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What is Lean Six Sigma?

Lean Six Sigma is a Problem-Solving methodology which focus on reducing waste (lean) and reducing variation (six sigma) using Five phases to make process effective and efficient.

1. Define – Understand the problem
2. Measure – Collect reliable data
3. Analyze – Identify the root cause
4. Improve – Develop ideas for improvement
5. Control – Keep improvements permanent

Lean Six Sigma?



LEAN

Reduces waste by streamlining a process making it efficient

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6σ

SIX SIGMA

Controls variability by effectively solving problems

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LEAN SIX SIGMA

Lean accelerates SIX SIGMA: Solving problems and improving processes is faster and more efficient

What can be done using LSS approach?



Sources of Waste

	Definition	Examples
Transportation	Transportation (also known as Touches) is the unnecessary movement of materials around an organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carrying large quantities in and out of storage facilities Redundant movement of materials
Inventory	Inventory includes any materials or supplies in excess of the appropriate time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchasing excess inventory Long Cycle Times for certain parts, or suppliers
Motion	Motion is any movement of people that does not add value to the product or service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inefficient workplace organization Inefficient placement of frequently used supplies, tools, etc.
Waiting	Waiting is a prevalent Waste and involves waiting for man, machine, materials, information etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excessive Cycle Time between process steps High amount of wait time vs. work time
Overprocessing	Overprocessing is an effort that doesn't add value to the product or service from customer's perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-work loops or work-around Redundant process steps
Overproduction	Overproduction is making more, earlier, or faster than the next process needs it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Error that occur over and over Customer dissatisfaction in a process
Defects	Defects are information, products, and services that are inaccurate and/or incomplete.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Error that occur over and over Customer dissatisfaction in a process

