

# *Introduction to the Toyota Production System (TPS)*

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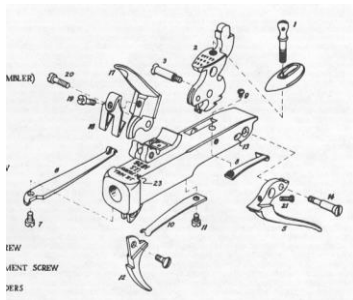
# Three Major Mfg Systems from 1800 to 2000

Machine tools, specialized machine tools, Taylorism, SPC, CNC, CAD/CAM



1800

Interchangeable  
Parts at U.S.  
Armories



1900

Mass  
Production  
at Ford



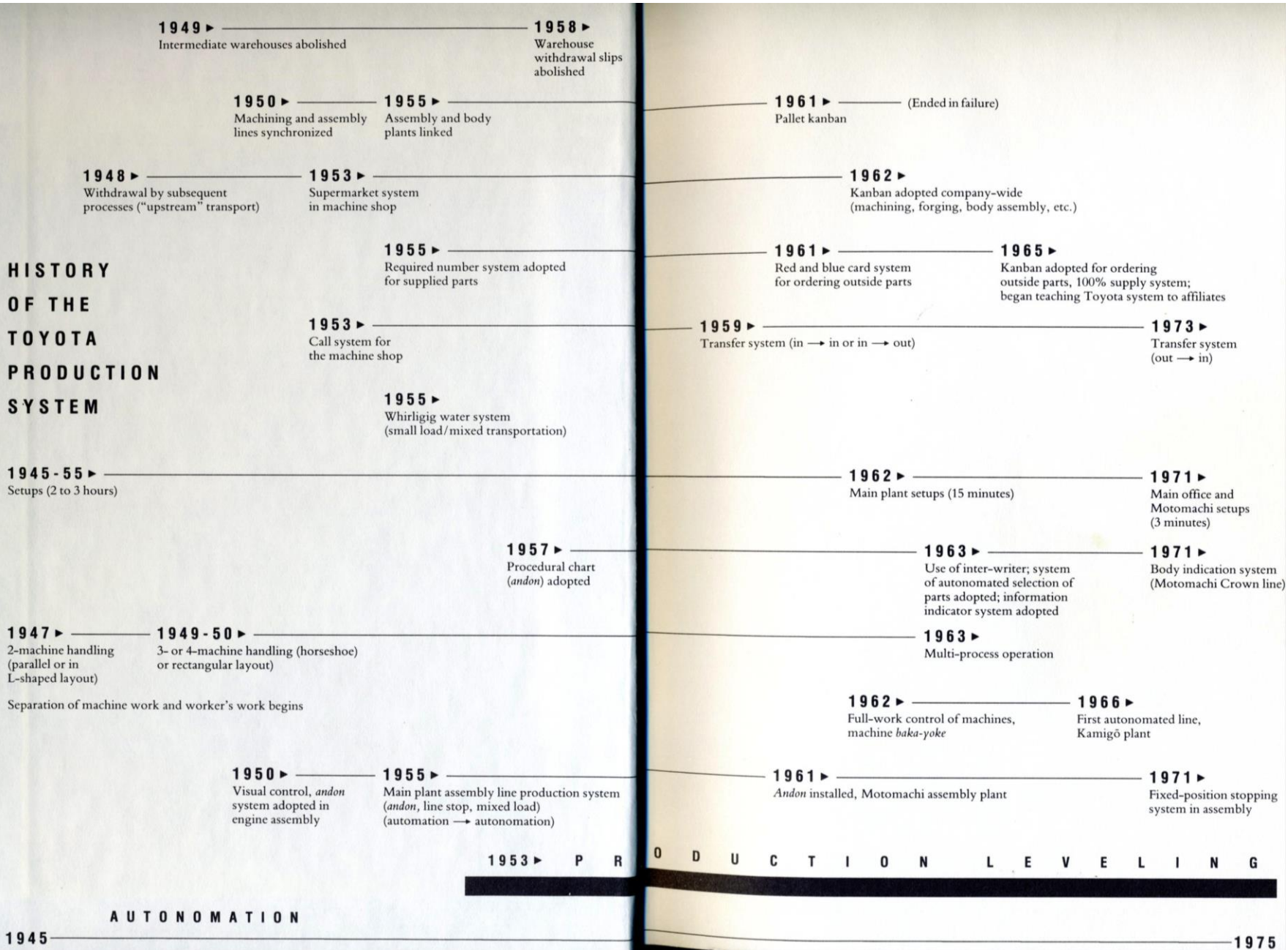
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Toyota  
Production  
System



# Toyota Production System Development History - Taiichi Ohno

## HISTORY OF THE TOYOTA PRODUCTION SYSTEM



A U T O N O M A T I O N

O D U C T I O N L E V E L I N G

1945

1975

# How we learned about TPS

- Quality of cars
- Pilgrimages - Hayes, Wheelwright, Clark
- Joint ventures - Nummi-Geo...
- Japanese NA operations-Georgetown, KY
- Japanese sages- Ohno, Shingo, Monden
- American translation- “Lean”, J T. Black..
- Consulting firms-...Shingjutsu,...



1980's OPEC oil embargo drives up fuel prices, Japanese imports small cars with increased fuel mileage

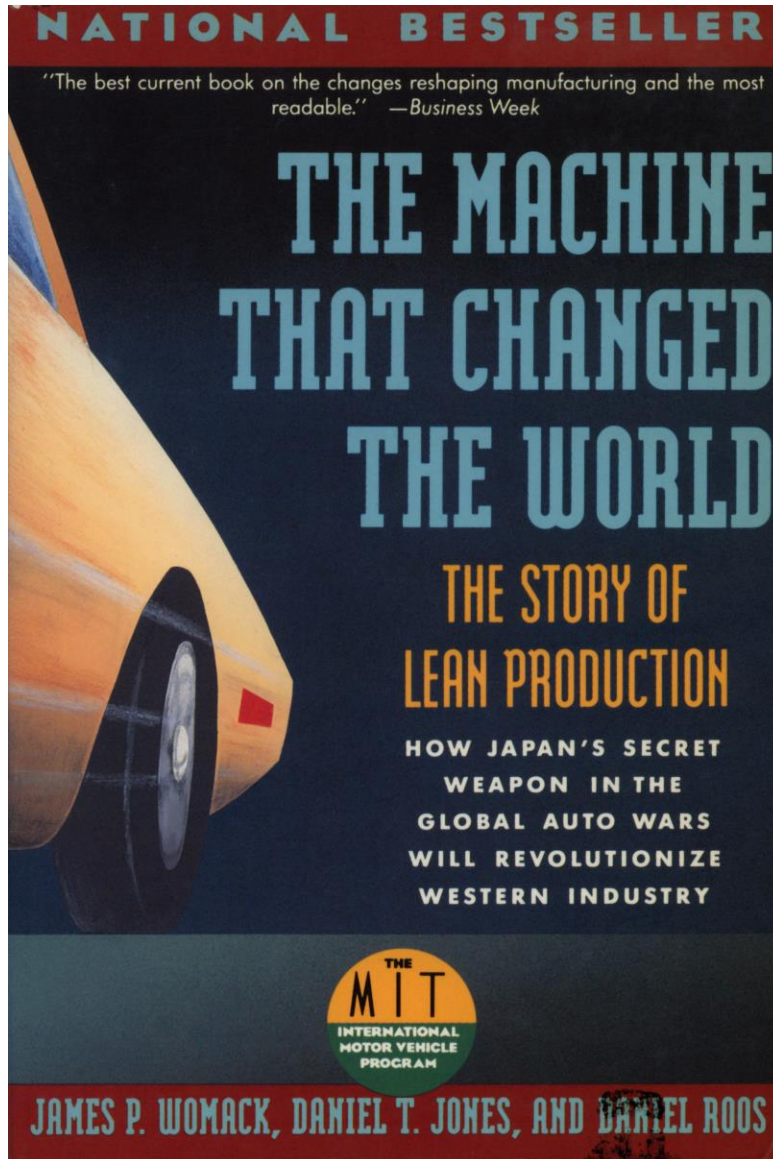
## The Architecture of Manufacturing: Material and Information Flows

### Introduction

The most striking thing about a factory is usually its machinery: in a steel mill, the sheer size, power, and noise of the electric arc furnace as it melts tons of scrap; in an automobile assembly plant, the rhythmic operation of the automated welding system; in a computer plant, the virtuosity of the assembly robots. But our research on high-performance manufacturing suggests that for all its sound and fury, the equipment, or hardware, by itself is rarely the primary source of a factory’s competitive advantage. What matters is how that hardware is used, and how it is integrated with materials, people, and information through software—the systems and procedures that direct and control the factory’s activities.

The “architecture” of a manufacturing system—which includes its hardware, its material and information flows, the rules and procedures used to coordinate them, and the managerial philosophy that underlies them all—largely determines the productivity of the people and assets in the factory, the quality of its products, and the responsiveness of the organization to customer needs. Indeed, two factories with almost identical hardware may perform very differently if they have different system architectures. Just how differently is demonstrated by the experience of Mazda, the Japanese auto firm, in the mid-1970s.

Translation: there is no  
“Silver Bullet”.



