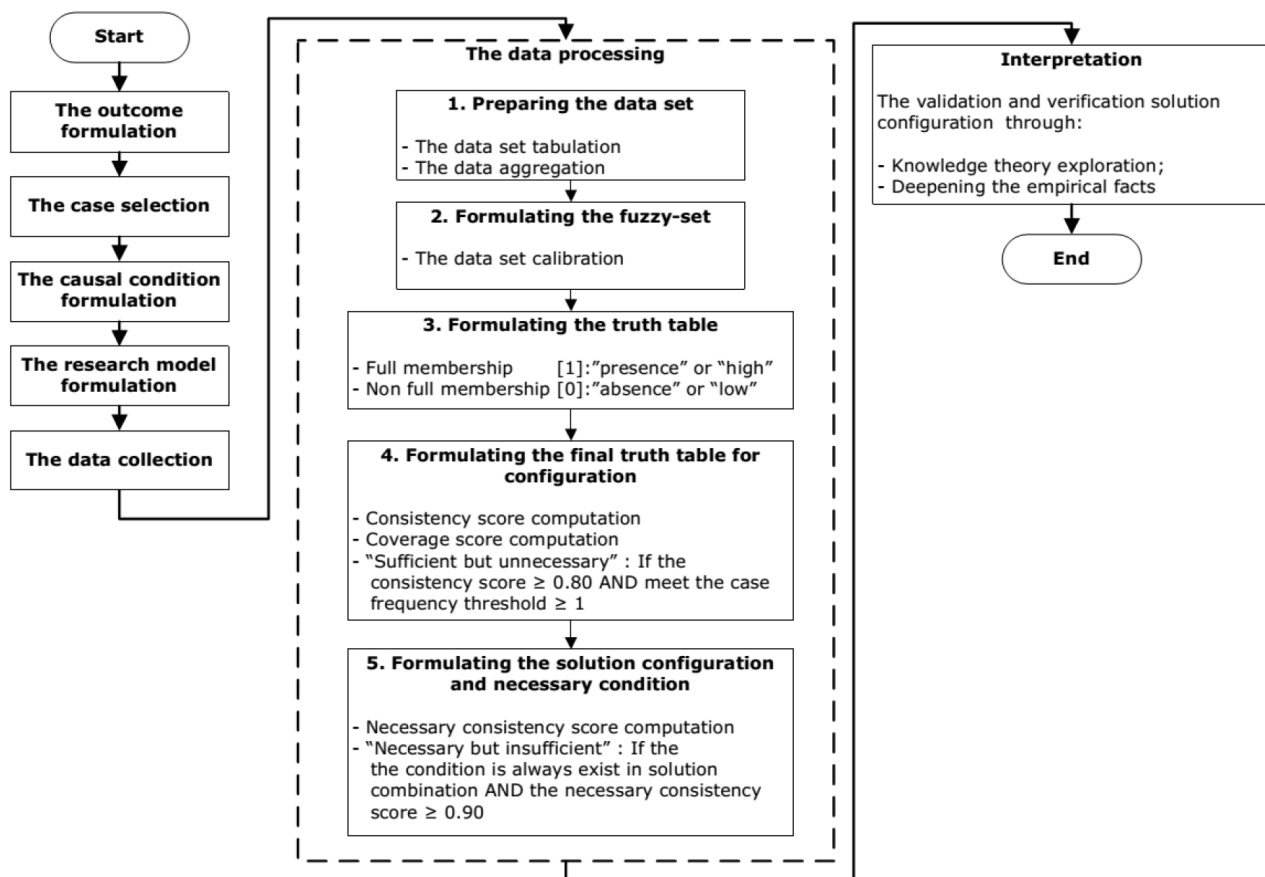


Figure 1. Flowchart of the fsQCA study

#### 3.2.1. The Outcome's Formulation

The “outcomes” formulation of this study is explained in sub-chapter 3.1, namely the short-term and long-term megaproject targets, which are studied in high and low performance.

### 3.2.2. The Case Selection

After the “outcome” of a study is determined, to establish the boundaries on which cases are selected, the investigation domain must be defined (Berg-Schlosser & De Meur, 2009). The cases analyzed for comparison were selected based on clear and specific considerations.

The strategy considered in case selection for this study was the most similar system design, termed “Most Similar Different Outcome.” This strategy is based on the concept of exploring cases with similar system characteristics that may have conflicting outcomes (Berg-Schlosser & De Meur, 2009). The boundaries set on this study are as follows: (1) The case selection was based on megaproject cost, which involved a minimum spending of 0.01 % of a country’s GDP (Hu, Chan & Le, 2015; Zhou & Mi, 2017) or equaled a minimum project budget of USD 87 million for an Indonesian setting. (2) The cases were Indonesian megaprojects on transportation, which has been identified as a national priority infrastructure project until the year 2025 (Committee for Acceleration of Priority Infrastructure Delivery, 2018). (3) To obtain a full description of the project, the selected megaproject cases must be completed in the year 2019.

Based on these criteria, seven megaprojects in Indonesia were selected for analysis: two Indonesia Light Rail Transit systems (i.e., ILRT-Jt and ILRT-P), three toll roads along the Trans-Island Highway (i.e., Trans-J, Trans-S, and Trans-L), one Indonesia City Mass Transit (ICMT), and one International Indonesia Airport (IIA). The chosen megaprojects were part of Indonesia's national priority infrastructure, a strategic initiative sponsored by the Indonesian Government in its effort to transform the nation into a developed country by 2045 (Committee for Acceleration of Priority Infrastructure Delivery, 2018). These seven cases were largely sufficient to conduct this study, as they represented the typical Indonesian transportation infrastructure for megaproject construction.

The average investment value of these megaprojects was around USD 1.054 billion. The actual construction duration for these megaprojects was estimated to be 24–72 months. Several projects were completed in 2018 and mid-2019 (i.e., IIA, Trans-J, ICMT, and ILRT-P), while nearly 60 % were delayed by 12 months (Appendix A).

### 3.2.3. The Causal Condition

The selection of conditions must be based on theoretical or literary criteria and should match the observed cases (Berg-Schlosser & De Meur, 2009). In this study, we examined the performance of megaprojects to identify relevant combinations of leadership competencies and complexity. With this in mind, six causal conditions, three conditions of complexity (i.e., *structural*, *social*, and *emergent*), and three leadership competencies (i.e., *technical*, *emotional-social*, and *adaptive*) were simultaneously analyzed to characterize and assess megaproject performance (i.e., short- and long-term).

### 3.2.4. The Research Model

To analyze the explicit connection, the fsQCA uses the conjunctural causation approach, which examines the cause and effect between variables not only in a single relationship but in causal combination (Rihoux & Ragin, 2009). Figure 2 shows the conceptual model for this study. When verified, the connection model is explained as “The combination of conditions that are relevant for assessing the performance of megaproject is: structural, social, emergent complexity, technical leadership competence, emotional-social, and adaptive.”

The hypotheses in fsQCA are assumed, in which all conditions and outcomes are proposed in combination (Berg-Schlosser & De Meur, 2009). Therefore, the conjunctural hypothesis in this study is stated as “The combined complexities and leadership competencies result in certain megaproject performances.”



