
A PERSONAL APPROACH TO CHANGE

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Quality Initiatives

- **World Class Competitiveness (WCC)**
- **Total Quality Management (TQM)**
- **Quality Circles (QC)**
- **Six Sigma (6-S)**
- **Capability Maturity Model (CMM)**
- **Malcolm Baldrige (MB)**
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Quality initiatives work, but are not easily adopted?

Difficult to Implement

- **Resistance to change**
- **Directed by management**
- **Lack of buy-in and belief**
- **Lack of time and interest**
- **High learning curve**
- **Needs large infrastructure & maintenance**
- **Cumbersome, inefficient, more than needed**
- **Costly**
- **Lack sponsorship**

Quality initiatives have been called failures

Five Steps to Implement Change

1. The unhappy reality: My workgroup in the early days
2. Imagining how it could be better
3. Deciding to change: First things first
4. Searching for the causes
5. Solutions in the making

1. The unhappy reality: My workgroup in the early days

- Continual “fire-fighting”, working on one crisis after another
- Little time for improvements or learning new skills
- Unprepared or presented bad news to management
and customers
- Overwhelmed with work and excessive overtime
- Dissatisfied with job



2. Imagining how it could be better

- Produce high quality software, on time and on budget
- Envision strong focus on processes with few problems
- Work with highly skilled and motivated employees
- Use my technical and leadership skills better
- Achieve personal success:
 - job security
 - promotion
 - higher pay



3. Deciding to change: First things first

- Uncertain about my job and scope of responsibility
 - Document description of job
 - List responsibilities, accomplishments, barriers
 - Review with my manager
- My workgroup resisted making changes
 - Find a common team goal
 - Use data from a team survey
 - Select positive, motivated employees
 - Empower team to implement changes
- Needed to improve productivity
 - Had too many defects
 - Caused rework
 - Employees were frustrated



