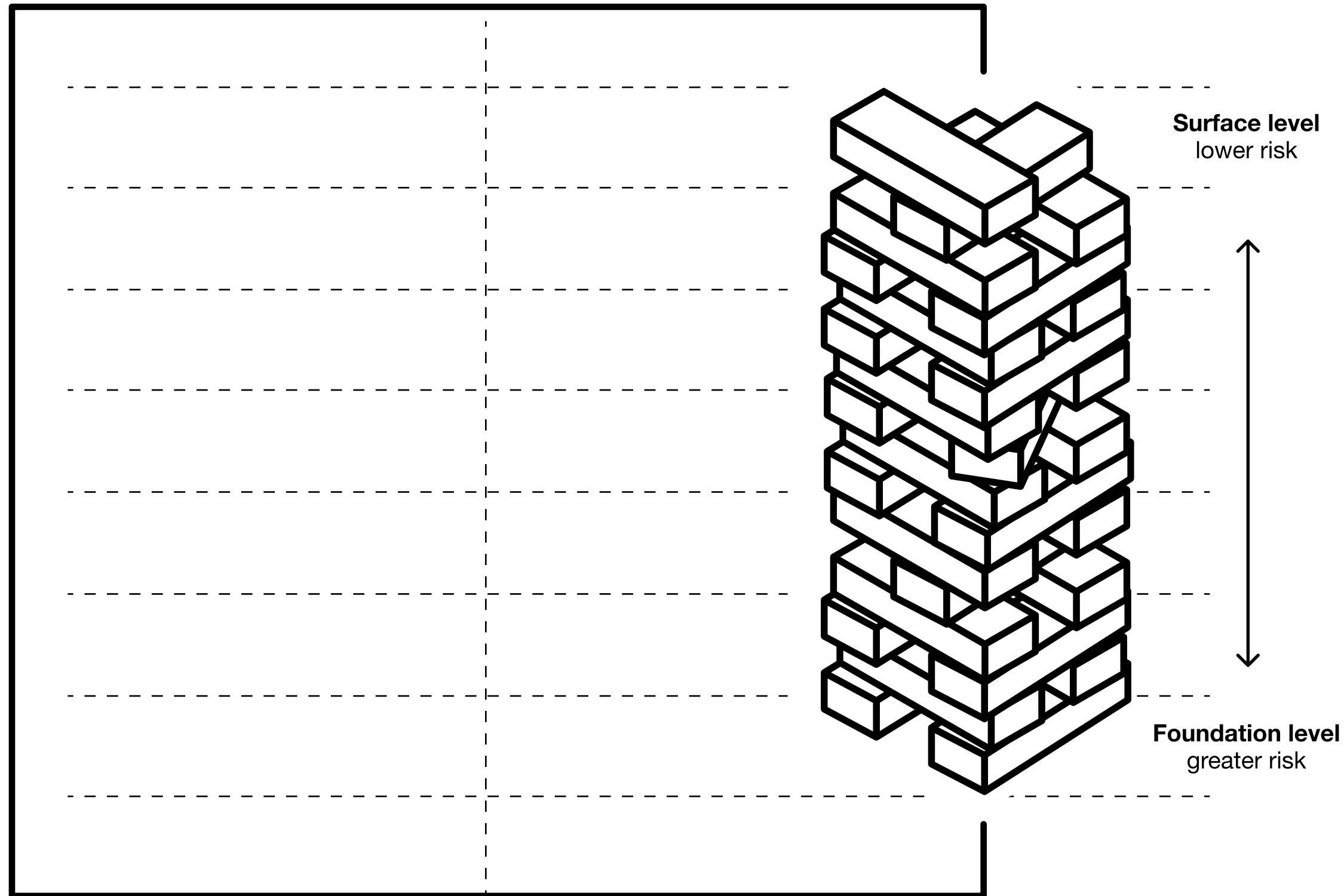


Riskiest assumption matrix



How to use this matrix:

Think of the canvas as a matrix: up and down deals with the risk, left and right the level of uncertainty.

1. Take it in turns to place your assumptions onto the canvas using the vertical risk levels as a guide. Once you've added them all, discuss as a group and move each one to an agreed place.
2. Next, pay attention to how they're placed on the horizontal axis to show how uncertain the team is.
3. To finalise the canvas check each assumption to see if it has dependencies, or is standalone. For those that are dependent on others, move them up. You should aim to have only the foundational risky assumptions at the bottom.

You'll see the most risky and uncertain assumptions in the bottom right area of the canvas. They are fundamental to the success of your change or innovation project. You should tackle those first.