1990

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# Performance Observations

- Early observations of reliability, after some initial start-up problems
- IMVP got actual factory level data 1980's
  - defect counts
  - direct labor hours for assembly
  - level of automation



# Summary of Assembly Plant Characteristics, Volume Producers, 1989 (Average for Plants in Each Region)

	<b>Japanese in Japan</b>	<b>Japanese in North America</b>	<b>American in North America</b>	<b>All Europe</b>
<b>Performance:</b>				
Productivity (hours/Veh.)	16.8	21.2	25.1	36.2
Quality (assembly defects/100 vehicles)	60	65	82.3	97
<b>Layout:</b>				
Space (sq.ft./vehicle/yr)	5.7	9.1	7.8	7.8
Size of Repair Area (as % of assembly space)	4.1	4.9	12.9	14.4
Inventories(days for 8 sample parts)	0.2	1.6	2.9	2
<b>Work Force:</b>				
% of Work Force in Teams	69.3	71.3	17.3	0.6
Job Rotation (0 = none, 4 = frequent)	3	2.7	0.9	1.9
Suggestions/Employee	61.6	1.4	0.4	0.4
Number of Job Classes	11.9	8.7	67.1	14.8
Training of New Production Workers (hours)	380.3	370	46.4	173.3
Absenteeism	5	4.8	11.7	12.1
<b>Automation:</b>				
Welding (% of direct steps)	86.2	85	76.2	76.6
Painting(% of direct steps)	54.6	40.7	33.6	38.2
Assembly (% of direct steps)	1.7	1.1	1.2	3.1

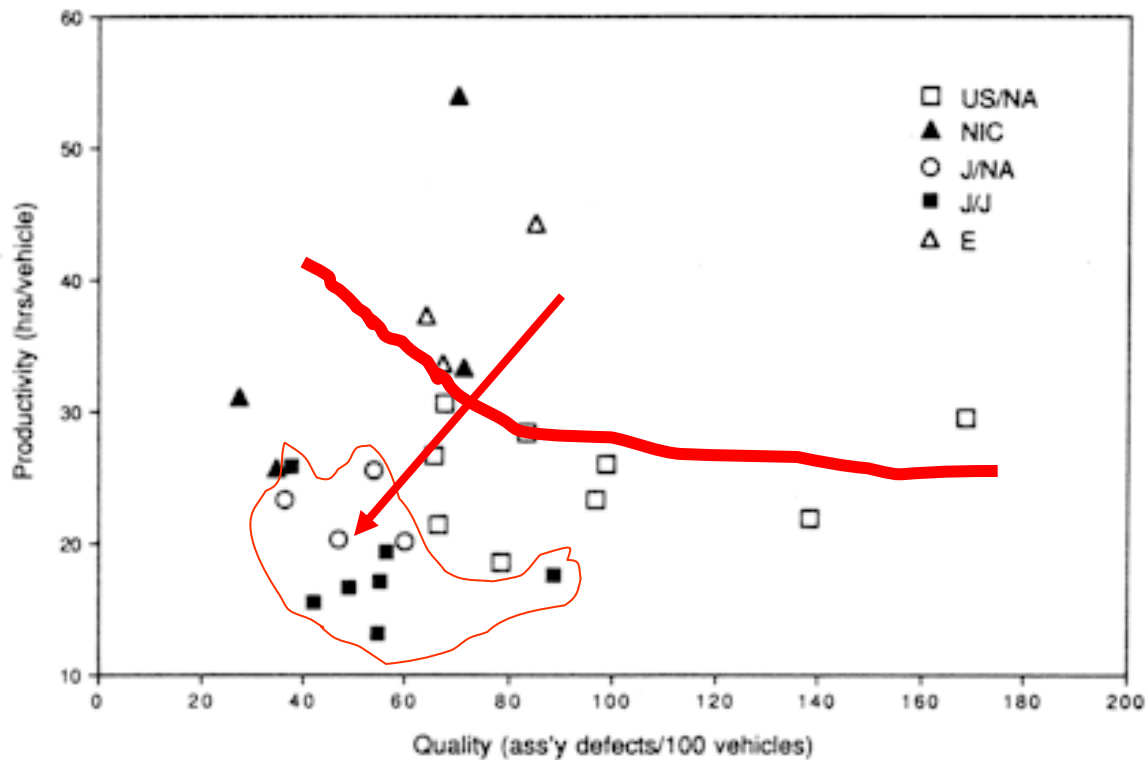
Source: IMVP World Assembly Plant Survey, 1989, and J. D. Power Initial Quality Survey, 1989

# Cost Vs Defects

Ref. "Machine that Changed the World" Womack, Jones and Roos

FIGURE 4.8

Productivity versus Quality in the Assembly Plant, Volume Producers, 1989



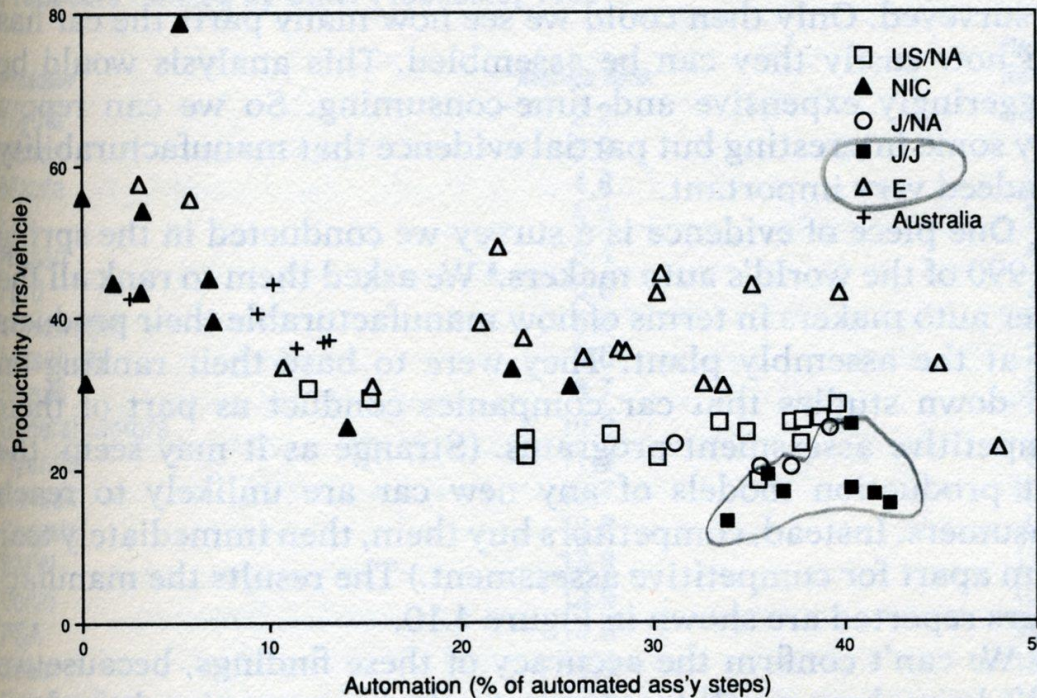
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# Cost Vs Automation

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FIGURE 4.9

Automation versus Productivity, Volume Producers, 1989

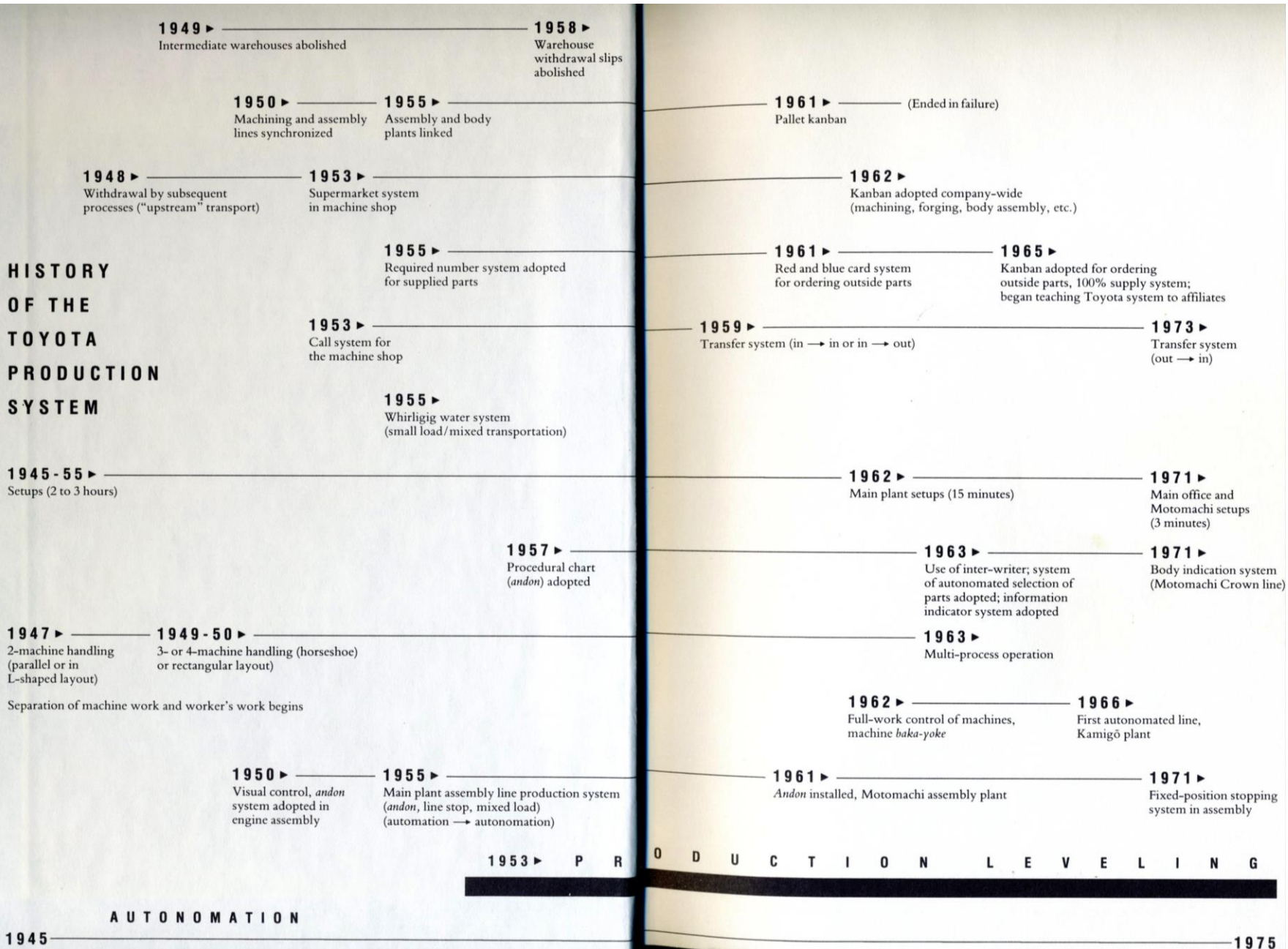


Note: "Automation" equals the percent of assembly tasks that have been automated. Automation includes both fixed automation such as multi-welders and flexible automation using robots. Automation of materials handling is not included.