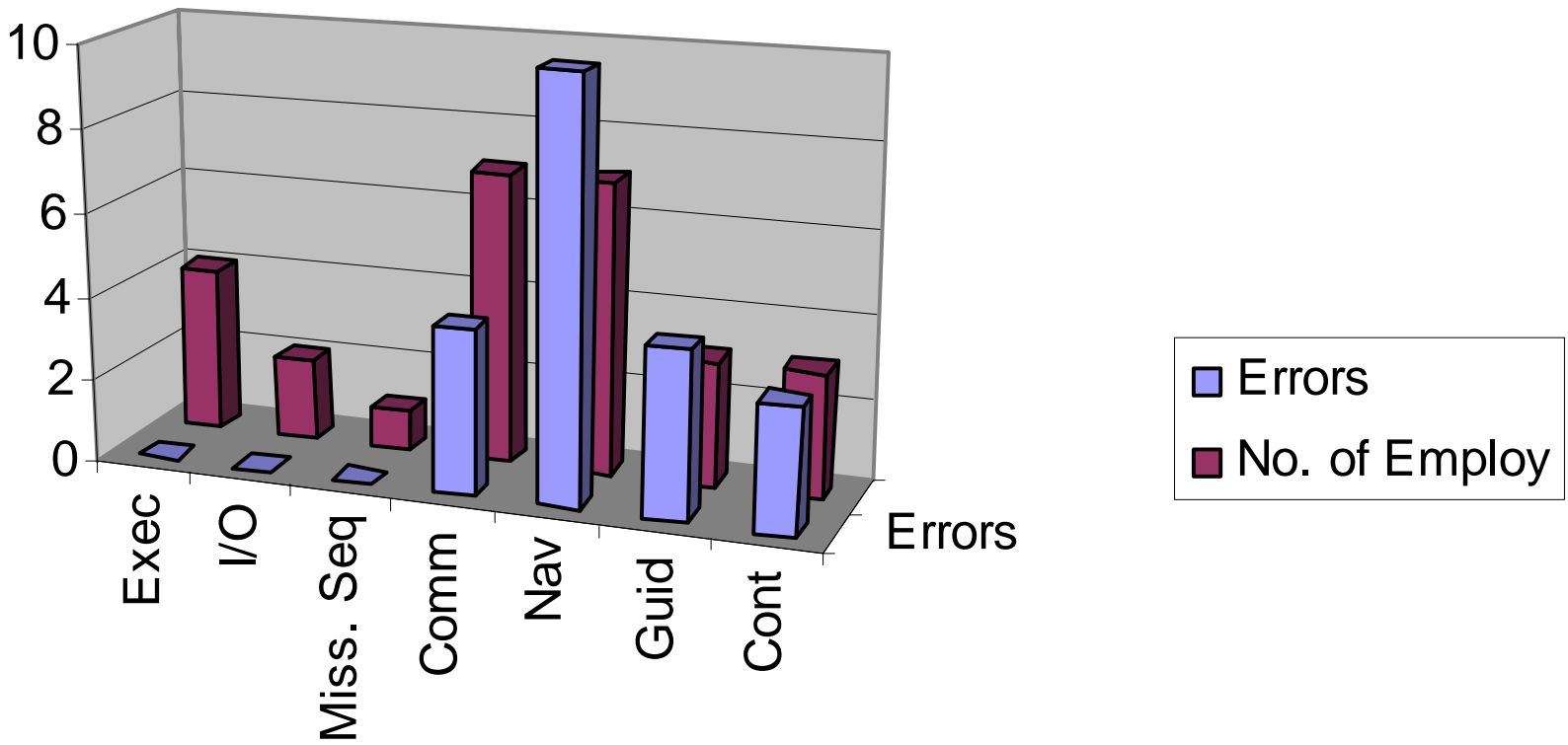
4. Searching for the causes

Example: Finding the cause of defects

1. When do the defects occur?
High correlation to high work load and multi-tasking
2. What areas have the most defects?
High correlation to highest turnover of employees
3. Why do we have high turnover?
Employees change jobs for career growth