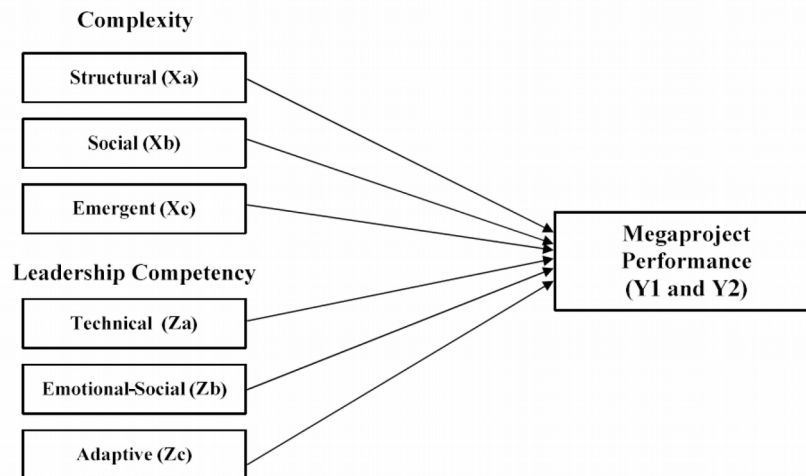


Figure 2. Theoretical Model

### 3.2.5. Data Collection

Data collection comprised the respondent selection and the data collection method, which will be explained further as follows.

#### 3.2.5.1. Respondent Selection

This study focuses on the leadership competencies of the top (chief) megaproject manager. Seven top megaproject managers were chosen as respondents. These respondents were ultimately responsible for the success or failure of their respective megaprojects and those that best-comprehended complexity. As per our findings, most of our respondents shared that it is their first time handling a megaproject as top managers, whereas three of the seven had prior experience in managing megaprojects as chief engineers and technical managers. All of them were certified engineering, procurement, and construction experts and had more than 15 years of experience in an infrastructure construction project.

#### 3.2.5.2. Data Collection Method

Three data collection methods were used: questionnaire, interview, and document exploration. To formulate questionnaires, this study adopted several statements from literature (e.g., the complexity assessment tools by Maylor et al. (2013)) and from the leadership dimension questionnaire by Dulewicz and Higgs (2005).

This study used a two-way translation mechanism to prevent misunderstandings as the original variables and sub-variables from the literature were in English and the respondents used Indonesian. It took at least two individuals who understand the two languages to do the translation process. The translation process has been based on the method introduced by Brislin (1970), with operational stages based on Marín and Marín (1991). The results of the two-way translation were then compiled into a draft questionnaire.

The pilot study was conducted to assess the questionnaire's validity and reliability. For exploratory studies, a reliability value of at least 0.6 was acceptable (Bagozzi & Yi, 1988). The operational definition of the variable and the final attributes for the questionnaire are shown in Table 1. The detailed attributes from a completed questionnaire are presented in Appendix B.

The final questionnaire (shown in Appendix B) was distributed to the respondents through an online SurveyMonkey web survey. A 7-point Likert scale was used to capture the answers from respondents (1, strongly disagree; 2 and 3, between strongly disagree and neutral; 4, neutral; 5 and 6, between neutral and strongly agree; 7, strongly agree). This scale has been identified to provide accurate measures related to respondent perceptions when the respondents' entries are unsupervised (Finstad, 2010). The weight of this scale value was assumed to be uniform. Using the summated scale method (Hair Jr. et al., 2014), aggregate scores were obtained by summing and calculating the average Likert response value for each variable.

This exploratory case study included an interview to obtain further explanation on the condition of the observed megaproject; this will also serve as a validation and verification process for this study. The respondents (seven top managers of megaproject) were followed up as interviewees. Interviews were conducted with each respondent, which lasted for 1-2 hours. Three were face-to-face interviews, three through conversation chats in social media applications, and one through an online video call.

Variable	Definition	Causal Condition	Operational Definition	Attributes	References	The Cronbach Score
Complexity (X)	Positive and negative challenges that must be addressed by megaproject practitioners and stakeholders	Structural (Xa)	The complexity related to scale and interrelationship aspect.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Project goal and objectives</li> <li>– Law and regulation</li> <li>– Task and activity</li> <li>– Project site and location</li> <li>– Deliverables</li> <li>– Schedule</li> <li>– Budget</li> <li>– Technology</li> <li>– Resources</li> <li>– Organization Team structure</li> </ul>	Maylor & Turner (2017); Othman (2013), Rolstadås & Schiefloe (2017); Rad et al. (2017); He et al. (2015); Gerhard & Christian (2008); Bosch-Rekvelde et al. (2011), Kardes et al. (2013); Chapman (2016)	0.704
		Social (Xb)	The complexity related to the human factors such as teams and stakeholders with cultural and political aspects	Team and stakeholders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Cultural and political</li> <li>– Transparency</li> <li>– Alliance</li> <li>– Motivation</li> </ul>		0.673
		Emergent (Xc)	The complexity related to the change and uncertainty in the project	Change and uncertainty in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Structural aspects</li> <li>– Social aspects</li> </ul>		0.801
Leadership competency (Z)	Combination of knowledge (qualification, skills (ability to do a task) and core personality characteristics (motives, traits, and self-concepts) that lead to superior results.	Technical (Za)	Competencies in procedural, alignment, and exploitation activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Procedural</li> <li>– Alignment</li> <li>– Exploitation</li> </ul>	Dulewicz & Higgs (2005); PMI (2017); Uhl-Bien & Arena (2018)	0.750
		Emotional-social (Zb)	Competencies in self-management and social management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Self-awareness</li> <li>– Self-control</li> <li>– Social awareness</li> <li>– Social control</li> </ul>		0.779
		Adaptive (Zc)	Competencies in being flexible, having exploration capability, and reflex intuitive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Adaptation</li> <li>– Exploration (for innovation)</li> <li>– Instinctive</li> </ul>		0.772

Variable	Definition	Causal Condition	Operational Definition	Attributes	References	The Cronbach Score
Megaproject performance (Y)	Megaproject outcome for the short-and long-term	Short-term (Y1)	Performance in terms of timeliness of completion, conformity of the budget with planning, and conformity of the quality specifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Time</li> <li>– Cost</li> <li>– Quality specification</li> </ul>	Flyvbjerg (2014); He et al. (2015); Locatelli et al. (2017)	0.679
		Long-term (Y2)	Performance in terms of people satisfaction, economic and business, community welfare, long-term safety environment, and knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– People satisfaction</li> <li>– Economic or Business</li> <li>– Society benefit</li> <li>– Construction organization benefit</li> </ul>	Flyvbjerg (2014); Sato & Chagas Jr (2014); Zhou & Mi (2017); (Zeng et al., 2015)	0.827

Table 1. The Variables and Attributes (Final Version)

Document exploration, which is defined as a secondary data collection approach, has helped in analyzing the interview and questionnaire findings (Neuman, 2007). This study used project document archives, project progress reports, and news obtained from the project's official website.

### 3.2.6. Data Processing

Data were processed using the fsQCA 3.1 software package developed by Ragin and Davey (2017). For data processing, five steps (summarized in Figure 1) were adapted from Berg-Schlosser and De Meur (2009) and Mendel and Korjani (2013) as follows:

#### 3.2.6.1. Preparing the Data Set

In this step, the responses to the questionnaire were tabulated. Using the non-weighted summated scale method, the items under the same variable were summed and its average calculated to obtain an aggregate score. This process was supported by Microsoft Excel.

#### 3.2.6.2. Formulating the Fuzzy-set Calibration

In this step, causal conditions and outcomes were used as fuzzy variables to determine the membership function (Mendel & Korjani, 2013). There were two mechanisms to perform calibration, i.e., direct and indirect. This study used the direct method calibration to determine the fuzzy membership function thresholds as the megaproject complexity, leadership competence, and performance were not yet identified as a strong empirical basis for formulating a separate (indirect) threshold scale.

#### 3.2.6.3. Formulating the Truth Table

The truth table was structured to display the overall configuration of the megaproject's complexity and leadership competence for assessing the short-term and long-term outcome in high and low performance. Conditions categorized as full membership indicate that the condition "presence" is symbolized by 1, which in this study is interpreted as a "high" condition. If the conditions are included in the non-full membership category with a symbol 0, it indicates "absence," which is interpreted as a "low" condition. These memberships are based on the cutoff threshold that has been determined in the fuzzy calibration process.