Source: IMVP World Assembly Plant Survey, 1989

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## HISTORY OF THE TOYOTA PRODUCTION SYSTEM



# Elements:

*Basic goal: reduce cost*

## 1. Quantity control

Low volumes, variety, avoid overproduction

## 2. Quality assurance

Avoid producing out of spec products

## 3. Respect for humanity

Labor strike and new agreement

# Quantity Control

- Set-up time reduction
- Small lots production
- Reduction in lead time
- Production smoothing
- Kanban - JIT
- Adapt to demand changes
- Inventory cutting

# Quality Assurance

- “Automation”
  - Detect defects
  - Stop production
  - Fix problem

# Automation...

- Monden claims that the word “automation” comes from the Japanese word *Jidoka*, which has two meanings, the first is automation in the usual sense, to change from a manual process to a machine process. The second meaning is “automatic control of defects”. He says this is the meaning coined by Toyota. This second meaning is sometimes referred to as *Ninbennoaru Jidoka*, which literally translates into automation with a human mind. Monden goes on to say that “although automation often involves some kind of automation, it is not limited to machine processes but can be used in conjunction with manual operations as well. In either case, it is predominantly a technique for detecting and correcting production defects and always incorporates the following devices; in mechanism to detect abnormalities or defects; a mechanism to stop the line or machine when abnormalities or defects occur. When a defect occurs, the line stops, forcing immediate attention to the problem, an investigation into its causes, and initiation of corrective action to prevent similar defects from occurring again...”
- Reference; Yasuhiro Monden, Toyota Production System,



# Workforce

- Decouple worker from machine
- Multifunctional (empowered) worker
- Standard operations
- Flexibilization of workforce
- Source of ideas

# J T. Black's 10 Steps

Ref; JT. Black "Factory with a Future" 1991

1. Form cells
2. Reduce setup
3. Integrate quality control
4. Integrate preventive maintenance
5. Level and balance
6. Link cells – KANBAN
7. Reduce WIP
8. Build vendor programs
9. Automate
10. Computerize

# J T. Black –1, 2

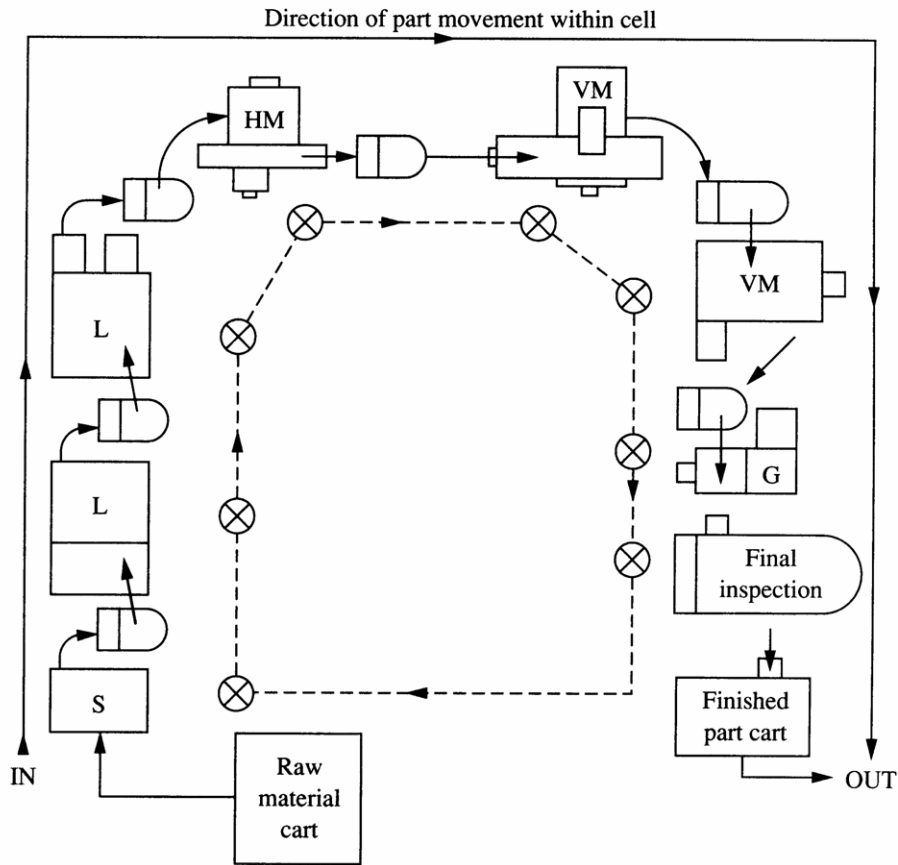
## 1. Form Cells

Sequential operations, decouple operator from machine, parts in families, single piece flow within cell

## 2. Reduce Setup

Externalize setup to reduce down-time during changeover, increases flexibility

# Toyota Cell, one part is produced for every trip around the cell



- Key:
- S = Saw
  - L = Lathe
  - HM = Horizontal milling machine
  - VM = Vertical milling machine
  - G = Grinder
  - ⊗ = Worker positions
  - Path(s) of worker(s) moving within cell
  - Material movement paths within cell
  - ⊔ Kanban square (Decoupler)

FIGURE 4.2

# J T. Black – 3, 4

## 3. Integrate quality control

Check part quality at cell, poke-yoke, stop production when parts are bad, make problems visible, Andon

## 4. Integrate preventive maintenance

worker maintains machine , runs slower, operator owns production of part

# J T. Black – 5, 6

## 5. Level and balance

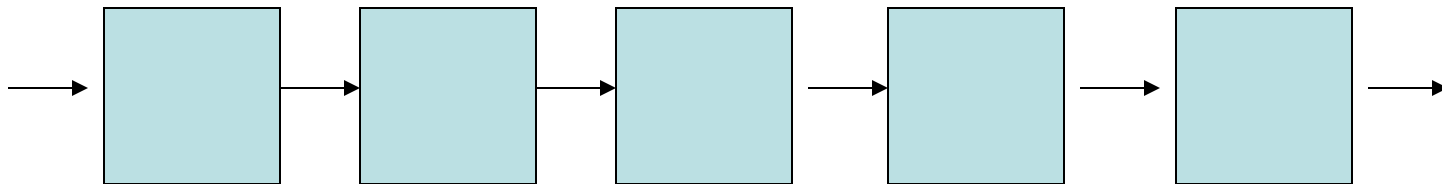
Produce to Takt time, reduce batch sizes, smooth production flow, produce in mix to match demand

## 6. Link cells- Kanban

Create “pull” system – “Supermarket”  
System that indicates the status of the system

# Balancing and Leveling

- **Balanced line:** each process has the same cycle time. Match process time to assemble time, match production rate to rate of demand (Takt time)
- **Leveled Line:** each product is produced in the needed distribution. The process must be flexible to do this.



# J T. Black – 7, 8

## 7. Reduce WIP

Make system reliable,  
build in mechanisms  
to self correct

## 8. Build Vendor program

Propagate low WIP  
policy to your  
vendors, reduce  
vendors, make on-  
time performance part  
of expectation

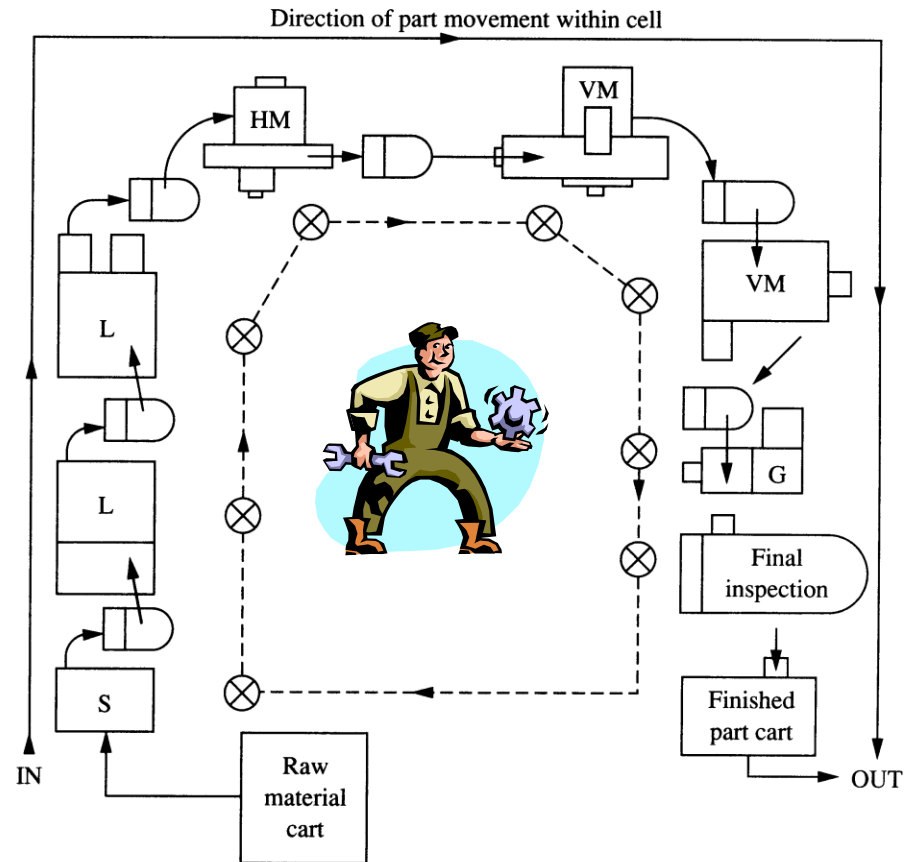


# TPS Cell

1. Work flow (part separate from worker)
2. Standard work (highly specified)
3. Production rate flexibility

# Machining Cell

Operator moves part from machine to machine (including "decouplers") by making traverse around the cell.