4. Why do new hires make more mistakes?
Training was inadequate



Errors Correlated to Turnover



5. Solutions in the making

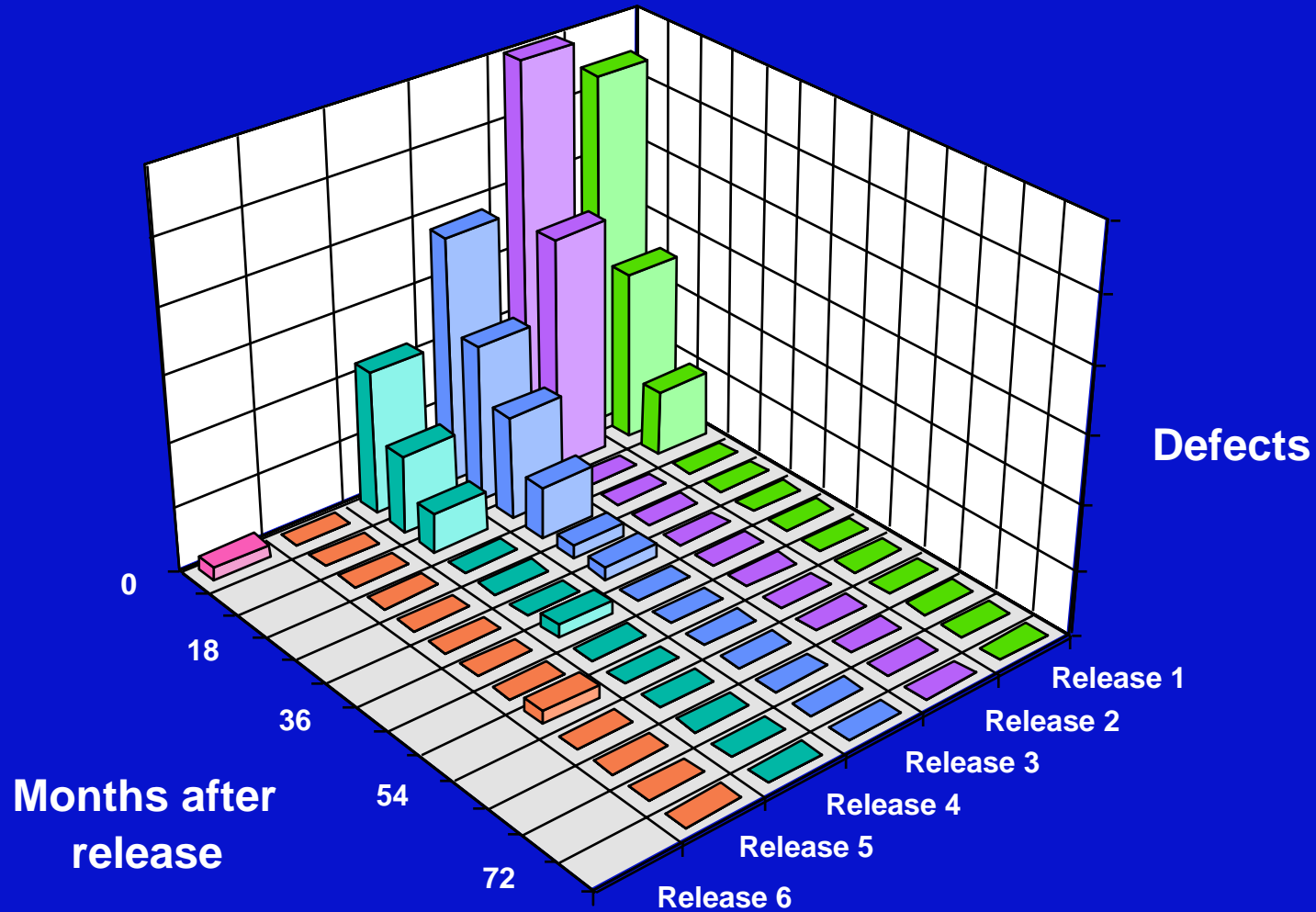
Multi-tasking	Task load matrix
Defects	Accountable reviews
Turnover	Special assignments or job Rotation
Training	Spread training over 12 weeks