#### 3.2.6.4. *Formulating the Final Truth Table for the Configuration Result*

The final configuration solution can be determined via three mechanisms: parsimony, intermediate, and complex. In this study, all combinations that happen in cases empirically, both “presence” and “absent” conditions are considered as the configuration. Hence, the complex solution option is used to obtain the solution combination. This step obtains the consistency and coverage score of the solution combined with megaproject complexity and leadership competency in megaproject performance outcomes.

Similar to variable significance in statistical models (Wagemann & Schneider, 2010), consistency refers to the extent to which empirical evidence supports the set theory claims (Rihoux & Ragin, 2009). This consistency is often used to determine the combination of causal conditions that are sufficient and necessary for an outcome. In the fsQCA approach, the causal condition combination could be “sufficient but unnecessary” or “necessary but insufficient.” A combination condition is sufficient but unnecessary if it is capable of producing the outcome, but it is not the only cause (Ragin & Davey, 2017); in other words, other causal conditions are needed to produce the outcome. A causal condition is necessary but insufficient if it is capable of producing an outcome in combination with other conditions and appears in all such combinations (Ragin & Davey, 2017).

If the raw consistency score is above 0.80, a combination of causal conditions is stated for consistency in producing the outcome (Ragin & Davey, 2017). Additionally, the causal condition combinations are consistent empirically if they meet the frequency threshold of cases. When less than ten empirical cases are involved, Rihoux and Ragin (2009) recommend using one case as the frequency threshold for the number of cases. Furthermore, if the consistency score exceeds 0.90, the causal condition is deemed necessary (but insufficient) for producing the outcome (Ragin, 2014).

Besides consistency, the configuration can be explained using the coverage score. This is similar to  $R^2$  in the statistical method of regression analysis (Ragin, 2006). However, coverage in fsQCA is descriptive of the real conditions of a case; therefore, there is no minimum coverage score for a configuration to be considered “good” (Korjani & Mendel, 2012).

#### 3.2.6.5. *Formulating the Solution Configuration and Necessary Condition*

The purpose of this stage is to extract a parsimonious explanation for an outcome based on the combination condition (Cronqvist & Berg-Schlosser, 2009) by removing causal conditions with low necessity scores or looking for conditions that meet the requirements (but are insufficient) (consistency score  $>0.90$ ) (Rihoux & De Meur, 2009; Ragin, 2014). Visually, a condition becomes necessary (but insufficient) if it is always present in any combination solution for an outcome. Thus, in terms of theoretical and practical implications, the condition obtained from the minimization stage potentially attracts more attention. Because the strength of fsQCA is in conjunctural combination conditions, this necessary condition is in the combination form and cannot be separated from other conditions (Rihoux & De Meur, 2009). This should be emphasized, especially during the interpretation stage.

#### 3.2.7. Interpretation

The configuration of a combination of sufficient (but not necessary) and necessary (but insufficient) causal conditions is often interpreted based on the theory and facts in the examined megaproject cases. This stage serves as a validation and verification process for the configuration, which in this study was discussed with megaproject experts in Indonesia including follow-up interviews with respondents (as explained in the data collection sub-section). The interview guideline is presented in Appendix C.

### 4. Result and Discussion

This section presented the result of the data processing along with the configurational analysis and the research finding and contribution.

#### 4.1. Data and Fuzzy-Set Calibration

Research data were prepared using Microsoft Excel according to the mechanism in the Methodology section and were processed using fsQCA 3.1 software. Table 2 presents the data set for this study. In this data set, the

maximum, average, and minimum values of complexity, leadership competence, and megaproject performance outcome were calculated for fuzzy calibration process.

Using the direct method for calibration, this study's threshold includes non-full membership with a fuzzy score of 0.05, full membership with a score of 0.95, and membership crossover points (moderate cross with fuzzy scores, 0.5) (Ragin, 2008). To determine the fuzzy threshold, after each variable condition was calculated on the data set, the distribution results were examined based on deviations and ranges (Ragin, 2008; Rihoux & Ragin, 2009). In this study, fuzzy-set anchors of full membership and full non-membership were based on the maximum and minimum range values for each main condition; the average value range was considered as the crossover point.

As provided in Table 2, for the complexity conditions, the minimum value was 2.00, the average was 2.86, and the maximum was 4.14. The thresholds for complexity condition were set at 2 for non-full membership, 3 for the crossover point, and 4 for the full membership. For leadership competency condition, the minimum value was 5.90, the mean was 6.46, and the maximum was 7.00. Thus, 6 was set as the threshold for non-full membership, 6.5 for crossover and 7 for full membership.

For the short-term outcome, the minimum score was 2.13, the mean was 4.14, and the maximum was 6.00. Therefore, the criteria for non-full membership were set to 2, the crossover point 4, and full membership 6. For long-term success targets, the scores of the minimum, mean, and maximum values were 5, 5.84 and 6.14, respectively. For the threshold, 5 was set as the non-full membership, 5.5 for the crossover, and 6 as the full membership.

Finally, given that the fsQCA cannot address the so-called maximum ambiguity, to avoid excluding the megaproject cases from the analysis, the crossover point was raised or lowered by 0.01 (Kort, Verweij & Klijn, 2016). Maximum ambiguity was a difficult condition for determining the membership function, whether full membership or non-full membership. In the direct method, maximum ambiguity tended to occur when the condition value was the same as the crossover value; thus, the case is referred to as “ambiguous,” regardless of the inclusion of the full membership criteria (Fiss, 2011). In this study, the crossover threshold point would be lowered by 0.01. Score value in parentheses shown in Table 3 are final fuzzy thresholds for full membership, cross over, and non-full membership.

Having determined the threshold value, the data set was transformed into fuzzy continuous values using the fsQCA 3.1 software package. The fuzzy calibration result is shown in Table 3. The “f” notation on each label (e.g., fXa; fXb, etc.) is a fuzzy value after calibration.

Megaproject	Causal Condition						Outcome	
	Complexity			Leadership Competency			Short-term performance	Long-term performance
	Xa	Xb	Xc	Za	Zb	Zc	Y1	Y2
Trans-S	2.42	2.4	3.59	6.2	6.7	6.71	4	6.07
Trans-J	2.47	2.8	3.54	6.4	7	6.57	4	6.14
ILRT-Jt	3.24	2.7	3.86	5.9	6.6	6.71	4.66	5.92
ICMT	2.80	2.1	3.72	6	6.4	6.14	3.66	5.5
Trans-L	3	3	3.36	6.4	6.3	6	2.13	5
LRT-P	3.28	2.2	4.14	6.5	6.6	6.57	4.33	6.14
IIA	2.14	2	2.45	6.8	6.8	6.85	6	6.07
Max value	4.14			7.00			6	6.14
Mean value	2.86			6.46			4.14	5.84
Min value	2.00			5.90			2.13	5.00

Table 2. The Original Data Set



Causal Condition						Outcome		Case
Complexity (4; 2.99; 2)			Leadership Competency (7; 6.49; 6)			Short-term performance (6; 3.99; 2)	Long-term- performance (6; 5.49; 5)	
fXa	fXb	fXc	fZa	fZb	fZc	fY1	fY2	
0.15	0.14	0.86	0.14	0.77	0.79	0.5	0.97	Trans-S
0.17	0.36	0.84	0.37	0.95	0.62	0.5	0.98	Trans-J
0.68	0.29	0.93	0.03	0.66	0.79	0.73	0.93	ILRT-Jt
0.37	0.06	0.9	0.05	0.37	0.11	0.38	0.51	ICMT
0.51	0.51	0.75	0.37	0.24	0.05	0.08	0.05	Trans-L
0.71	0.08	0.97	0.51	0.66	0.62	0.63	0.98	LRT-P
0.07	0.05	0.16	0.86	0.86	0.9	0.95	0.97	IIA

Table 3. The Fuzzy Calibration

#### 4.2. Truth Table

After the fuzzy score is calibrated, a truth table can be made. Possible combinations in the truth table were  $2^k$  rows, where  $k$  is the number of causal conditions. Each row indicates a possible configuration combination, comprising 1 and 0. A fuzzy membership with a minimum value of 0.5 (crossover point) indicates that a causal condition is more “in-set” than “out-set,” thus, it tends to symbolize a full membership that is [1]. If the membership score is less than 0.5, then it tends to symbolize non-full membership that is [0]. As previously explained, symbol [1] indicates the presence of a certain condition or outcome, which in this study is termed as “high” (condition or outcome), whereas [0] indicates the absence which is termed as “low”.