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# Cell Features

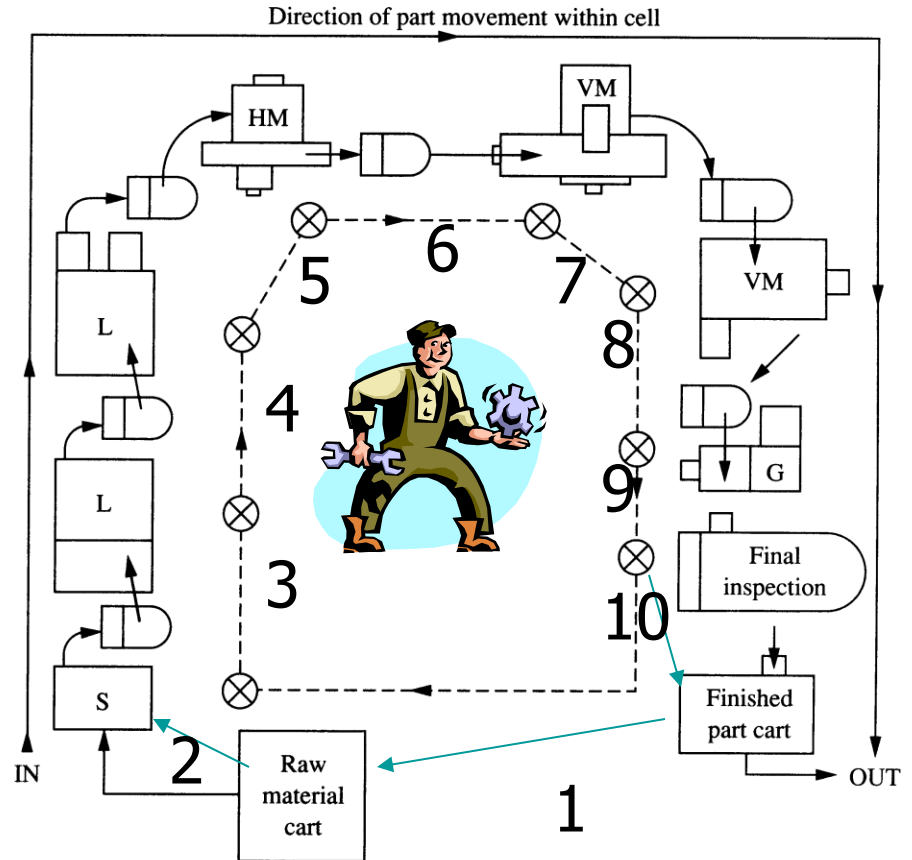
- “Synchronized”, sequential production
- Operator decoupled from individual machines
- Operator integrated into all tasks
- Goal: single piece Flow
- Best with single cycle automatics, but can be done manually too

[See Video](#)

# Walking segments - 10

## Machining Cell

segment		Manual (Sec)	Walk to (Sec)	Machine (Sec)
1	Raw		3	
2	Saw	15	3	60
3	L1	10	3	70
4	L2	12	3	50
5	HM	12	3	120
6	VM1	20	3	70
7	VM2	20	3	60
8	G	15	3	60
9	F.I.	19	3	
10	Finish part		3	
	Totals	<b>M+W</b>	<b>= 153</b>	<b>490</b>



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# Parts in the cell ~ 14

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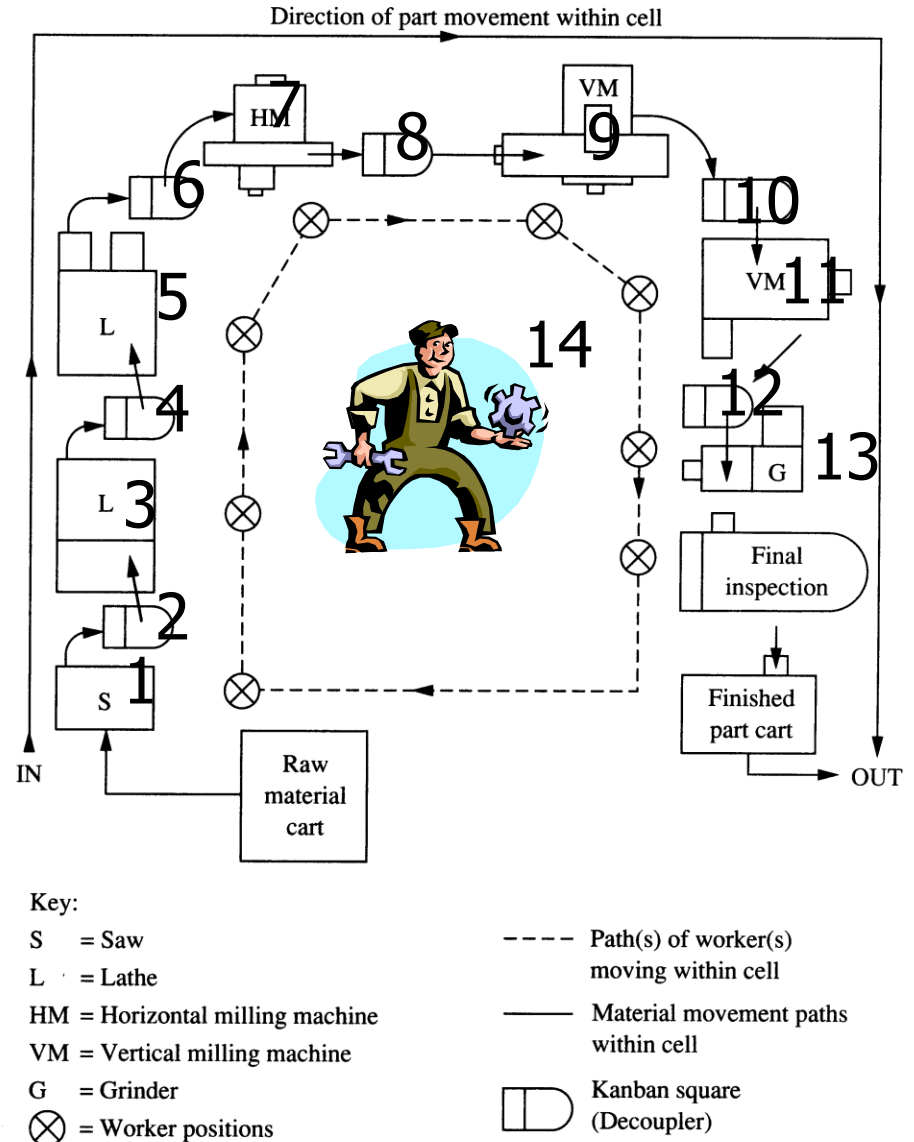
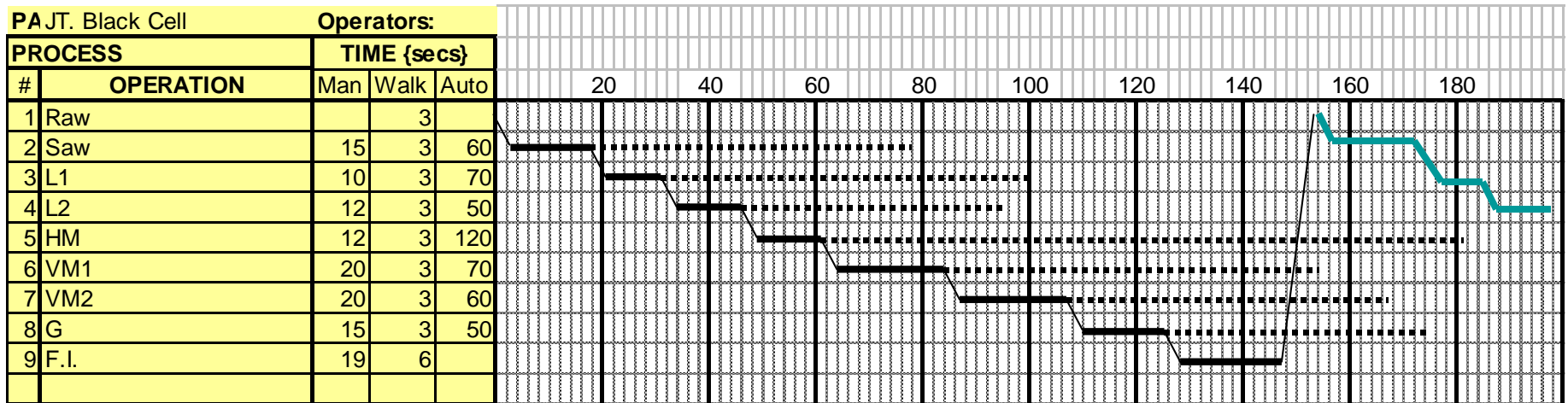


FIGURE 4.2

# Standard Work for Cell



Cell produces one part every 153 sec

Note: machine time Max (MT<sub>j</sub>) < cycle time CT

$$\text{i.e. } 120 + 12 < 153$$

# TPS Cell

1. Production rate =  $\lambda$

$$\lambda = \frac{1 \text{ part}}{153 \text{ sec}} = 23.5 \text{ parts/hr}$$

2. WIP = L?

3. Time in the system = W?

# TPS Cell and Little's Law

- $L = \lambda W$ , we know  $L$  and  $\lambda$ , what is  $W$ ?
- Define System Boundaries
- Follow part around the cell
- Single operator case