Data Based Methodology

- **INFERENCEAL STATISTICS**
- **STATISTICAL ANALYSIS**
- **CHARTING & GRAPHING**
- **BRAINSTORMING**
- **INTUITION**



ANALYTICAL
MATURITY

Sigma Levels

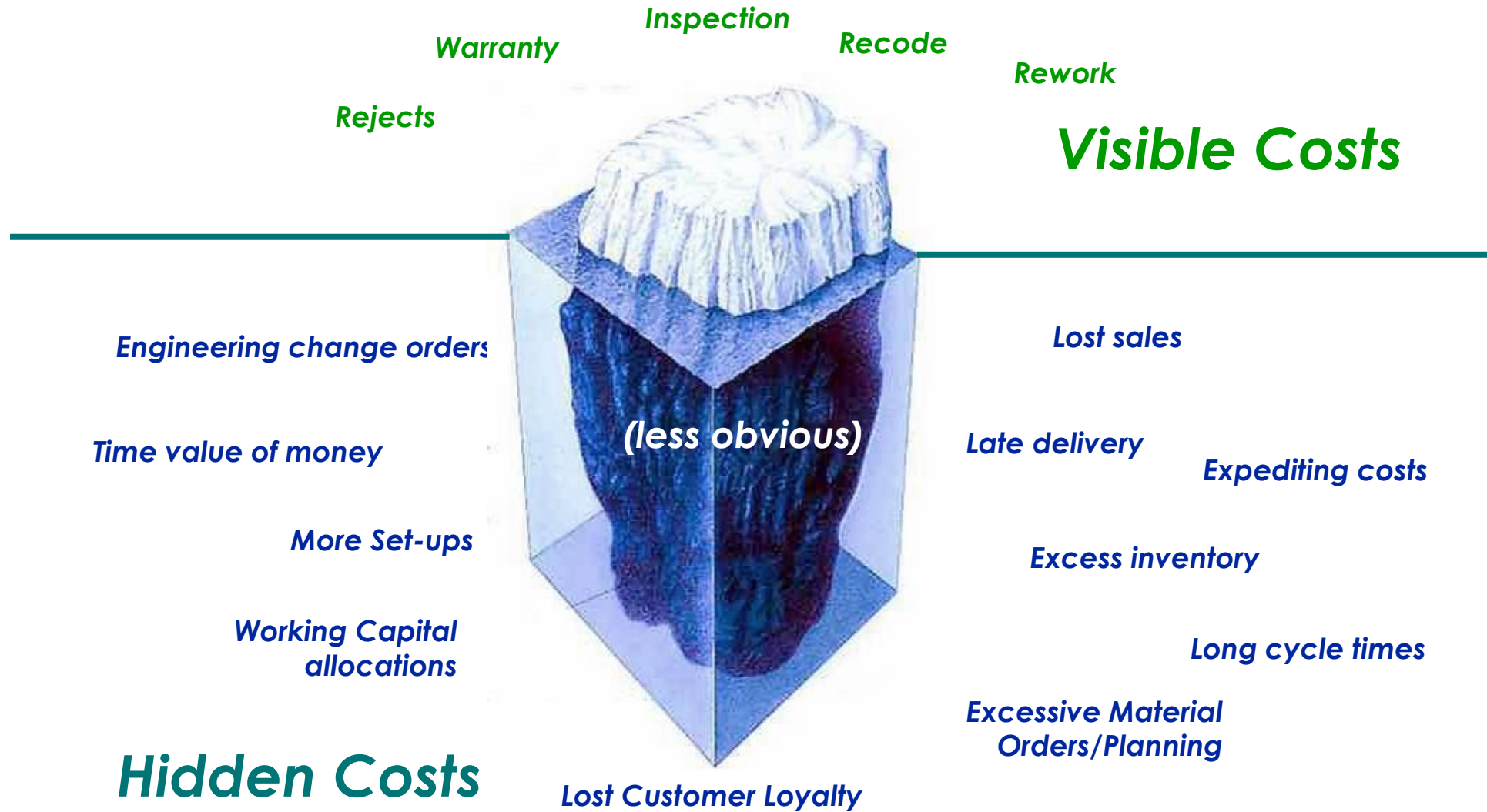
<u>Yield</u>	<u>PPMO</u>	<u>COPQ</u>	<u>Sigma</u>	
99.9997%	3.4	<10%	6	World Class Benchmarks
99.976%	233	10-15%	5	↕ 10% GAP
99.4%	6,210	15-20%	4	Industry Average
93%	66,807	20-30%	3	↕ 10% GAP
65%	308,537	30- 40%	2	Non Competitive
50%	500,000	>40%	1	

Source: *Journal for Quality and Participation, Strategy and Planning Analysis*

What does 20 - 40% of Sales represent to your Organization?

Cost of Poor Quality

Cost of Quality	
Cost of Conformance (Money spent during the project to avoid failure)	Cost of Nonconformance (Money spent during and after the project because of failures)
<p>1. Prevention Costs (Build a quality product):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Training <input type="checkbox"/> Document Processes <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Time to do it right 	<p>1. Internal Failure Costs (Failures found by the project):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Rework <input type="checkbox"/> Scrap
<p>2. Appraisal Costs: Assessing the Quality):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Testing <input type="checkbox"/> Destructive testing loss <input type="checkbox"/> Inspections 	<p>2. External Failure Costs (Failures found by the customer):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Liabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Warranty Work <input type="checkbox"/> Lost Business



Problem Statement

Poor Example:

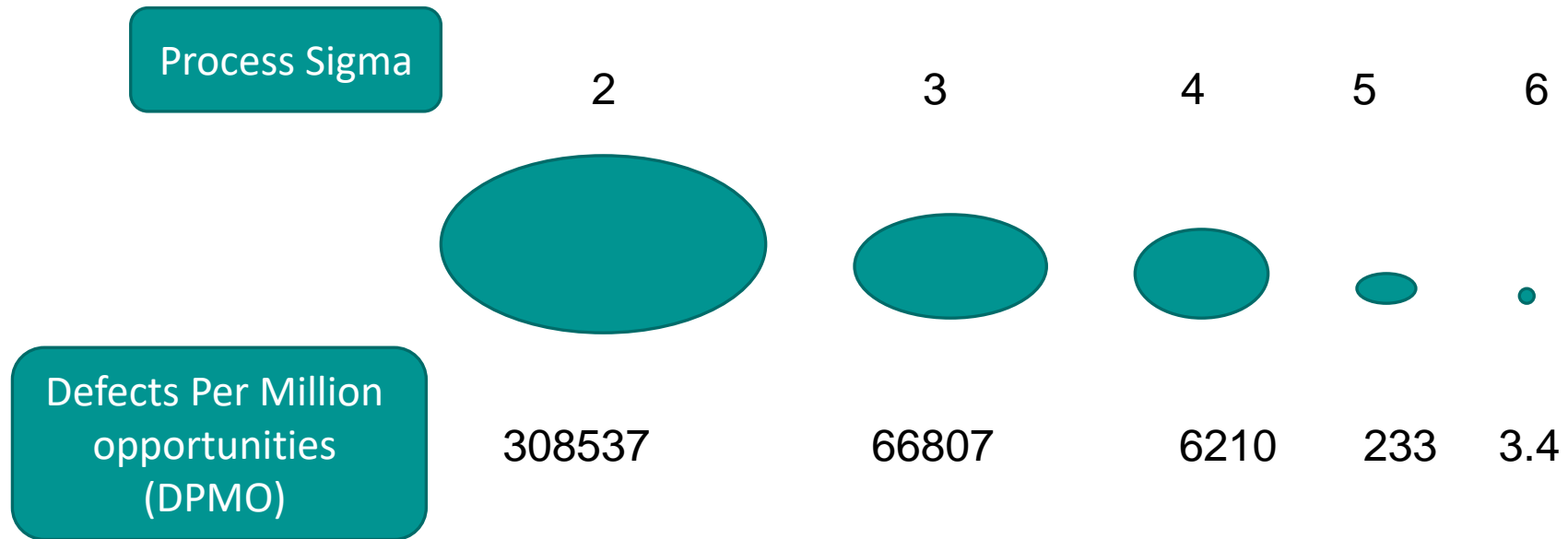
Because our customers are dissatisfied with our service, they are late paying their bills.

Improved Example:

In the last 2 years (when) 20% of our customers in ABC process (where) were over 60 days late (what) paying our invoices. This negatively affects our operating cash flow (how it impacts or consequences) by SR 2 Million.

What is 6 Sigma ?

A measurement scale which compares the output of a process to the customer's requirements



Compute Process Sigma

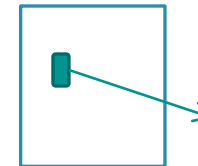
Unit: The item produced or processed

Defect: any event that does not meet the specification of a CTQ as defined by the customer.

Defect Opportunity: Any event which can be measured that provides a chance of not meeting a customer requirement (Specification)