This study examined six causal conditions—three complexity and three leadership—toward each outcome (i.e., short-term and long-term outcomes in low and high performance). Therefore, the truth table can consist of 64 ( $2^6$ ) possible condition combinations. However, not all combinations are preserved in the final table. It has been explained in the data processing section that to compile a final truth table configuration, a combination of conditions for the outcome must have a minimum consistency value of 0.80 and at least one empirical case. Based on these boundaries, six solution combinations exceeded the threshold consistency ( $\geq 0.80$ ) and the frequency threshold of cases (at least one). The final truth table is shown in Table 4.

Combination	Complexity			Leadership Competencies			Performance				Raw Consistency				Case
	fXa	fXb	fXc	fZa	fZb	fZc	fY1	~fY1	fY2	~fY2	fY1	~fY1	fY2	~fY2	
Solution 1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0.39	1	0.18	IIA
Solution 2	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0.44	1	0.23	ILRT-P
Solution 3	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0.69	1	0.19	ILRT-Jt
Solution 4	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0.83	0.77	1	0.14	Trans-S; Trans-J
Solution 5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.66	0.97	0.72	0.58	ICMT
Solution 6	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.60	1	0.58	0.67	Trans-L

Table 4. The Final Truth Table

Table 4 identifies the combination of complexity and leadership competence in the “high” [1] and “low” [0] conditions on short-term high performance (Y1); short-term low performance (~Y1); long-term high performance (Y2); and long-term low performance (~Y2). For example, in the ILRT-Jt case (combination solution 3), the fuzzy scores (from Table 3) for the conditions of structural (fXa), social (fXb), and emergent (fXc) complexities have been determined to be 0.68, 0.29, and 0.93 respectively. Only the structural (fXa) and emergent complexity (fXc)

conditions are above 0.5; hence, these two complexity conditions are in a “high” condition, which is symbolized by [1]. As the fuzzy score of social complexity (fXb) is under 0.5, hence, it is defined as “low” condition, which is symbolized by [0]. The same mechanism also applies in calibrating the fuzzy scores of leadership competency conditions.

For megaproject performance outcomes, analyses were carried out based on the raw consistency value for the outcome. The outcome with raw consistency  $\geq 0.80$  was categorized as “high” with [1] and vice versa. For example, in ILRT-Jt (combination solution 3), the raw consistency score for short- and long-term high performance (fY1 and fY2) are 1; therefore, the performance outcome in the truth table is symbolized by [1].

### 4.3. Configurational Results and Interpretation

Besides consistency, the solution combination is analyzed based on the values of coverage, which equaled the proportion of the outcome that could be explained by the condition combination. This study used fsQCA 3.1 software in formulating the coverage and consistency values, which were then arranged into a configurational matrix (shown in Figure 3). This matrix is referred to from Table 4, the final truth table. Taking into consideration the study conducted by Ragin and Fiss (2008), the symbols used in the matrix to describe the configuration are as follows: a black circle (●), which indicates the presence of a high condition, and a white circle (○), which indicates the absence of a condition (low).

The configurational result and analysis for megaproject high and low performance in the short and long term are discussed as follows.

High Performance Configuration	Complexity			Leadership Competency			Raw Solution for high performance outcome				Overall Solution for high performance outcome			
	Xa	Xb	Xc	Za	Zb	Zc	Consistency		Coverage		Consistency		Coverage	
							Y1	Y2	Y1	Y2	Y1	Y2	Y1	Y2
Combination 1	○	○	○	●	●	●	1	1	0.34	0.24	0.89	1	0.87	0.66
Combination 2	●	○	●	●	●	●	1	1	0.49	0.34				
Combination 3	●	○	●	○	●	●	1	1	0.49	0.24				
Combination 4	○	○	●	○	●	●	0.83	1	0.65	0.24				
Low Performance Configuration							Raw Solution for low performance outcome				Overall Solution for low performance outcome			
	Xa	Xb	Xc	Za	Zb	Zc	Consistency		Coverage		Consistency		Coverage	
							~Y1	~Y2	~Y1	~Y2	~Y1	~Y2	~Y1	~Y2
Combination 1	○	○	●	○	○	○	0.97	0.58	0.59	N/A	0.91	N/A	0.66	N/A
Combination 2	●	●	●	○	○	○	1	0.67	0.34	N/A				

Figure 3. The Configurational Matrix

#### 4.3.1. Megaproject High Performance

Figure 3 indicates four solutions of causal condition combination that has been determined to be consistent in producing high outcomes in short (Y1) and long-term (Y2) megaproject performance. It was indicated from solution consistency and coverage score. For short-term high performance (Y1), the raw consistency value ranging from 0.83 to 1 with solution consistency is 0.89. These results exceeded the threshold value of 0.80, which is categorized as high consistency. These four causal condition combinations have solution coverage of 0.87 for short-term high performance, with its raw coverage ranging from 0.34 to 0.65.

These four solutions also exhibited high consistency for long-term high performance (Y2), with raw and solution consistency scores at 1. These causal condition combinations have raw coverage ranging from 0.24 to 0.34, with a solution coverage score of 0.66. These results indicate that the four causal condition combinations are sufficient (but unnecessary) to obtain high performance for megaprojects in the short and long terms.

Besides formulating the configuration solution, the fsQCA also extracts the combination solution by minimizing (synthesizing) the necessary condition. Based on the four solutions of high megaproject performance, three conditions always exist in the given configurations: low social complexity (Xb), high emotional-social competency (Zb), and high adaptive competency (Zc). Hence, these conditions were checked whether they are the necessary (but insufficient) conditions: *a condition that must exist in combination to produce an outcome* (Ragin, 2014). These

conditions were checked using fsQCA 3.1 software. As per the results, the scores for low social complexity, high emotional-social competency, and high adaptive competency were 0.994695, 0.954907, and 0.904509, respectively (exceeded the consistency necessary condition threshold that is  $\geq 0.90$ ). Therefore, in this study, these three conditions are deemed “necessary” in every solution combination for high megaproject performance outcomes.

As the solutions are consistent for both short and long-term, only the term “performance” is used for the interpretation of the four combination conditions. As explained in the research methodology, the configuration solution interpretation was based on theory (past research); further, verification was performed via discussion with Indonesia megaproject experts and through follow-up interviews with the megaproject respondents. This is an attempt to validate the configuration results by looking deeper into the aspects of megaprojects not just in Indonesia but in other countries as well.

The first solution combination is when the megaproject has a low structural, social, and emergent complexity condition, which was eventually addressed via its high technical, emotional-social, and adaptive leadership competencies simultaneously. The IIA megaproject conformed to this solution. However, for high performance, the three complexities were not all required to be low with high leadership competencies. In the second solution, conditions of structural and emergent complexities were determined to be high, except for social complexity; however, this was eventually overcome via high technical, emotional-social, and adaptive-flexible competencies simultaneously. This configuration was confirmed to the ILRT-P megaproject.

The third configuration held conditions of high structural and emergent complexities but low social complexity, which was managed by low structural competency combined with high emotional-social and adaptive competencies. This combination of conditions was sufficient to achieve high performance, as indicated in the ILRT-Jt megaproject.