Task Load Matrix

<u>Task</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Task A: Person a	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5						
Person b	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Person c	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1						
Task B: Person d	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8
Person e	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Task C: Person a	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Person d	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.					
Person f	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3						
Task D: Person c	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9
Task E: Person d								.2	.2	.2	.2	.2
Person f	.7	.7	.7	.7	.7	.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total Work Load	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.7	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9

Defect History from Product Testing

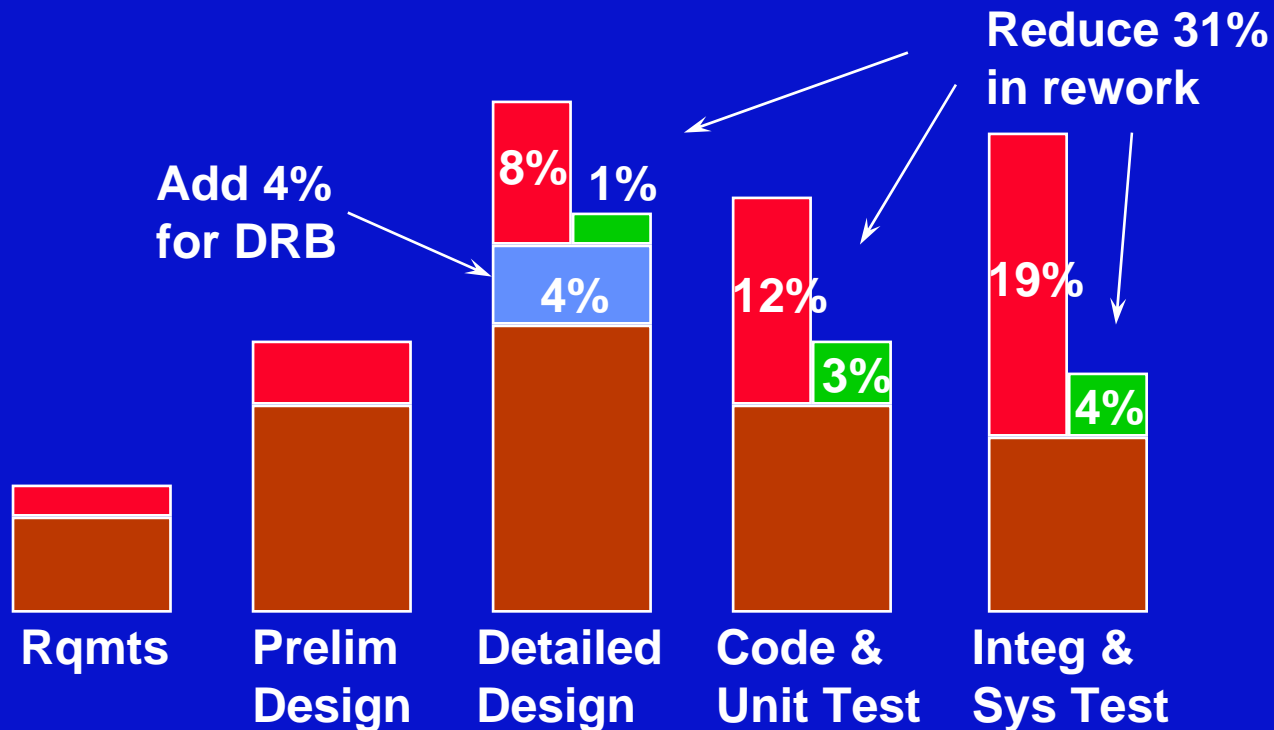


Why This Works

- **Focus on value-added benefits**
- **Encourage employee involvement to achieve team goals**
- **Emphasize leader's role for productive employees**
- **Employs processes to optimize operations**