Form



Critical field with missing information



critical fields on the form

Calculate process sigma : formula

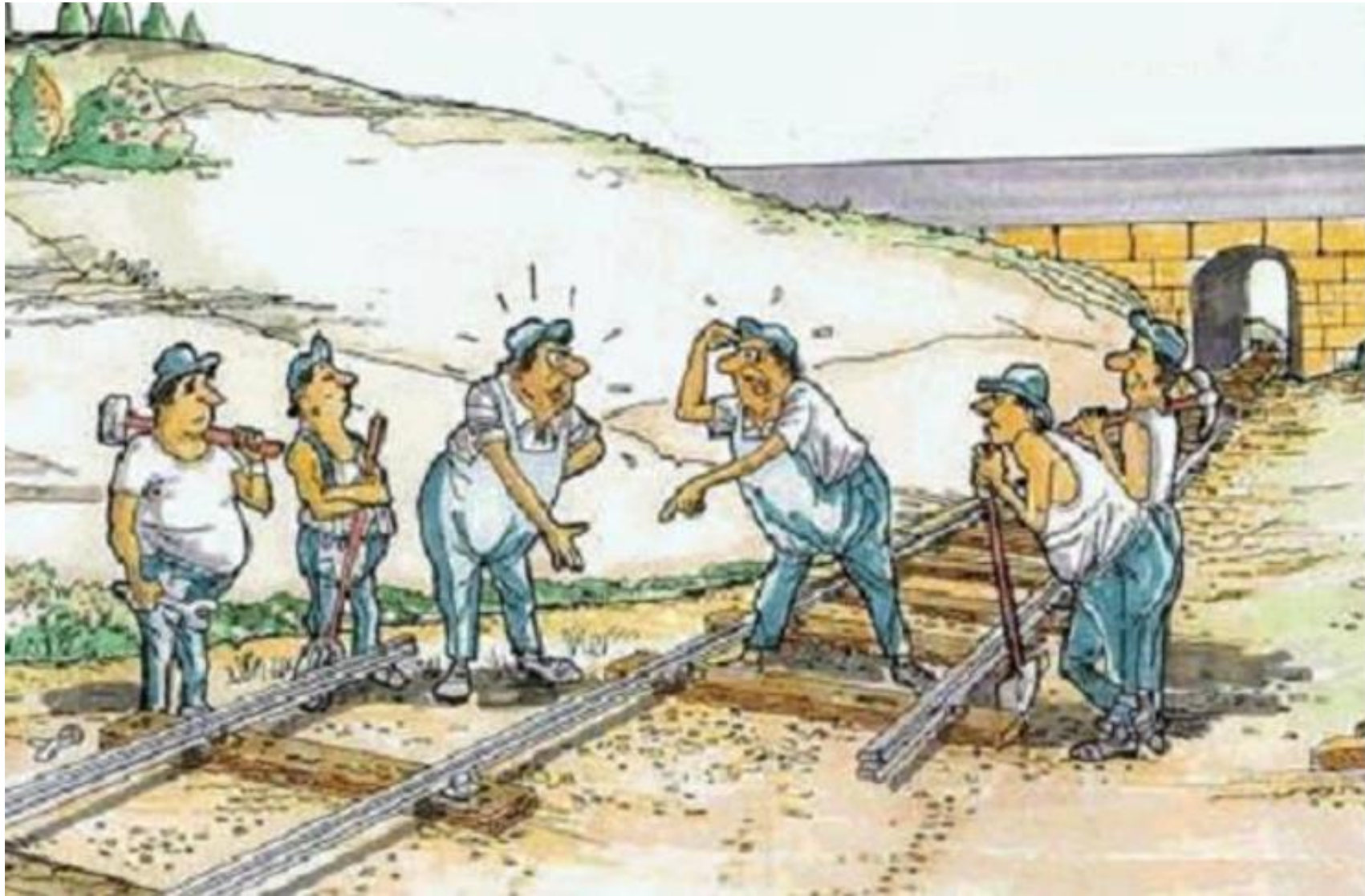
Calculate the number of Defects per million Opportunities

$$\text{DPMO} = \frac{\text{(No of Defects)}}{\text{No of Units X No of Opportunities}} \times 1\,000\,000$$

In the sigma table, look at the Sigma value relating to the DPMO determined

Conversion Table

Long term Yield	Process Sigma	Defects per 1,000,000	Long Term Yield	Process Sigma	Defects per 1,000,000
99.99966%	6.0	3.4	93.320 %	3	66,800
99.9995%	5.9	5	90.920%	2.9	80,800
99.9992%	5.8	8	90.320%	2.8	96,800
99.9990%	5.7	10	88.50%	2.7	115,000
99.9980%	5.6	20	86.50%	2.6	135,000
99.9970%	5.5	30	84.20%	2.5	158,000
99.9960%	5.4	40	81.60%	2.4	184,000
99.9930%	5.3	70	78.80%	2.3	212,000
99.9900%	5.2	100	75.8%	2.2	242,000
99.9850%	5.1	150	72.6%	2.1	274,000
99.9770%	5.0	230	69.2%	2	308,000
99.670%	4.9	330	65.6%	1.9	344,000
99.520%	4.8	480	61.80%	1.8	382,000
99.9320%	4.7	680	58.00%	1.7	420,000
99.9040%	4.6	960	54.00%	1.6	460,000
99.8650%	4.5	1350	50%	1.5	500,000
99.8140%	4.4	1860	46%	1.4	540,000
99.7450%	4.3	2550	43%	1.3	570,000
99.6540%	4.2	3460	39%	1.2	610,000
99.5340%	4.1	4660	35%	1.1	650,000
99.3790%	4.0	6210	31%	1	690,000
99.1810%	3.9	8190	28%	0.9	720,000
98.930%	3.8	10770	25%	0.8	750,000
98.610%	3.7	13900	22%	0.7	780,000
98.220%	3.6	17800	19%	0.6	810,000
97.730%	3.5	22700	16%	0.5	840,000
97.130%	3.4	28700	14%	0.4	860,000
96.410%	3.3	35900	12%	0.3	880,000
95.540%	3.2	44600	10%	0.2	900,000
94.520%	3.1	54800	8%	0.1	920,000