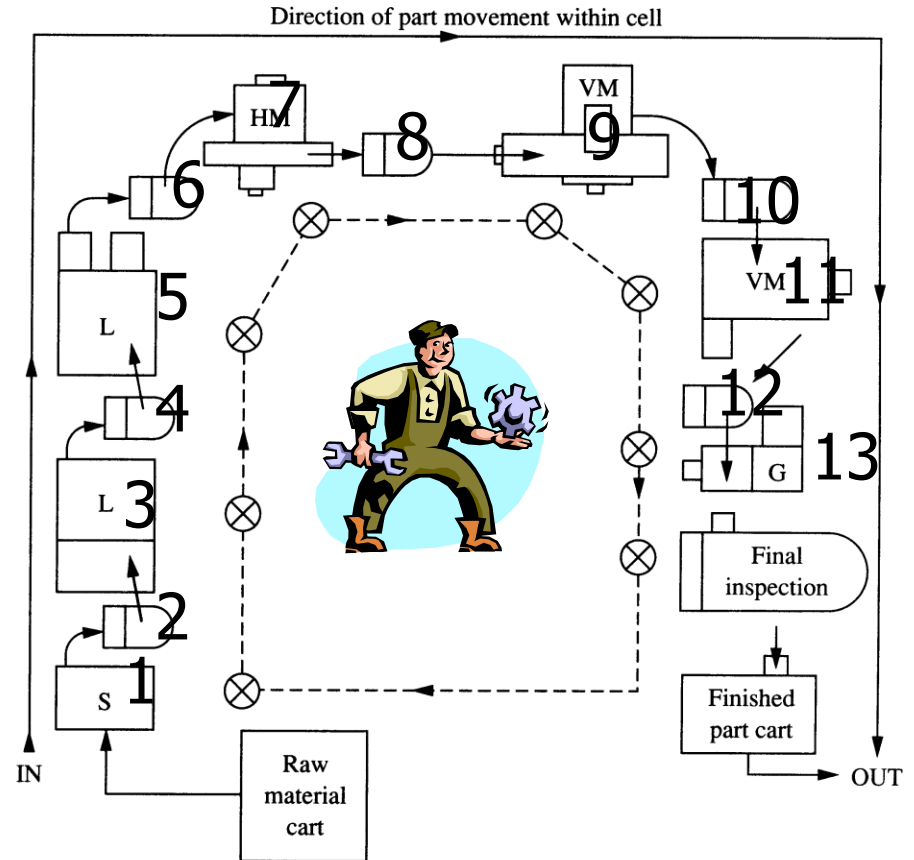


# Number of round trips; 13

## Machining Cell

Saw	3+15	+ 153
#1 decoupler	1.5	+153
L1	1.5+ 10	+153
	.....	.....
Grind	1.5+ 15	+153
Manual and walk	19+3	out
	150	153X13 =1989

$$1989 + 150 = \underline{2139}$$



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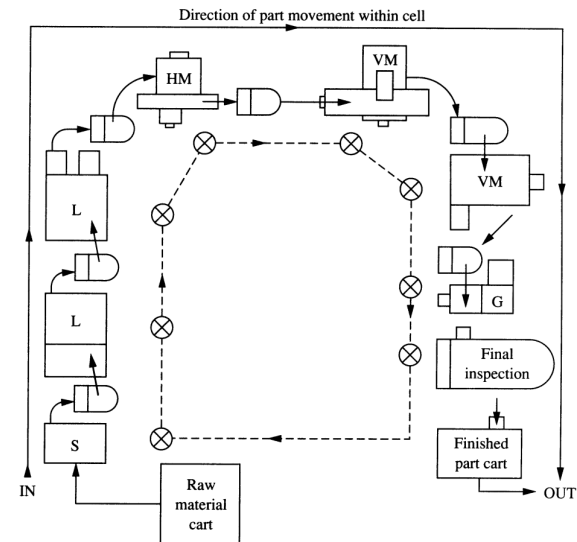
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# By Little's Law

$$L = (13 + 1) \times (150/153) + 13 \times (3/153) = 13.98 \text{ parts}$$

rate,  $\lambda = 1/153$  parts/second

$$W = 153 \times 13.98 = \underline{2139 \text{ sec}}$$



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# TPS Cell

Increase production rate:

- a) add additional worker to cell
- b) modify machine bottlenecks

## To increase production rate add 2<sup>nd</sup> worker

	Manual (Sec)	Walk to (Sec)	Machine (Sec)
Raw		3	
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VM2	20	3+3	60
G	15	3	60
F.I.	19	3 + 3	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>M+W</b>	<b>= 159</b>	<b>490</b>
Work 1		<b>80</b>	
Work 2		<b>79</b>	

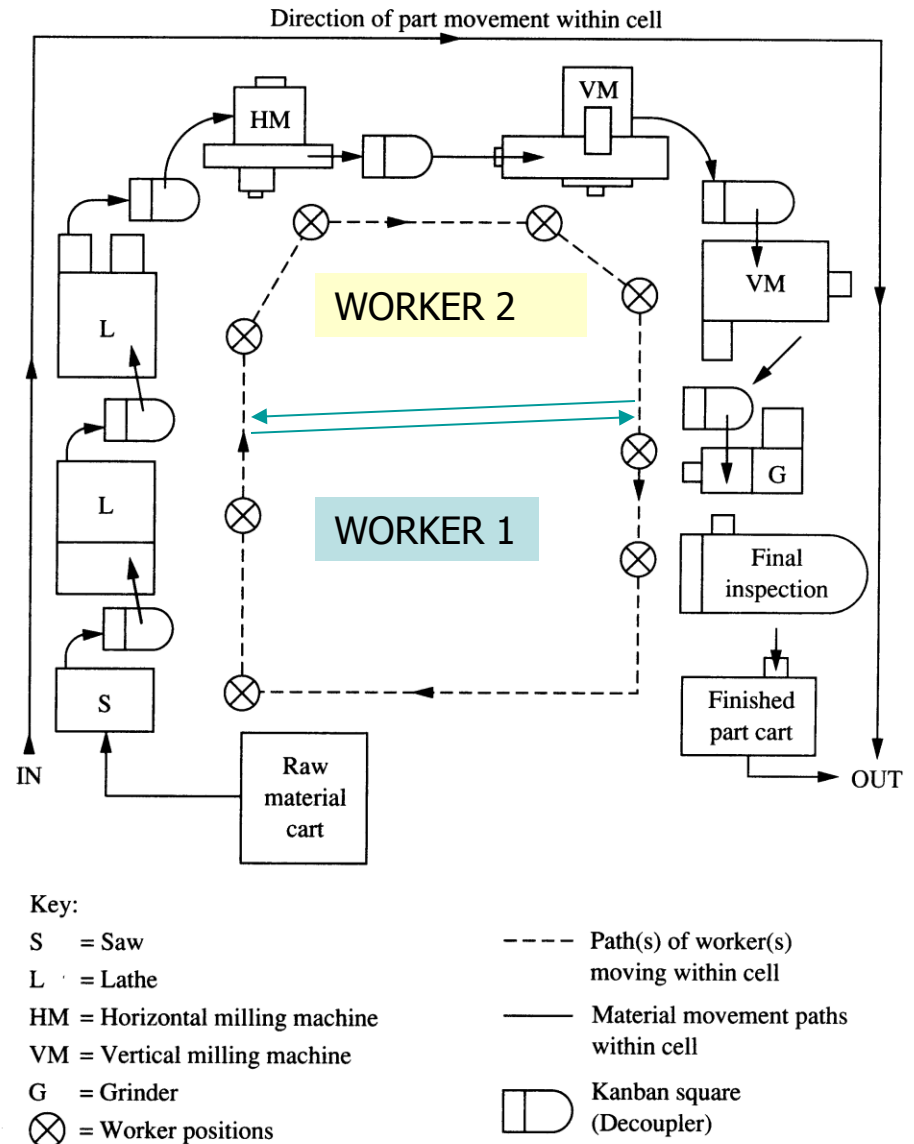


FIGURE 4.2

# What is the production rate for this new arrangement?

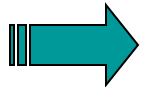
Check  $\max(MT_j) < CT$

Worker 1;  $80 = 80$

Worker 2;  $12+120 > 79$

One part every 132 seconds

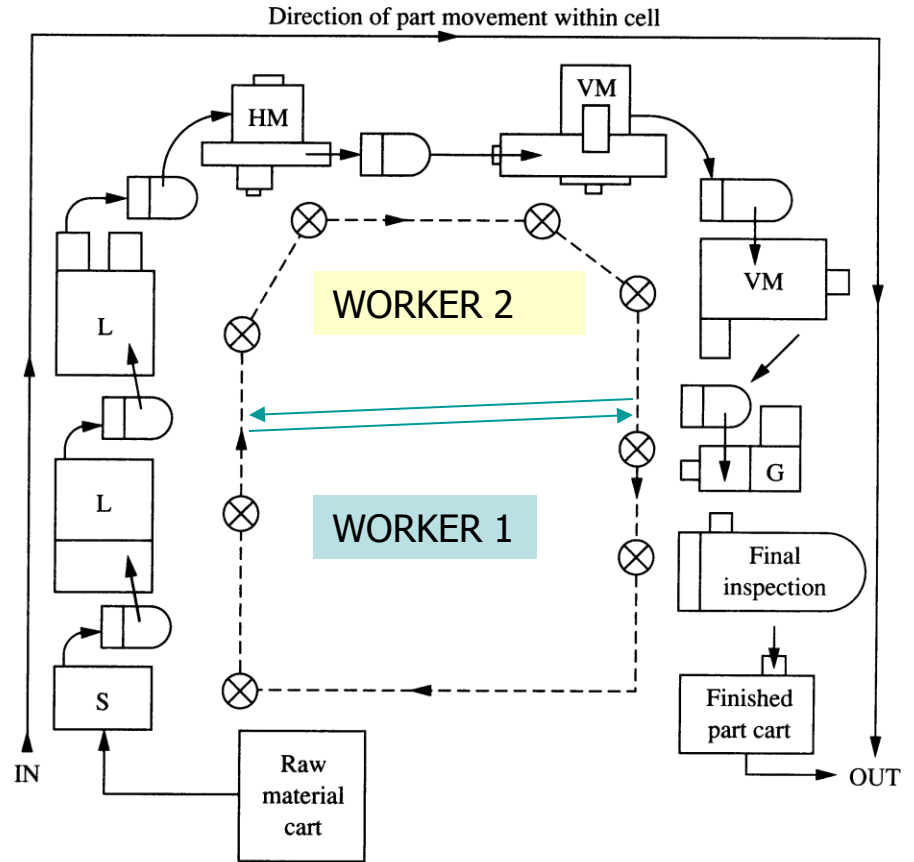
We are limited by the HM (horizontal mill)