The fourth configuration held conditions of low structural and social complexities but high in emergent complexity, which were eventually managed with high emotional-social and adaptive project manager leadership competencies but low technical competencies. In other words, in case of high emergent complexity, while the other (i.e., structural and social complexity) were low, the megaproject manager’s high emotional-social and adaptive competency are sufficient to achieve the megaproject high performance. This fourth solution combination reflects in the cases of Trans-S and Trans-J.

Further, the interpretation of three necessary conditions, namely low social complexity, the high project manager leadership competencies for emotional-social and adaptive aspects. Low social complexity was a necessary condition for high performance. This study revealed that megaprojects in Indonesia had several critical social problems: for instance, community conflict arising from a land acquisition in Trans-J and Trans-S megaprojects, the community lawsuits due to pollution and environmental disturbance, and the intrateam conflict between local construction organization and foreign consultant related to work contract lawsuit in ILRT-Jt megaproject.

All managers strictly consider the social aspects in maintaining the conduciveness of the project. Project managers concurred that reducing conflicts among teams, partners, clients, suppliers, community members, and other stakeholders is important to ensure that cost, schedule, and performance targets were met. Therefore, the social management approach was adopted to overcome social complexity among the stakeholders and the project team. This approach proposes the principle of human relations, which emphasizes emotional management and other creative humanist approaches, such as communication, negotiation, diplomacy, trust, and cultural understanding. This result is consistent with those of other global megaprojects, such as the high-speed railroad construction megaprojects in China (Wu et al., 2015), construction megaprojects in Thailand (Toor & Arain 2012), and oil and gas projects in Norway (Rolstad & Schiefloe, 2017), all of which used strategies involving stakeholders management with a humanism creative approach to overcoming social problems.

To maintain low social complexity, managers make use of their emotional-social competencies, such as interpersonal skills (Arnold, Fletcher & Molyneux, 2012; Mazur et al., 2014) and an informal approach (Zheng, Lu & Chang, 2019). Therefore, high emotional-social competency is the second necessary condition for high-performance megaproject configurations. This study has also found that emotional-social leadership competency can be used to manage structural and emergent complexities.

Most of the megaprojects in Indonesia are the first of their kind in the country (e.g., ILRT-Jt, ILRT-P, and Trans-L); thus, it was no surprise when all the project managers shared that it was their first time being a top/leader/main manager for a megaproject. Some acknowledged their lack of high technical understanding in the field (ILRT-Jt, Trans-J, Trans-S, and Trans-L). Thus, several megaprojects (e.g., ILRT-Jt) have been performed in coordination with foreign consultant partners for the planning (schedules, activities, and risk mitigation) along with project control and evaluation. Some project managers also relied on technical managers and engineers who are highly competent in technical aspects (ILRT-P, IIA, Trans-J, Trans-S, and Trans-L). Therefore, they emphasize the importance of selecting the right team members (technical managers and lead engineers) and managing them appropriately (integration and alignment) using a social approach (emotional-social competency), which is consistent with the construction megaproject in India, Sri Lanka, and Panama (Sankaran, 2018); the construction of the Denver International Airport in the USA (van Johnston, 2011); and the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge megaproject in China (Qiu et al., 2019). All these studies reported technical problems; however, the social approach, which was deemed inseparable from the management strategies, was used to overcome these complexities.

Emotional-social competency was also used in addressing any emergent complexity (change and uncertainty). In megaprojects, given their novelty (e.g., technology, methods, team experience, and stakeholders), managers often have high emergent complexity. Emotional and social control is also deemed essential for addressing fast-changing issues and uncertainty, which were exhibited by IIA and ILRT-Jt project managers during interviews. Project managers with good self and social control are more confident in achieving targets in the face of uncertainty. Mazur et al. (2014) showed similar results based on the Australian military defense megaproject case study, which exhibited that emotional intelligence helps project leaders achieve flexibility; further, this will be of great aid in overcoming any change and uncertainty through social engagement with the stakeholders.

High adaptive competency is the third necessary condition for achieving high megaproject performance and addressing emergent complexity. Besides, this competency helps overcome high structural complexity, for instance, in ILRT-P and ILRT-Jt megaprojects. Most project managers have found the LRT technology completely new, with its application requiring innovation (e.g., the ILRT-Jt long-span bridge, U-shaped girder technology, and the LRT electricity system).

The project managers should provide “space” to produce creative context for the team, wherein they can share knowledge and learn as a group. This can support the certainty of technological innovation for any emergent complexity and further address structural complexity, including regulating supply materials, discussing acceleration of project work related to schedule adjustments and project resource requirements, harmonizing teams, and integrating all activities to comprehensively coordinate the megaproject. A similar management approach was adopted in the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge in China (Chen et al., 2018) and in large project-based organizations such as textile mills, tobacco companies, mobile telecommunication companies, and information technology companies in Pakistan (Raziq et al., 2018).

#### 4.3.2. Megaproject Low Performance

Regarding a megaproject's low performance, two combination solutions were identified for short-term (~Y1), with a raw coverage value ranging from 0.34 and 0.59, and the raw consistency ranging from 0.97 and 1. The values of solution coverage and consistency were 0.66 and 0.91, respectively (Figure 3).

The first combination was the condition having high emergent complexity (Xc) and low social (Xb) and structural (Xa) complexities, while the three leadership competencies were deemed lower. This configuration was indicated in the ICMT megaproject. Meanwhile, the second combination entails that three complexity conditions (i.e., structural, social, and emergent) were high, but all three leadership competencies were lower, such as in the case of the Trans-L megaproject. As the outcome could be produced by not only one causal condition combination, these results indicated that these configurations are sufficient (but unnecessary) for the short-term low performance. However, this study did not find any solution combination condition that is consistent for long-term low performance (~Y2) due to the raw consistency of these two combinations being < 0.80.

Based on the two solutions of short-term low megaproject performance, four conditions always exist in the configurations, namely high emergent complexity and lower leadership competencies in structural, emotional-social,

and adaptive. However, after checking each condition consistency using fsQCA 3.1 software, only high emergent complexity and low structural leadership competency become the necessary conditions for the short-term low megaproject performance due to the consistency value of 0.947 and 0.910, respectively. Whereas low leadership competencies in emotional-social and adaptive were not as necessary condition due to the necessary consistency score being 0.718 and 0.854, respectively (under the threshold of the necessary conditions of 0.90).

By looking closely into field facts, in the cases of ICMT and Trans-L, the obtained explanation was that high emergent complexity was inseparable from structural, technical (including technology, design, and finance), and social aspects (stakeholder and politics). This was perceived to be the main aspect attributed to falling short of time and cost targets. This is not only in Indonesia; similar problems occur in other megaprojects around the world.

Changes that are difficult to anticipate can have a significant impact on a project, especially on its budget and schedule. This is a reality for most megaprojects; for example, in a railroad construction project in the UK (Chapman, 2016), in an energy infrastructure construction project in Europe (Rad et al., 2017), and a construction project in India (Iyer & Jha, 2006). In contrast to megaprojects, changes in ordinary projects tend to be linear and predictable, thus moderating possible effects caused by management planning and risk mitigation is possible (Kardes et al., 2013). Meanwhile, some changes in megaprojects, especially in terms of technical and social aspects, imply nonlinear processes and uncertain impacts.

In Indonesia, ICMT and Trans-L have been identified as two of the few projects having new design and technology applications perceived to have high uncertainty, for instance, the implementation of the tunnel boring machine (ICMT) for the underground construction phase and the construction of the longest elevated toll road in Indonesia (Trans-L). Additionally, ICMT is a project that has been ongoing for three decades. Several constructions have been implemented in these decades before finally being completed in 2015, therefore requiring significant alignment.

In Trans-L, technical issues have been identified to have significant impacts (e.g., removing surplus high voltage airways that can potentially disturb the whole nation's electricity). Another unavoidable problem is related to changes (acceleration) of the project completion time, causing the supply of materials to also accelerate, which can impact congestion and flooding in the construction sector. Schedule adjustments also occur due to the social aspects of the community land disputes (Trans-L and ICMT). Some changes to the project completion happened, while construction sections were not ready and this impacted the structural complexity (scheduling and cost adjusting in Trans-L, etc.).