Project Charter Casthouse Slab Casting Process Improvement

Business Case:

Business demand continue to increase and the need to optimize the production is vital to the growth of the company and its people. Since the start of its operation Slab Casting never yet reach the full design capacity of 8 drops per day. Key deliverables are; identification of critical factors affecting the slab casting and place a sustainable controls around it. Other benefit will be if not to eliminate but lessen casting aborts and rejects.

VDC1 & VDC2 are not being maximized based on its design capacity. Current production performance is around 300K MT per year with an average of drops of 3.5 per day per VDC. We can cast 135 tons per drop and we have two VDC designed to do 650k tons per year.

Problem Statement:

VDC1 & VDC2 are not working into its maximum capacity of 8 drops per day. There are many factors affecting slab casting activity preventing it to work on its optimum performance.

Goal Statement: (“SMART”: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time bound”)

1. Increase no. of drops by 42% Or production volume per year by 60%
2. Reduce number of cast aborts by 30%

SIGMA Level:

Basis of calculation: 1 cast is considered 60 opportunities (5 slabs x 12 possible reasons for cast aborts). From 2016 total drops of 540 we only produced 2218 good slabs that could have been 2700 slabs.

Baseline Process Capability (Feb '16 to Feb'17) = $-0.3 \sigma Z(LT)$ $1.8 \sigma Z(ST)$
 DPMO 394,950 Defect Rate 61%

Team Members:

Name	Role	%
Name	Champion	5%
Name	Sponsor	10%
Name	Project Lead	30%
Name	Team Member	10%
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Scope (In and Out):

In and Out scope

Process (Starts and Finishes):