Results of Improvements

Cost:Benefit Ratio

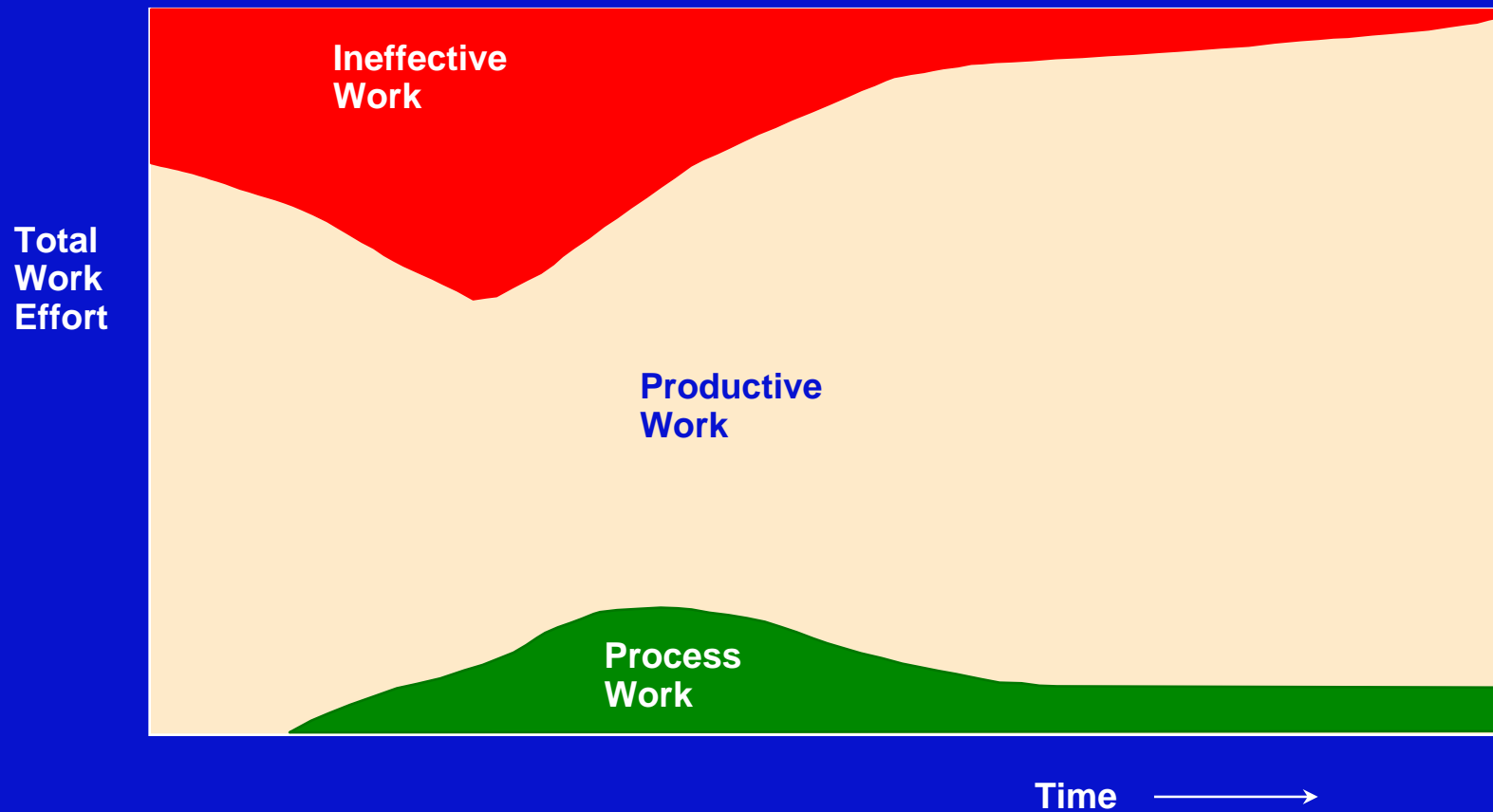


Implementing DRB increased design effort by 4%

Rework effort was reduced in Verif from 64 to 7 defects = 7%
 Valid from 17 to 4 defects = 9%
 Oper from 10 to 2 defects = 15%
 31%

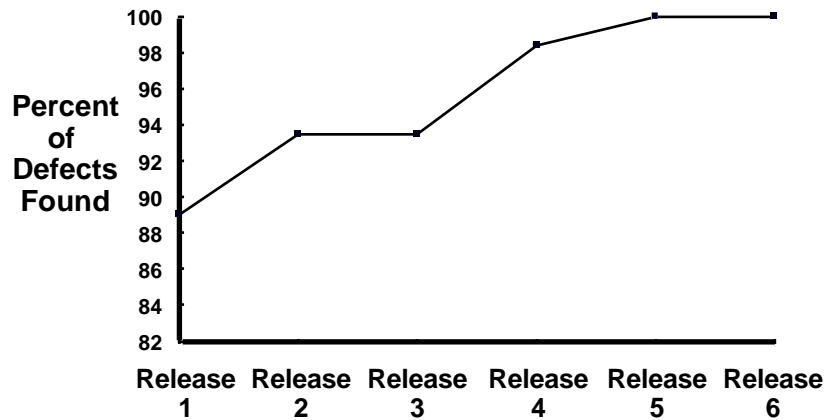
Cost: Benefit ratio is 4% : 31% or 1 : 7.75

Process Effort Returns Benefits (ROI = 7)