$$\lambda = \frac{1 \text{ part}}{132 \text{ sec}} = 27.3 \text{ parts/hr}$$

Can we shift work off of the HM to reduce the cycle time?

	Manual (Sec)	Walk to (Sec)	Machine (Sec)
Raw		3	
Saw	15	3	60
L1	10	3+3	70
L2	12	3	50
HM	12	3	120 ↘80
VM1	20	3	70 ↘80
VM2	20	3+3	60 ↘90
G	15	3	60
F.I.	19	3 + 3	
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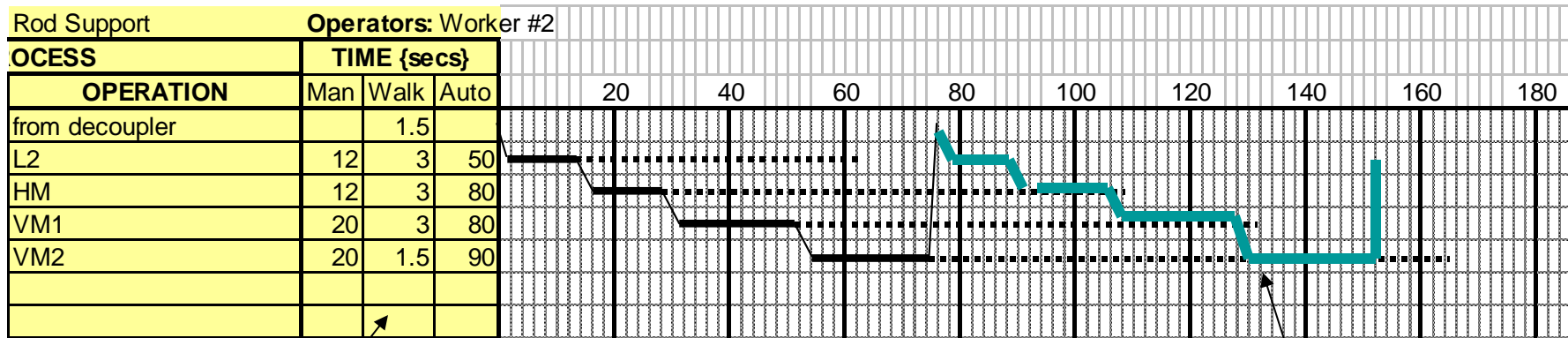
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(Decoupler)

FIGURE 4.2

# Standard Work for Worker #2



+3

Cycle # 1

Cycle # 2

Operator waiting  
On machine

# What is the new production Rate?

Check  $\max(MT_j) < CT$

Worker 1;             $80 = 80$

Worker 2;             $110 > 79$

Hence Worker #2 will be waiting on  
Vertical Mill #2



# What is the new production Rate?

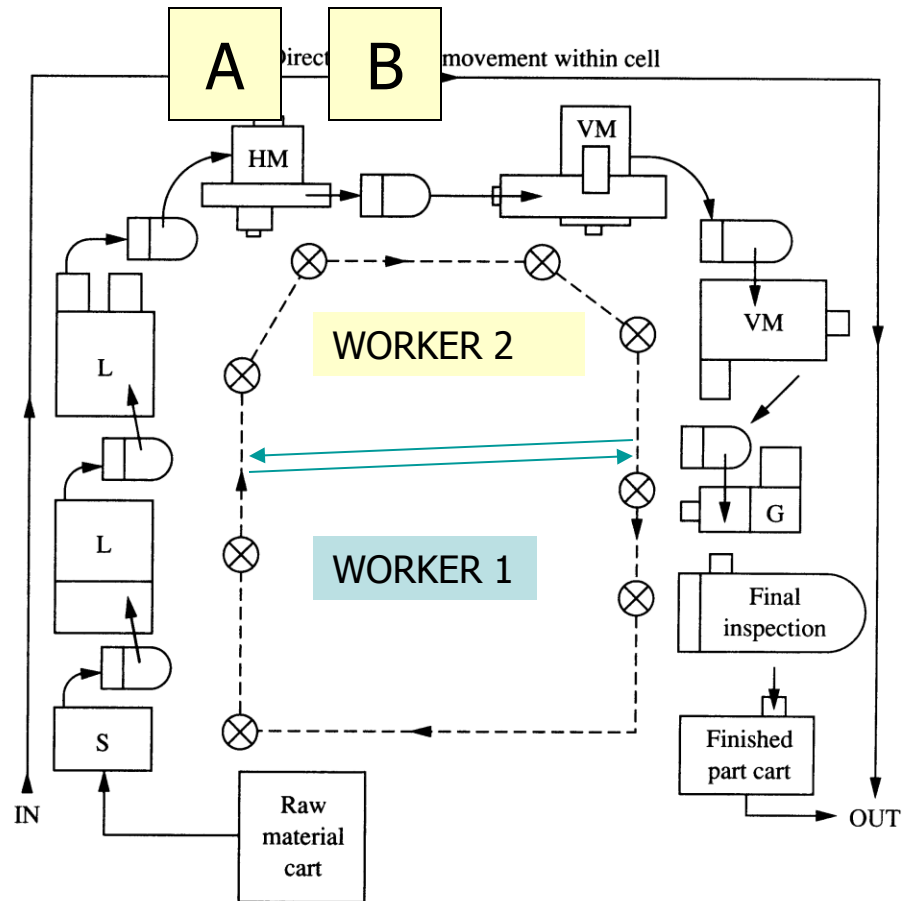
- The new production rate is;  
one part every 110 sec
- Pro and Cons; Worker “idle”, can’t speed up by adding additional worker
- Design for flexibility make;

$$\text{Max}(MT_j) < CT/2$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1 \text{ part}}{110 \text{ sec}} = 32.7 \text{ parts/hr}$$

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## Alternative solution add 2 HM's



$$\lambda = \frac{1 \text{ part}}{90 \text{ sec}} = 40 \text{ parts/hr}$$

⊗ = Worker

FIGURE 4

**Almost double!**

# TPS cell summary

1. Original cell - 23.5 parts/hr
2. Additional worker- 27.3 parts/hr
3. + Shift work- 32.7 parts/hr
4. ++ add additional VM 40 parts/hr

# TPS Implementation

- Physical part (machine placement, standard work etc)
- Work practices and people issues
- Supply-chain part
- Corporate Strategy (trust, job security)

# Work practices and people issues

- “Failed” TPS attempts; GM Linden NJ, CAMI, GM-Suzuki, Ontario Canada.
- Successes GM NUMMI, Saturn. Toyota Georgetown, KY
- *Maccoby HBR 1997*
- *Other Ref: “Just Another Car Factory” Rinehart, Huxley and Robertson, “Farewell to the Factory”, Milkman*

# According to Maccoby's Review

- failures at middle management
- pressure from above to meet targets, lack of trust from below, but...
- both plants adopted some aspects of lean, and
- both plants improved

# NUMMI and Georgetown

- workers have different attitude
- do not fear elimination
- play important role
- ...go to Georgetown and find out

# NUMMI plant today - Tesla





# “The DNA of the TPS”

- Spear and Bowen
- 4 years 40 plants
- HBR Sept-Oct 1999
- Four Rules
  1. How people work
  2. How people connect
  3. How the production line is constructed
  4. How to improve

# Four Rules...

- Rule 1: All work shall be highly specified as to content, sequence, timing and outcome.
- Rule 2: Every customer-supplier connection must be direct, and there must be an unambiguous yes-or-no way to send requests and receive responses.
- Rule 3: The pathway for every product and service must be simple and direct.
- Rule 4: Any improvement must be made in accordance with the scientific method, under the guidance of a teacher, at the lowest possible level in the organization.