Furnace preparation to bringing slab to Rolling Mill

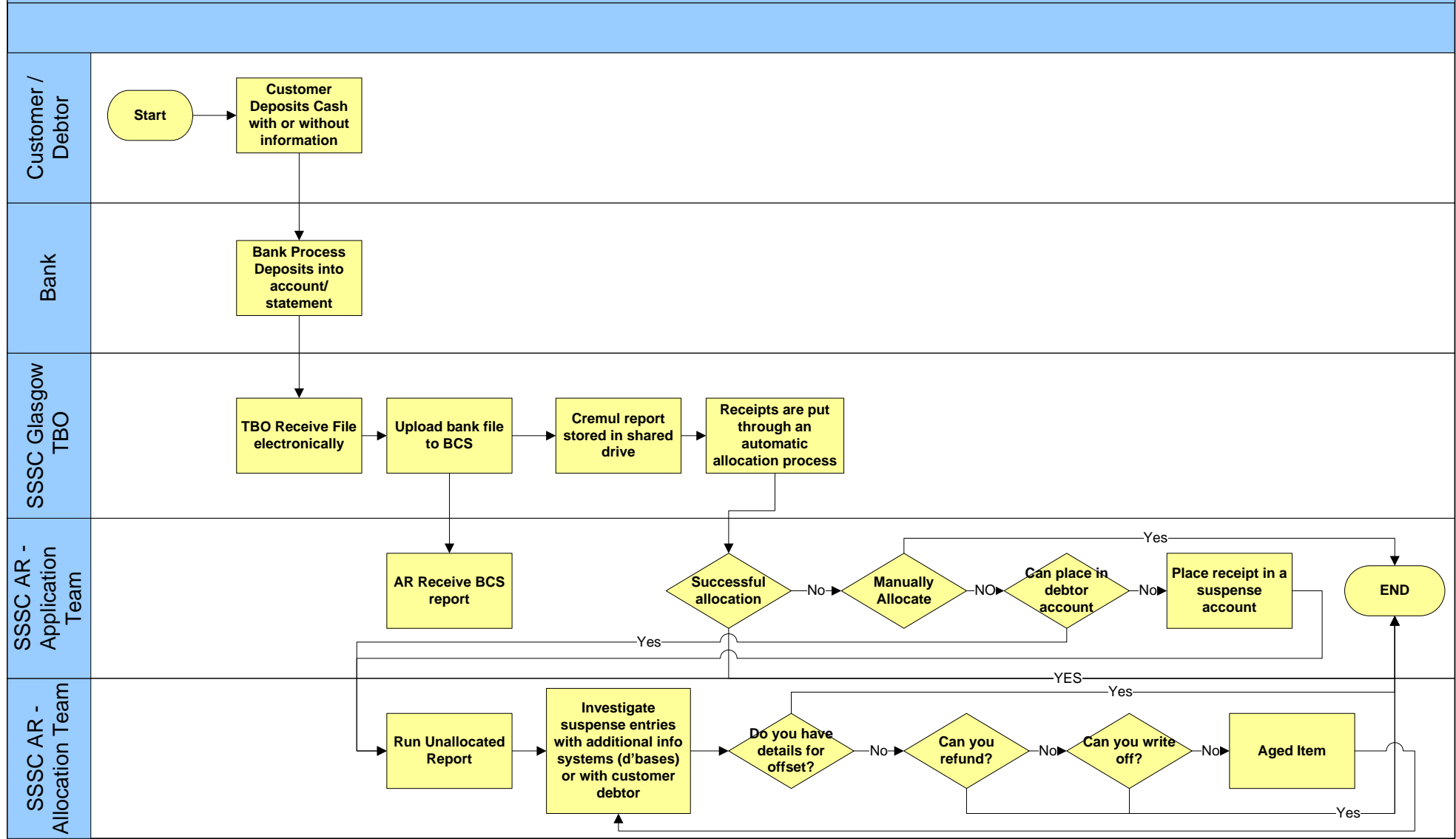
Estimated Financial Benefit:

Cost reduction? 25,000
 Productivity Enhancement?
 Increased capacity? 20,000

Phase	Completion Dates	Status
Define	17 Feb	CPT
Measure	30 Mar	CPT
Analyze	15 May	●
Improve	01 Jul	●
Control	17 Jul	●
Realization	16 Aug	●

STATUS Legend	
Red	> 2 weeks behind
Yellow	1 day – 2 weeks behind
Green	On Track
CPT	Complete

AR Receipts Application & Allocation - Generic



Relationship between SIPOC and indicators



Input indicators

Measures that evaluate the degree to which the inputs to a process, provided by suppliers, are consistent with what the process needs to efficiently and effectively convert into customer-satisfying outputs.