The ICMT and Trans-L were supported by professional teams. For the ICMT, the main contracting organization's commitment was also high, as they provided training overseen by experts with experience organizing underground and elevated construction projects (ICMT). Additional knowledge and intensive training from developed countries with higher mastery of technology have also proven successful in supporting several megaprojects in Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Nigeria, Thailand, South Africa, and Colombia (Kumaraswamy, 1998). However, for the Trans-L project, there was no special training process.

Positive and negative social-political impacts will go hand in hand. For instance, the national government supports project implementations in ICMT and Trans-L (positive), but sometimes those projects require accommodating certain parties (negative). This applies not only to Indonesia but also to other megaprojects, including those in Peru (Strauch, Takano & Hordijk, 2015), China (Liu, Zhu, Wang & Huang, 2016), Algeria (Zidane et al., 2013), and Finland (Ruuska et al., 2009).

In this fact-deepening activity, it can be concluded that project managers used all potential, knowledge, skills in the technical and social (communication, coordination, and negotiation) fields of the project and were endeavoring to adapt to changes. However, those project managers admitted that, at the time, they could not independently carry the project without support from foreign consulting experts (ICMT). It was stated by the manager (Trans-L) that the added knowledge received from training in specific project areas handled by project managers was essential, especially for large, innovative projects. The uncertainty condition in megaprojects, caused by deficiencies in knowledge and experience not only occurs in Indonesia but is also a typical problem for construction organizations in developing countries like Sri Lanka (Santoso & Gallage, 2019), Iran (Hosseini, Banihashemi, Martek, Golizadeh & Ghodoosi, 2018), and Thailand (Prasitsom & Likhitrungsilp, 2015b).



#### 4.3.3. Research Finding

This study found that a high-performance megaproject did not (always) need all three high leadership competencies to address the given complexities. Similarly, with the three megaproject complexities, although the conditions can be high and low, megaprojects can still be successful. This is consistent with the fsQCA conjunctural principle (Ragin, 2014), which asserts that a single condition cannot explain/predict an outcome; thus, it should be analyzed in combination with other conditions (Kirchherr, Charles & Walton, 2016). Thus, the three leadership competencies must be simultaneously considered along with the aspects of complexity to better explain/predict the outcome of the megaproject.

This study also revealed that the configurations of high performance were not contrary to those for low performance. For example, when simultaneous conditions of high structural, low social, and high emergent complexities are addressed with a combination of low technical leadership competencies, high emotional-social, and high adaptive skills, it can lead to high-performance megaprojects. However, there was no indication in the case observed that combination condition in contrary (e.g., low structural complexity, high social complexity, low emergent complexity combined with the high technical competency, low emotional-social competency, and low adaptive competency) resulted in low performance. This is consistent with the fsQCA asymmetric principle (Ragin, 2014), implying that cases with combined opposite conditions may not produce contrasting outcomes.

The configuration analysis revealed that multiple combinations can lead to a megaproject's success, which is consistent with the fsQCA principle of equifinality (Ragin, 2014), colloquially termed “many roads lead to Rome” (Kirchherr et al., 2016). For instance, when high leadership competencies on all three aspects address the three low complexities, the first solution combination occurs. In the second solution, the three high leadership competencies can simultaneously achieve high performance when structural and emergent complexities are high, while social complexity is low. The third and fourth solutions, with different combinations of solutions, also achieve megaproject success.

This study also found that in lower-performance megaprojects, various combinations of complexities occur (i.e., both low and high), but the managerial leadership competency in all three aspects was low and therefore insufficient for achieving a high level of performance on the megaproject.

Therefore, the main findings can be summarized as follows:

1. This study found four different pathways (sufficient but unnecessary combination condition) for achieving megaproject success both in the short and long term (Y1 and Y2). This finding strengthens the perspective of “one size does not fit all project” by Shenhar (2001), which means that the megaproject management strategy is contingent toward the context (e.g., conditions of complexity and project manager leadership competence) of the megaproject.
2. Three conditions, namely, (1) low social complexity, (2) a megaproject manager with high emotional-social competency, and (3) a megaproject manager with high adaptive competency, were necessary (but insufficient in single condition) for a successful megaproject. This means that these three conditions should be present along with various combinations of structural (Xa) and emergent (Xc) megaproject complexity conditions and technical project manager leadership competencies (Za).
3. Insufficient competence in the technical (Za), emotional-social (Zb), and adaptive (Zc) aspects potentially lead to lower megaproject performance in the short-term (~Y1), especially when the emergent complexity (Xc) in the megaproject is high and is not addressed with the proper technical leadership competency (Za).

#### 4.4. Contribution to the Body of Knowledge Management in Engineering

This study contributes to the area of megaproject management in four ways. First, it focuses on the management of megaprojects by understanding their complexity. In this study, past research on project and megaproject complexities were reviewed to determine its complexity aspects. The three dimensions of project complexity and its management approaches are further looked into and developed to better conform to megaprojects.

Second, in managing megaprojects by responding to complexity, this study provides an insight into the competencies of megaproject management leadership. This is an important research area for the development of megaproject management theory as it fills theoretical gaps in megaproject management in terms of the leadership aspect.

Third, this study found four pathways of configuration complexity and leadership competence with three conditions needing to exist to achieve megaproject success. Two pathways that must be considered for low-performing megaprojects were also identified. From here, several findings on areas of management and leadership were revealed with the potential to support megaproject management knowledge, including social complexity management, emergent/dynamic complexity management, and technical, emotional-social, and adaptive competency-based leadership, among others. These various managerial approaches need to be comprehensively combined, integrated, and balanced in the management of megaprojects to achieve success.

Finally, this study applied a relatively new research method in the engineering field especially in the context of megaprojects, that is, fsQCA. This method offers an alternative approach wherein a comparative research design can be utilized for qualitative-quantitative analysis. This method can be utilized for simultaneous multivariable analysis even in a small sample. By using fsQCA, this study proposed an outcome as the combined effect of all variables, namely, the configuration of conjunctural, asymmetric, and equifinality. The multivariable combination in configurational forms such as the fsQCA approach can be analyzed simultaneously and comprehensively.

## 5. Conclusion

This study offers a theoretical and practical findings of megaproject management and provides a comprehensive discussion on combining leadership competencies and the complexity condition to achieve a successful megaproject. Therefore, this study complements previous literature and fills in the research gap on leadership competencies.

Using the fsQCA method, the sufficient (but unnecessary) and necessary (but insufficient) combination conditions were determined. These findings contribute to the literature on megaproject management due to the comprehensive understanding of complexity and conformity of project manager's leadership competencies. Management and leadership theory, which potentially followed up to support megaproject management have been presented in research contribution for management engineering body of knowledge.

This study has also proposed practical implications—for practitioners. Megaprojects can be successful by matching complexity conditions with appropriate leadership competencies. Therefore, a megaproject manager should first understand the complexities to determine the best strategy. To understand the complexity in megaprojects, all three aspects (i.e., structural, social, and technical) should be assessed early in the planning stage.

A strategy should be developed after understanding the complexity via the project manager's self-assessment of leadership competencies to assess its suitability in managing a certain megaproject. Furthermore, this study can be adapted to provide an advanced profiling tool for construction organizations to select new megaproject managers and prepare training programs and megaproject manager knowledge bases.

However, this study has some limitations. First, it only addressed Indonesian megaproject construction cases in the transportation sector. Future research should also examine megaprojects of other fields for more comprehensive insights into the leadership characteristics of successful megaproject managers.