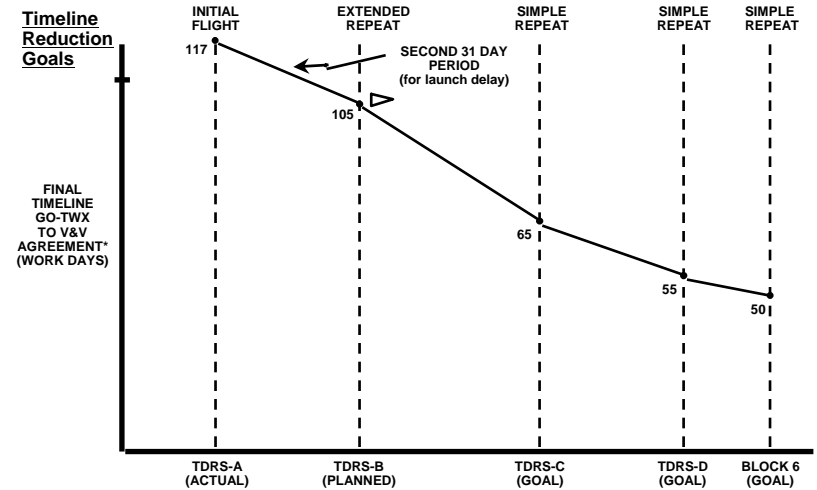


Achieved Significant Results

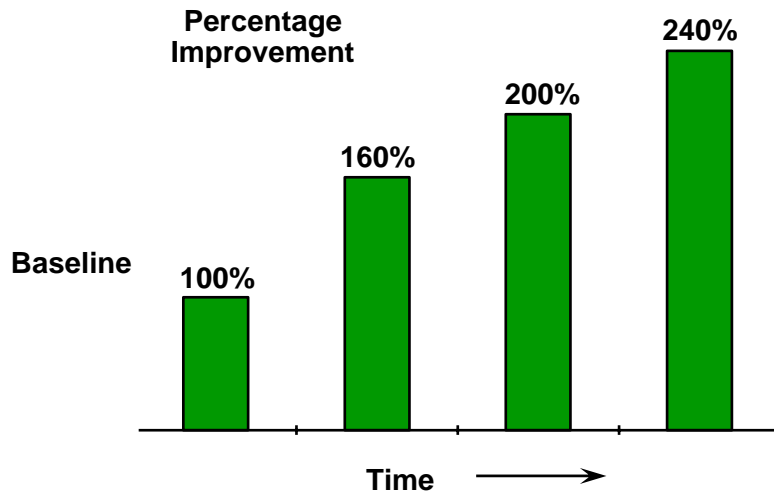
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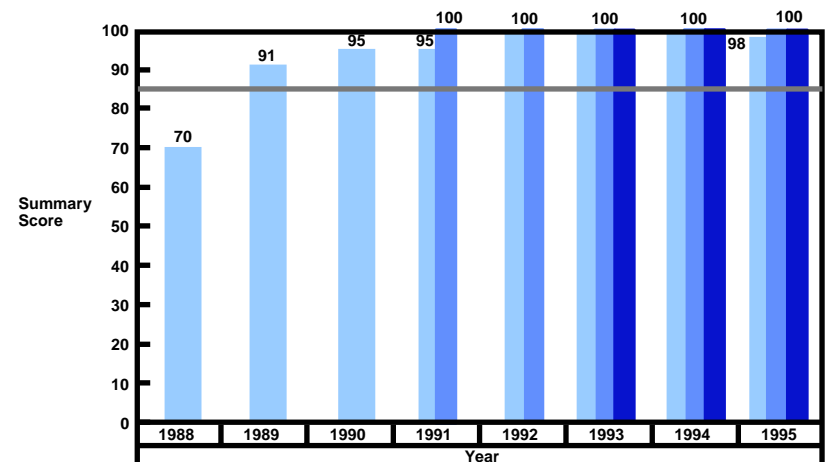
Cycle Time Reduction