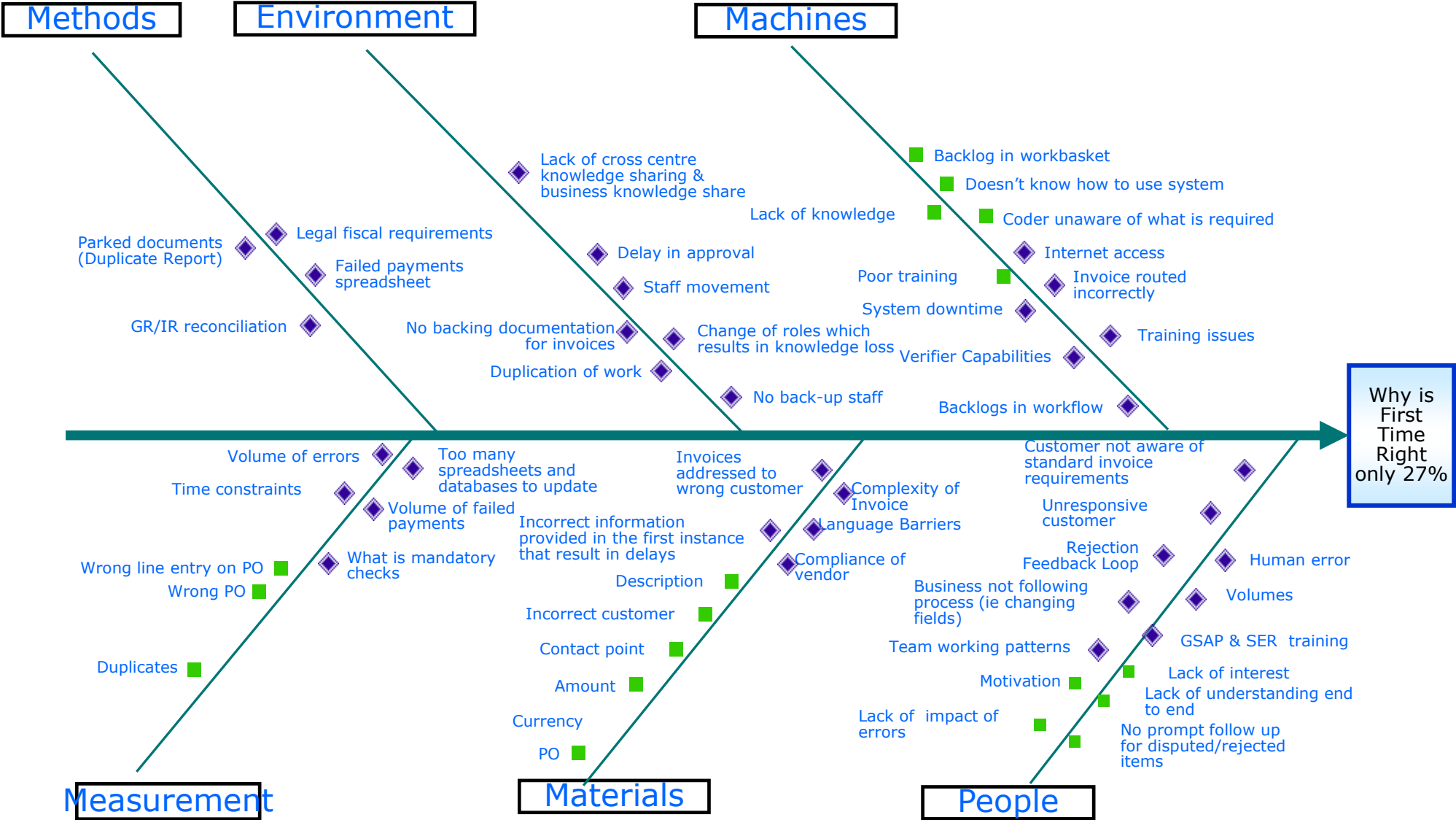
Process indicators

Measures that evaluate the effectiveness, efficiency and quality of the transformation processes – the steps and activities used to convert inputs into customer-satisfying outputs.

Output indicators

Measures that evaluate dimensions of the output – may focus on the performance of the business as well as that associated with the delivery of services and products to customers.