Second, this study examined cases in their final stages and did not capture the unique phenomena related to other megaproject stages. A megaproject runs across multiple years, with each stage potentially having different complexities. Thus, the dynamics of the different stages can be explored further to understand its complexity and the leadership competencies in each megaproject stage. To better understand the changing nature of a megaproject's complexity and leadership competencies, longitudinal studies are needed for further research.

Third, the fsQCA method was sufficient to understand the combination of complexity and leadership competencies in the megaproject performance with small sample cases. However, the fsQCA method can only explain the combination of conditions specific to the existing cases. A combination of conditions cannot be solved if there were no empirical cases. Therefore, the results of this study are temporary and may differ as more empirical cases with different combination conditions are examined. Besides, although fsQCA is a quantitative approach that utilizes Boolean algebra, configuration comparative analysis using small samples was unable to explain results that were more rigorous when compared with the statistical approach. Having a higher sample size and additional analytical approaches that can lead to a more robust quantitative analysis method is strongly needed to address these limitations. Additional multivariable statistical methods, such as SEM, are highly suggested to be applied for future research, along with the configurational approach, to build a grounded megaproject theory. This triangulation

among statistical and configuration analysis would allow the results to be further generalized against case uniqueness.

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## Appendix A

### Indonesia Infrastructure Megaproject Case

Features	Trans-J	Trans-S	Trans-L	LRT-Jt	LRT-S	ICMT	IIA
1. Project scope	Engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning (EPCC) toll road works of the central island covering a length of 325 km	EPCC toll road works of Indonesia west island two sections corridors 112 km.	EPCC toll road works of Indonesia metropolis city six sections corridors 36.4 km.	EPCC works of seven corridors of LRT over a total length of 81.5 km, including the infrastructure system	EPCC works of eight corridors of LRT over a total length of 23 km, including the infrastructure system	EPCC works of 5.7 km with 13 stations (7 elevated stations and six underground stations) (for phase 1) 81 km.	EPCC works to the area of the airport reaches 58.652m <sup>2</sup> .
2. Cost Investment	Plan: \$US 1.8 billion; Realization: \$US 1.9 billion	Plan: \$US 1.15 billion. Realization: \$US 1.2 billion	Plan: \$US 0.8 billion. Realization: \$US 0.95 billion	Plan: \$ 1.3 billion. Realization: \$ US 1.4 billion	Plan: \$ 0.73 billion. Realization: \$ US 0.9 billion	Plan: \$ 1.07 billion. Realization: \$ US 1.13 billion	Plan: \$US138 million. Realization: \$ US 130 million.
3. Duration	Started in April 2016. Completion in December 2018	Started in May 2016. Completion in December 2019	Start in 2017. Completion in November 2019	Start in Jan 2015. Completion in mid-2019	Start in March 2016. Completion in October 2018	Start in 2013. Completion in 2019 (ICMT phase 1)	Start in November 2016. Completion in April 2018

## Appendix B

### Leadership for Megaproject Complexity Questionnaire

#### Section A – General Information

Instructions:

Section A consists of 3 sub-sections, these include the respondent's contact information, the respondent's profile, and megaproject profile. You are requested to fill in these sub-sections.

1. Respondent Contact Information*	
(* It is optional to fill in, but if you want to get an executive summary of the survey results in the form of a soft file please enter your e-mail address)	
a. Name:	<input type="text"/>
b. Phone-number:	<input type="text"/>
c. E-mail:	<input type="text"/>
2. Respondent Profile	
a. Company	name: <input type="text"/>
b. Expertise	certification: <input type="text"/>
c. How long have you been working in this company	(year): <input type="text"/>
d. Your experience and position in the previous megaproject:	<input type="text"/>



**3. Megaproject Profile***(If you have managed more than one megaproject, please choose one from your experience for this survey)*

- a. Name \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ megaproject:
- b. The \_\_\_\_\_ cost \_\_\_\_\_ (\$US):
- c. The duration (e.g., *January 2018* – *March 2019*):
- d. The project's current stage: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section B – The Megaproject Complexity**

Instructions:

Section B assesses the complexity of the megaproject experiences specified above. You are requested to respond to the statements, as there are no “right” and “wrong” answers to these statements. Respond based on your personal perception.

There are seven (7) choice scales for responding to statements with the following information:

- (1) = I completely agree  
 (2) = I agree  
 (3) = I somewhat agree  
 (4) = I am indifferent  
 (5) = I somewhat disagree  
 (6) = I do not agree  
 (7) = I strongly disagree

The following statement is the condition of this project. Please select one by giving checkmark on the appropriate columns.

The structural complexity								
No	Statement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	There is clarity of the project objectives							
2.	There is clarity of the project human resource contract							
3.	There is clarity of the regulation for the project implementation							
4.	There is clarity of scope of the project							
5.	The project team are familiar with the project's natural environment							
6.	There is clarity of the quality target specifications							
7.	The pace of project work is appropriately planned to meet the target time							
8.	There is clarity of human resource planning							
9.	The progress report can be informed to the client on time							
10.	There is sufficient budget to complete the project							
11.	There is clarity of the project's financial administration procedures							
12.	There is flexible usage of the project budget							
13.	The team is familiar with the technology ( <i>the existence of new technology</i> )							
14.	The project's resources (e.g., management software and equipment facilities) needed are available							
15.	There is appropriate supply of materials based on the project's requirements							

The structural complexity								
No	Statement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
16.	The project is implemented in one region (country, time zone, and language)							
17.	The project manager has the authority over the human resources allocated to the project							
18.	The project team understands the responsibility flow and its targets							
19.	There is need for cross-discipline knowledge integration							
20.	There are human resources with the proper skills to complete the project							
21.	The project is independent of other projects							

The social complexity								
No	Statement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Clarity of the business process is formulated by all involved entities ( <i>client, partners, stakeholder, shareholders, and supplier</i> )							
2.	There is clarity of the stakeholders' importance ( <i>clients and sponsors</i> )							
3.	The project objectives aligned with the goals of the contracting organization							
4.	There is synergy and commitment among all project stakeholders ( <i>clients and sponsors</i> )							
5.	The senior management in the contracting organization supports the project implementation							
6.	The differences in the organizational work culture do not inhibit the project							
7.	The team are familiar with the local community culture in the project area							
8.	There is high project team motivation							
9.	The teamwork conditions support target achievement							
10.	The project's core team has authority in decision-making							

The emergent complexity								
No	Statement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	There is no regulation change for project implementation							
2.	The project objective is consistent from the beginning							
3.	The project scope is steady							
4.	The project success criteria do not change							
5.	The project schedule does not change							
6.	The available resources ( <i>material, management tool, facilities, and equipment</i> ) are stable							
7.	There is no acceleration in the pace of project work							
8.	The available project budget availability is stable							
9.	There is consistency in the financial administration procedures							

The emergent complexity								
No	Statement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10.	There are no technology updates during the project							
11.	The project manager's authority is stable from the beginning for human resource arrangement							
12.	The allocation of key person in the project is stable							
13.	The appropriate human resource skills for the project are consistent							
14.	The team responsibilities and tasks in the project are constant							
15.	The stability of project team motivation is high							
16.	The harmony of teamwork is stable							
17.	The project objectives are always aligned with the organizational goals							
18.	The contractor's organizational structure does not change							
19.	The project business processes are stable							
20.	The support from senior management is consistent in the project implementation							
21.	The commitment of the client and sponsors to the project is consistent							
22.	The project core team authority is stable with the decision-making							

### Section C – The Leadership Competency

Instructions:

The section C assesses the leadership competency on one of the megaproject experiences specified above. You are requested to provide response on the competencies used to manage this project, as there are no “right” and “wrong” answers to these statements. Provide responses based on your personal perception.

Seven (7) scales are available for responding to statements megaproject leadership competencies, namely:

- (1) = I strongly disagree
- (2) = I do not agree
- (3) = I somewhat disagree
- (4) = I am indifferent
- (5) = I somewhat agree
- (6) = I agree
- (7) = I strongly agree

The following statements deal with the competencies you used in this project. Please select one by giving checkmark on the appropriate columns.