Productivity



Customer Satisfaction



Benefits Shared with Customer

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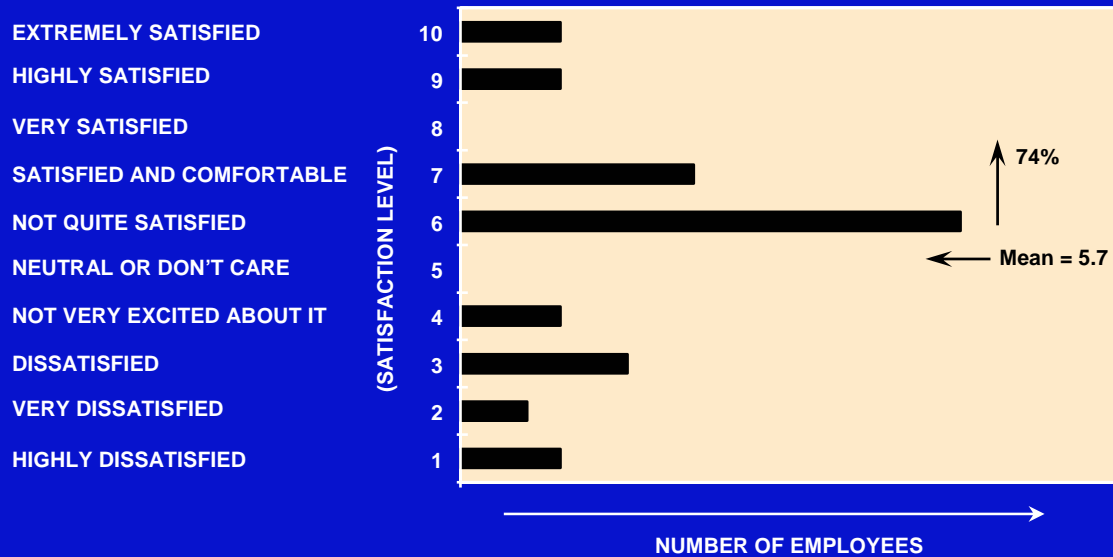
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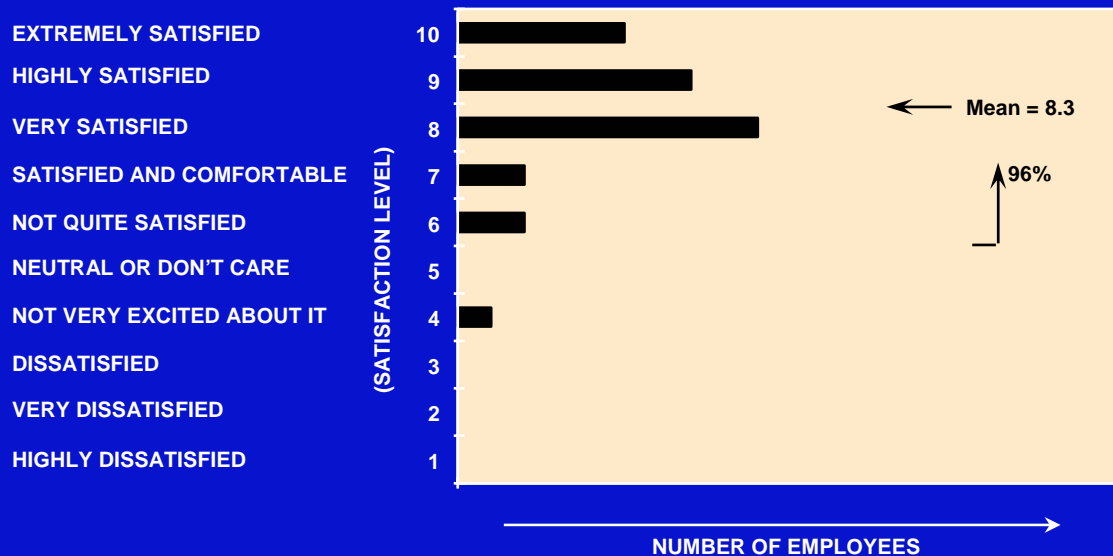
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Rocky Mountain Bank Note A