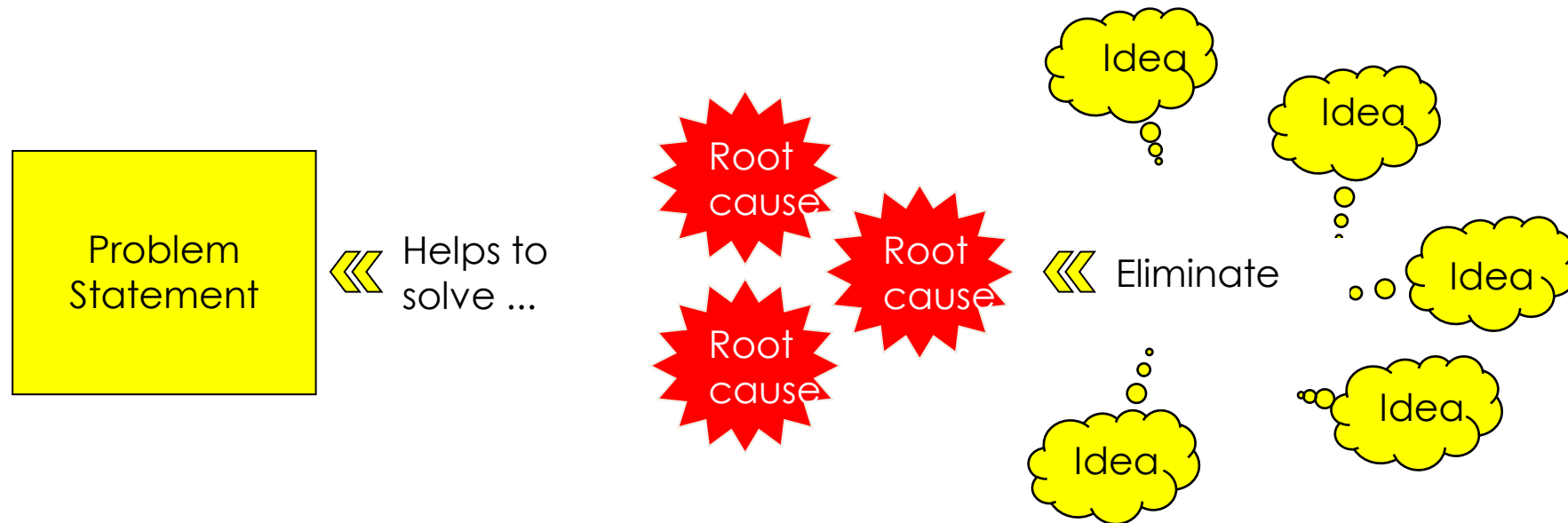
Root Cause Analysis



Why is First Time Right only 27%

Improve

- Up to this point, the team has focused on gaining greater levels of understanding of the deviations affecting current operations by defining problem statements
- After we have verified root cause, we must begin to generate ideas that ultimately will be the solutions to drive process improvement
- The reduction or elimination of the root causes are the basis for the solutions the team will generate



Control

How would you control your improved processes?

Define what's important

Measure how we're doing

1. Identify Opportunities

Align Goals and Resources

STRAP

Select Critical Projects

2. Form Team and Scope the Project

Team Charter

Identify Customers and Requirements

Input: Supplier Reqmt. Measures

Outputs: Customers Value Measures

Quality, Cost, Time

Establish Process Priorities

3. Analyze the Current Process

Identify Key Variables

Map Product Flow

Establish Process Baseline

MSE, Gauge R&R

4. Define Desired Outcomes

Critical Measures and Goals

Establish Entitlement

Process Capability

As Is

Should Be

Competitive Advantage (\$\$\$\$)

Analyze what's wrong

5. Identify Root Causes & Proposed Solutions

Brainstorm Potential Root Causes

Prioritize Causes

FMEA

Effect

\$ per Cost Driver

ABM

Explore Process Data

Scatter Plots

Box Plots

TAKT Time

9. Acknowledge Team and Communicate Results

Project Report

TEAM RESULTS

8. Measure Progress and Hold Gains

FRAT

Level M&I Chart for "UPDP"

Net/Shop

Lean Enterprise

7. Refine and Implement Solutions

Revised Control Plan

Project Plan (Gantt Chart)

Training & Procedures

6. Prioritize, Plan and Test Proposed Solutions

Decision Matrix

Data Collection Plan

Run Chart

Basic DOE

Paill System

1. 3/10 Install Heater

2. Regrind Blade

Control to guarantee performance

Improve by eliminating the root causes



Thank you

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APPENDIX