The technical competency								
No	Statement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Identifying project objectives							
2.	Formulating contingency plans to diagnose potential problems/risks as well as arrange relevant actions for the project							
3.	Management planning ( <i>schedule, technical resources, and human / team resources</i> ) is comprehensively carried out							
4.	Executing the project accountability properly and in accordance with the <i>planning targets</i>							

The technical competency								
No	Statement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5.	Managing the project team properly ( <i>controlling and directing</i> )							
6.	Controlling the activities according to the project target							
7.	Possessing adequate technical knowledge in the project field							
8.	Solving the various arising problems comprehensively							
9.	Aligning with project activities, technical resources, and human resources							
10.	Optimizing the current project capacity ( <i>tools, methods/ knowledge, resources, and human resources</i> )							

The emotional social competency								
No	Statement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Self-understanding ( <i>emotions, strengths, and weaknesses</i> )							
2.	Self-controlling ( <i>stress and emotional reaction</i> )							
3.	Being consistent ( <i>in harmony with beliefs/ values, words, and behavior</i> )							
4.	Self-focusing on achieving project targets							
5.	Self-motivating ( <i>positive thinking</i> )							
6.	Taking responsibility without blaming others							
7.	Adapting to the different organizations' work culture							
8.	Building social networks ( <i>teams, clients, sponsors, and stakeholders</i> )							
9.	Mastering the communication methods for diplomacy and negotiation							
10.	Having the confidence to lead the project team facing a crisis							

The adaptive competency								
No	Statement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Adjusting to change quickly							
2.	Managing the transition of change ( <i>anticipating the impacts, balancing action–reaction, and short- and long-term considerations</i> )							
3.	The ability to build trust and commitment to new strategies							
4.	The ability to explain to project entities about changing							
5.	Innovating ( <i>technical and social</i> )							
6.	Integrating innovation ( <i>balancing/ aligning it with other innovations and current conditions</i> )							
7.	Facilitating for organizational learning ( <i>brainstorming and discussion</i> )							

## Section D – The Megaproject Performance

Instructions:

The section D assesses the short and long-term performance of the project specified above. You are requested to respond to these statements based on your personal perception, as there are no “right” and “wrong” answers.

Seven (7) scales are available for responding to statements megaproject performance, namely:

- (1) = I strongly disagree  
 (2) = I do not agree  
 (3) = I somewhat disagree  
 (4) = I am indifferent  
 (5) = I somewhat agree  
 (6) = I agree  
 (7) = I strongly agree

The following statement is reflecting this megaproject performance. Please select one by giving checkmark on the appropriate columns.

The short-term performance								
No	Statement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	This project is on-time							
2.	This project is on-budget							
3.	This project is on-target (construction, design, security and safety							

The long-term performance								
No	Statement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	The projects fulfill the long-term SHE standards (safety, health, and environment)							
2.	The clients are satisfied							
3.	The suppliers are satisfied							
4.	The partners (including NGO partners) are satisfied							
5.	The team is satisfied							
6.	The public/community is satisfied							
7.	It has an economic benefit to the surrounding community							
8.	The project is beneficial for the long-term national economy/business							
9.	It benefits the business of shareholders							
10.	It benefits the business of contracting organizations							
11.	The project benefits the contractor's long-term partnership							
12.	It is beneficial for the development of civilization (including social, cultural, or environmental aspects)							
13.	The project became a symbol of national pride							
14.	Projects result in the development of technology / knowledge / experience / intellectual capital for construction organizations							

## Appendix C

### Interview Guideline

#### Part I – Megaproject Complexity

No	Aspect	Question List	Check List
1.	Structural complexity	Describe the complexity challenges associated with:	
		a. Project objectives	
		b. Project organization	
		c. Megaproject scope /scale	
		d. Cost / administration	



No	Aspect	Question List	Check List
		e. Schedule / time & activity (pace)	
		f. Technology	
		g. Nature condition	
		h. Project site/location	
		i. Project design	
		j. Regulation / policy /standard	
		k. Contract	
		l. Others (progress report, etc)	
2.	Respond to accommodate the structural complexity	How each of these (structural) aspects is addressed in a megaproject?	
3.	Emergent complexity (relate to structural aspects)	a. Are the structural aspects (project organization, scope, costs, etc.) clear and certain from the initiating, planning, executing to the closing stage?	
		b. Have there been any unpredictable changes (emergence) to structural aspects (project organization, scope, costs, etc.) during the megaproject process stages?	
4.	Respond to accommodate the emergent complexity (relate to structural aspects)	If there is uncertainty and unplanned changes in these (structural) aspects, what is the management strategy so that the megaproject's performance is on target?	
5.	Lesson learned relate to structural complexity	Describe the lessons learned from each of the aspects (structural and emergent), which has been exposed?	
6.	Social complexity	Describe the complexity challenges associated with:	
		a. Conflicts of interest within the project team	
		b. Conflict of interest between stakeholders	
		c. Transparency among the team members	
		d. Transparency among the (external) stakeholders & shareholders	
		e. Problems with the community and society	
		f. Political agenda (motive)	
		g. Social cultural issues (team; stakeholders; organization culture; work culture; local community culture)	
		h. Others	
7.	Respond to accommodate the social complexity	How each of these (social) aspects is addressed in a megaproject?	
8.	Emergent complexity (relate to social aspects)	a. Are the social aspects (project team, stakeholders etc.) clear and certain from the initiating, planning, and executing to the closing stage?	
		b. Has there been any unpredictable changes (emergence) to social aspects (project team, stakeholders etc.) during the megaproject process stages?	
9.	Respond to accommodate the emergent complexity (relate to social aspects)	If there is uncertainty and unplanned changes in these (social) aspects, what is the management strategy so that the megaproject's performance is on target?	
10.	Lesson learned relate to social complexity	Describe the lessons learned from each of the aspects (social and emergent) which has been exposed?	
11.	Complexity interrelationship	Whether complexity aspects in megaprojects can occur due to other sources of complexity (interplay between aspects)? Please, explained (the main sample case in this megaproject) and how to respond (manage) to those issues.	

No	Aspect	Question List	Check List
12.	Complexity and megaproject performance	Do you agree with this statement? And please explained:	
		a. If the social (cultural and political) conditions/aspects of the team and stakeholders can be managed/anticipated, the megaproject has greater potential for success (short term and long term).	
		b. If internal and external conditions are relatively stable, megaprojects have a greater potential for success (short term and long term).	
		c. If the conditions / structured aspects (task procedures, schedule, and organization) are well coordinated, the megaproject can achieve its targets successfully (short term and long term).	

## Part II – Leadership Competency

No	Aspect	Question List	Check List
1.	Technical competency	Whether a top project manager needs to have high leadership competence to manage technical aspects? (please, explained).	
2.	Emotional Social competency	Whether a top project manager needs to have high leadership competencies to manage the social-emotional aspects (self-management and relationships between teams and stakeholders)? (please, explained).	
3.	Adaptive competency	Do you agree that a top project manager needs to have high adaptive (agile) leadership competencies? (please, explained).	
4.	Leadership competency combination	a. Whether the leadership competencies of megaproject managers (especially top managers) need to be mutually combined during the megaproject implementation process?	
		b. Whether a megaproject manager (especially for the top manager) needs to have all competencies (technical, social, and adaptive competencies) to achieve short-term and long-term successful megaprojects?	
5.	Contextual leadership competency	Whether the leadership competencies of megaproject managers (especially top managers) need to be adjusted to the characteristics of the megaproject (including its complexity)?	
6.	Leadership competency training & sharing	a. Is there any special training in your organization to prepare candidates' competencies to become the main megaproject manager (lead / top manager)? (please, explained).	
		b. Is there a (regular) experience/knowledge-sharing activity (especially the megaproject management) in your organization?	