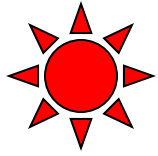
Spear and Bowen

# TPS Summary

- High quality and low cost paradigm shift
- Many elements to the system
  - Make system observable
  - Produce to demand
  - Study defects and eliminate
  - Institutionalize change
  - Trust
- Many companies have imitated TPS

# Key Elements for New Mfg Systems

Element/ System	Need of Society	Work Force Motivation	Enabling Technology	Leader	Resources
Interchange- able Parts	Military	“Yankee Ingenuity”	Machine Tools, Division of Labor	Roswell Lee/ John Hall	U.S. Govt
Mass Production	Trans- portation	\$5/day Immigrant	Moving Assembly Line,etc	Henry Ford	Earnings
Toyota Production System	Post War	Jobs, Security	Systems approach	Taiichi Ohno	Japanese Banks



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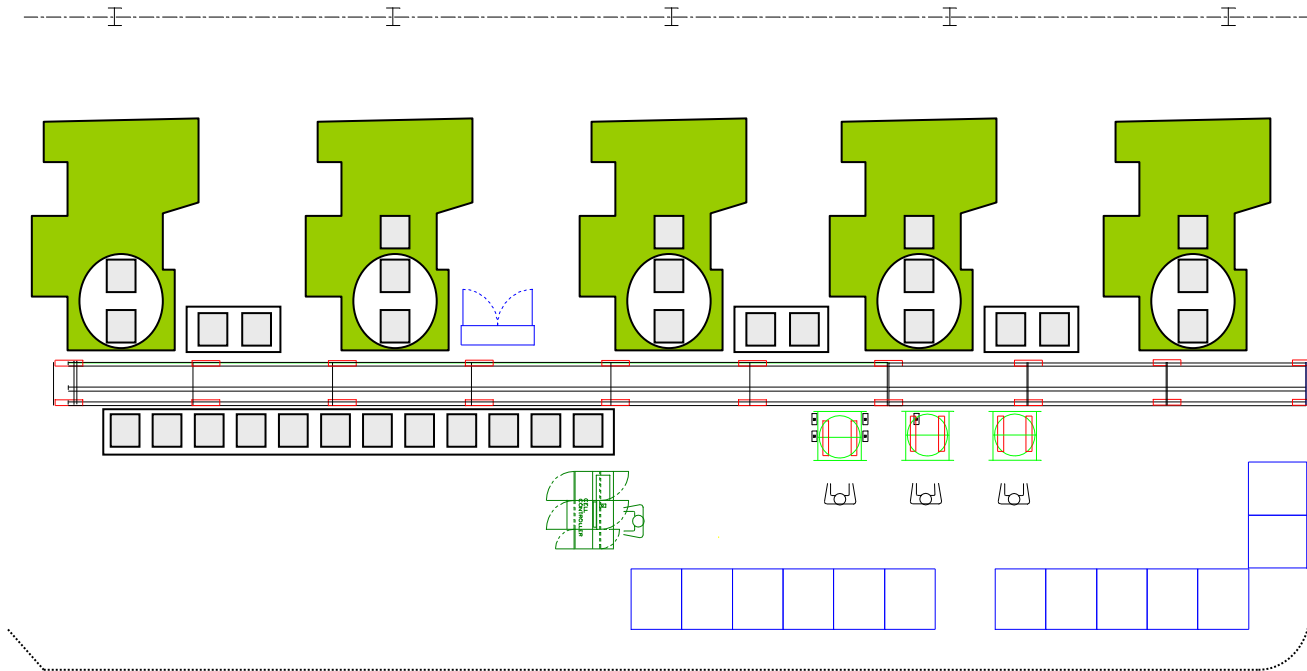
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HBR Nov-Dec 1997

# Two examples, if time

1. Know your system: VSM
2. The view from shipping

# Smooth Production Flow

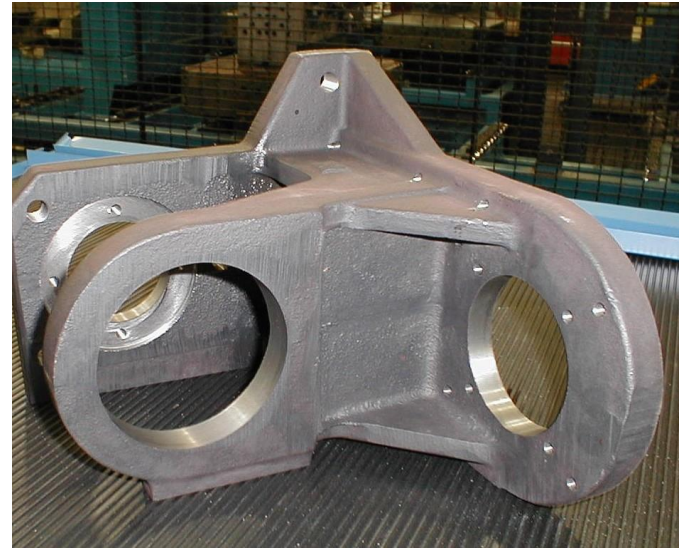
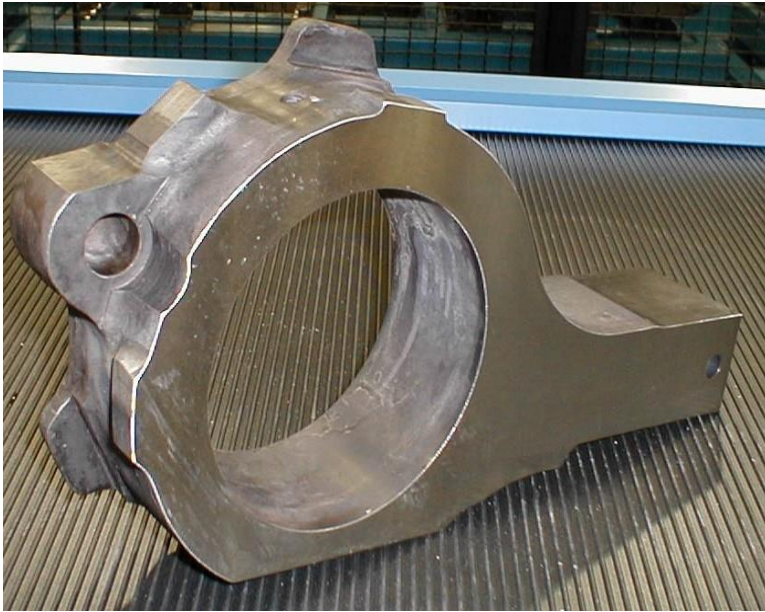
## Flexible Manufacturing System



- 3 set-up stations
- 4 operators per shift
- 3 shifts
- 2,000 active part numbers
- 5 machines
- 61 programs run per shift

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# Typical Parts

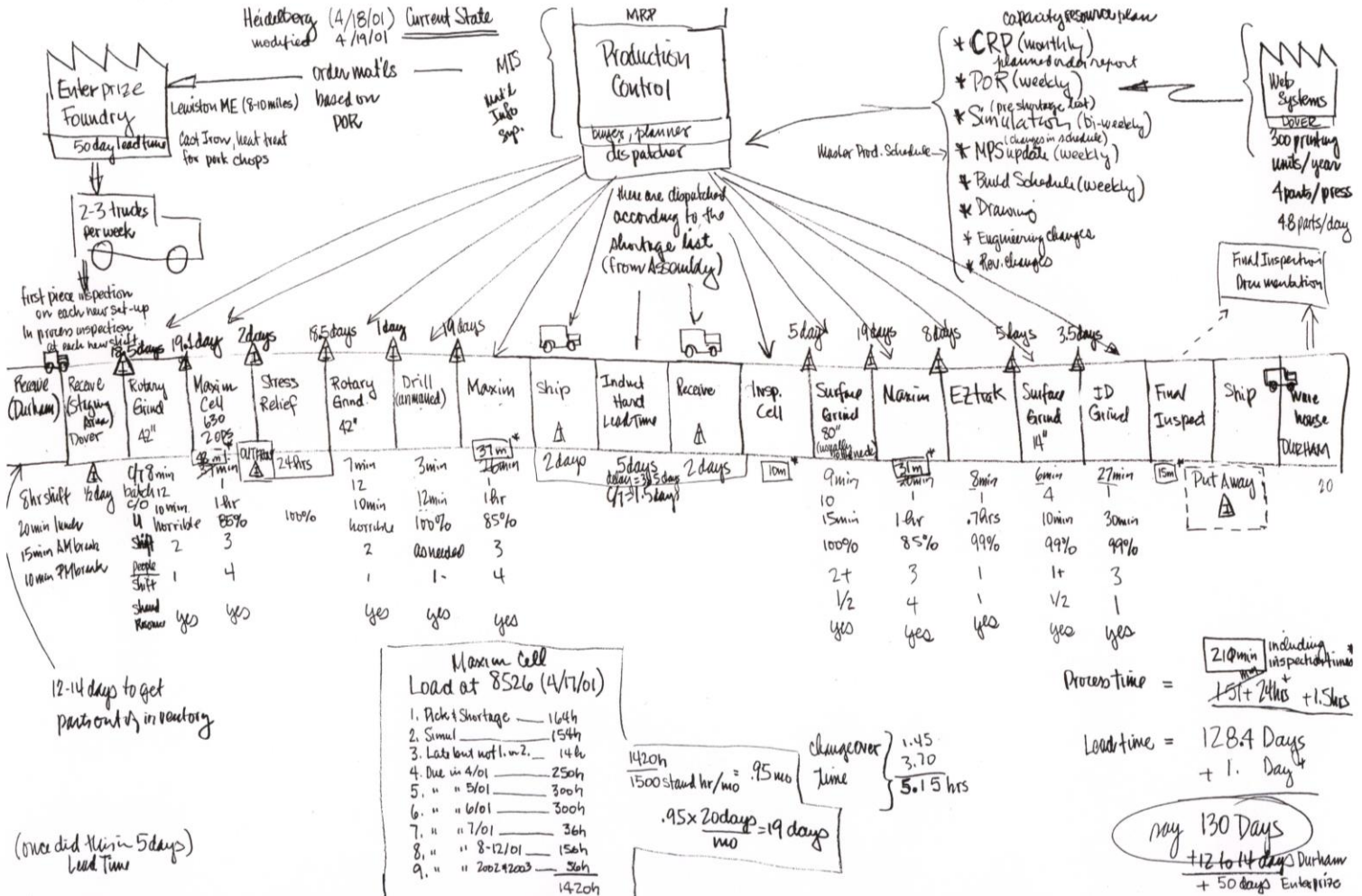




# Heidelberg VSM Team

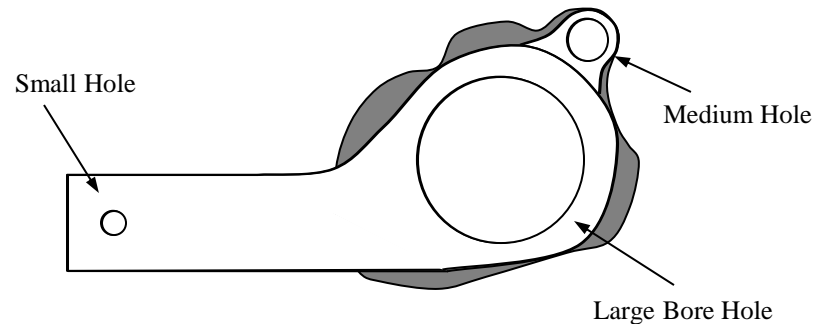


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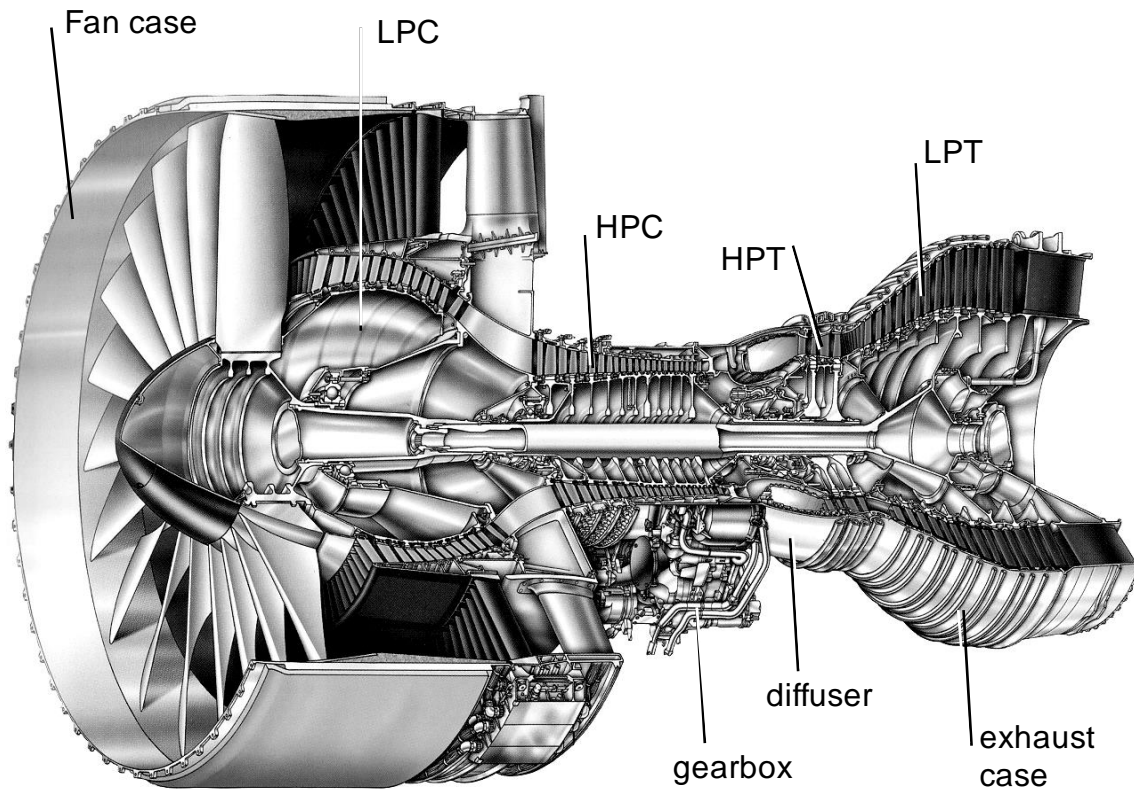


# Part Families - “Pork-chops”

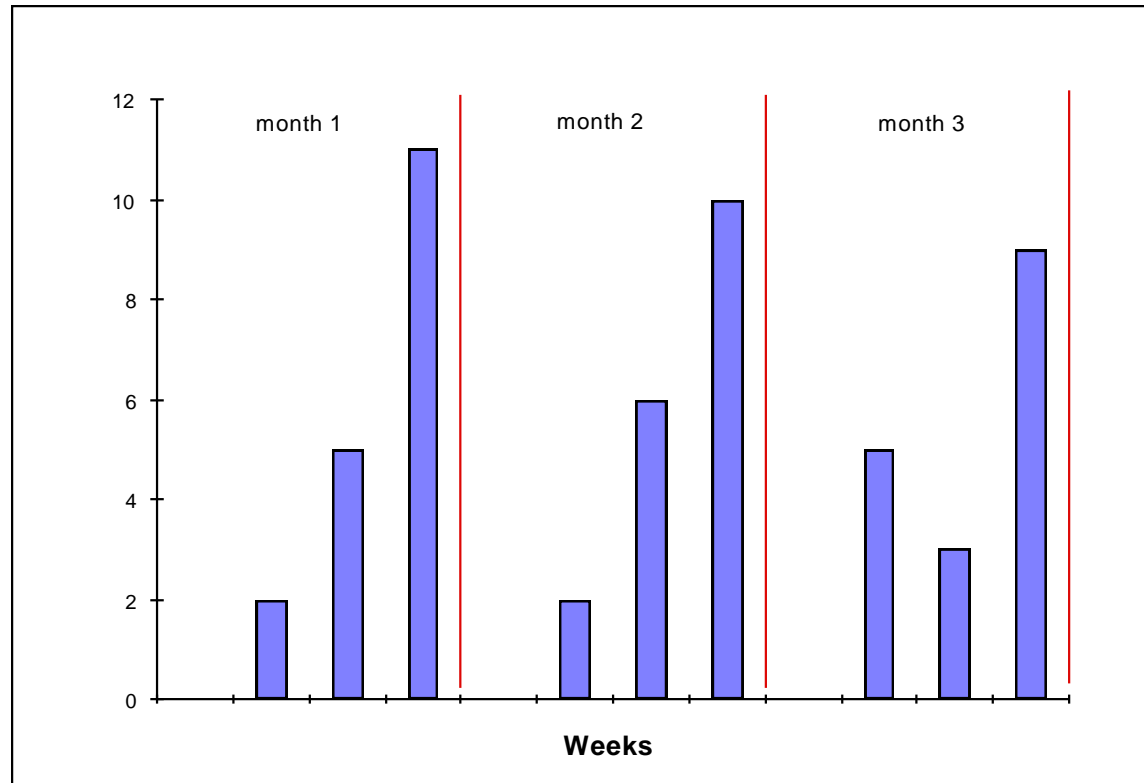


- Decrease in the number of castings from 86 to 7 (or 1)
- Lead time reduced by more than 50 days
- Cost of production of mold eliminated

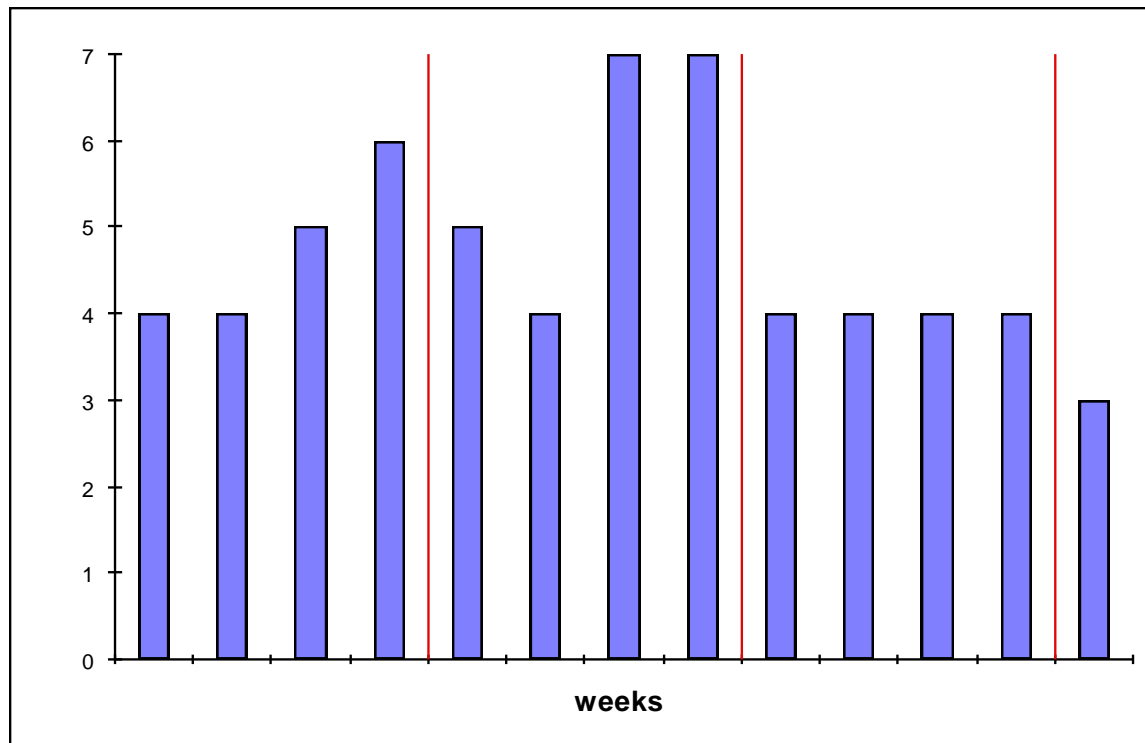
# Aircraft engine case study



# Engines shipped over a 3 month period at aircraft engine factory “B”



# Engines shipped over a 3 month period at aircraft engine factory "C"



# Late times compared to scheduled times