Employee Satisfaction Increased

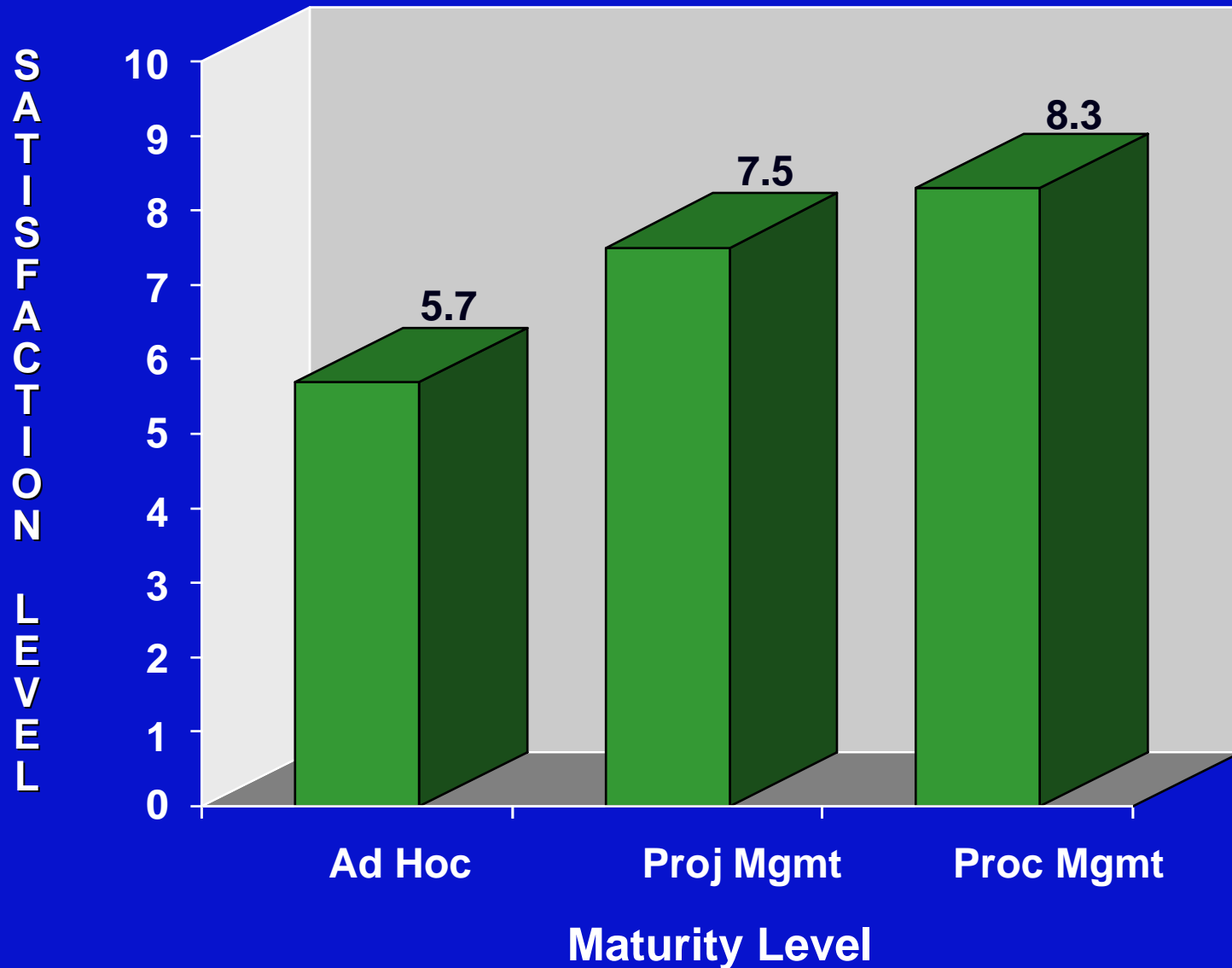


Before Process Improvement Activities



After Process Improvement Activities

Employee Satisfaction Increased with Maturity Level



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Tools and Techniques

Practical Leadership Techniques

Situation

- Changing a culture is difficult
- Ideas are easy, implementing is difficult
- Not enough time
- How to address employee needs
- Too much fire-fighting
- Need to emphasize employee growth

Technique

- 3-Questions
- RSST – Right thing
Small steps
Simple
Timing
- Time Allocation Analysis
- Conversation Checklist
- Process Focus Steps
- Skill Profile
Employee Rewards

Practical Leadership Techniques (cont.)

Situation

- Lack commitment follow-through
- Unclear organization vision
- Too much work
- Unmotivated employees
- Inadequate reviews
- Budget overrun
- Unclear job duties
- Poor estimating process
- Negotiate with customers

Technique

- Document commitment
- Goals framework
- Task management matrix
- Job value discussion
- Accountable reviews
- Power of data
- Reverse performance mgmt.
- Management accountable
- Defect metric

Time Allocation Analysis

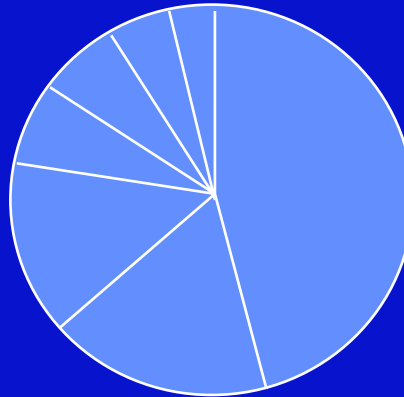
Time Log

Week ____

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For inefficient time use.
Don't know how time spent.
Keep weekly time log.

Time Distribution Profile



Determine time distribution.
Look for waste, e.g.,
don't get cc'ed on all e-mail

Skill-Task Matrix

		Position Critical Task	
		Y	N
Requires My Skill	Y	A	C
	N	B	D

Categorize tasks as A,B,C,D
Delegate tasks in D.
Mentor others in B & C

Skill-Task Matrix

Position Critical Task

Yes

No

Yes

A

I have the best skill and it is my job as the leader

C

I have the best skill, but I'm not the only one who has to do the task

Requires My Skill

No

B

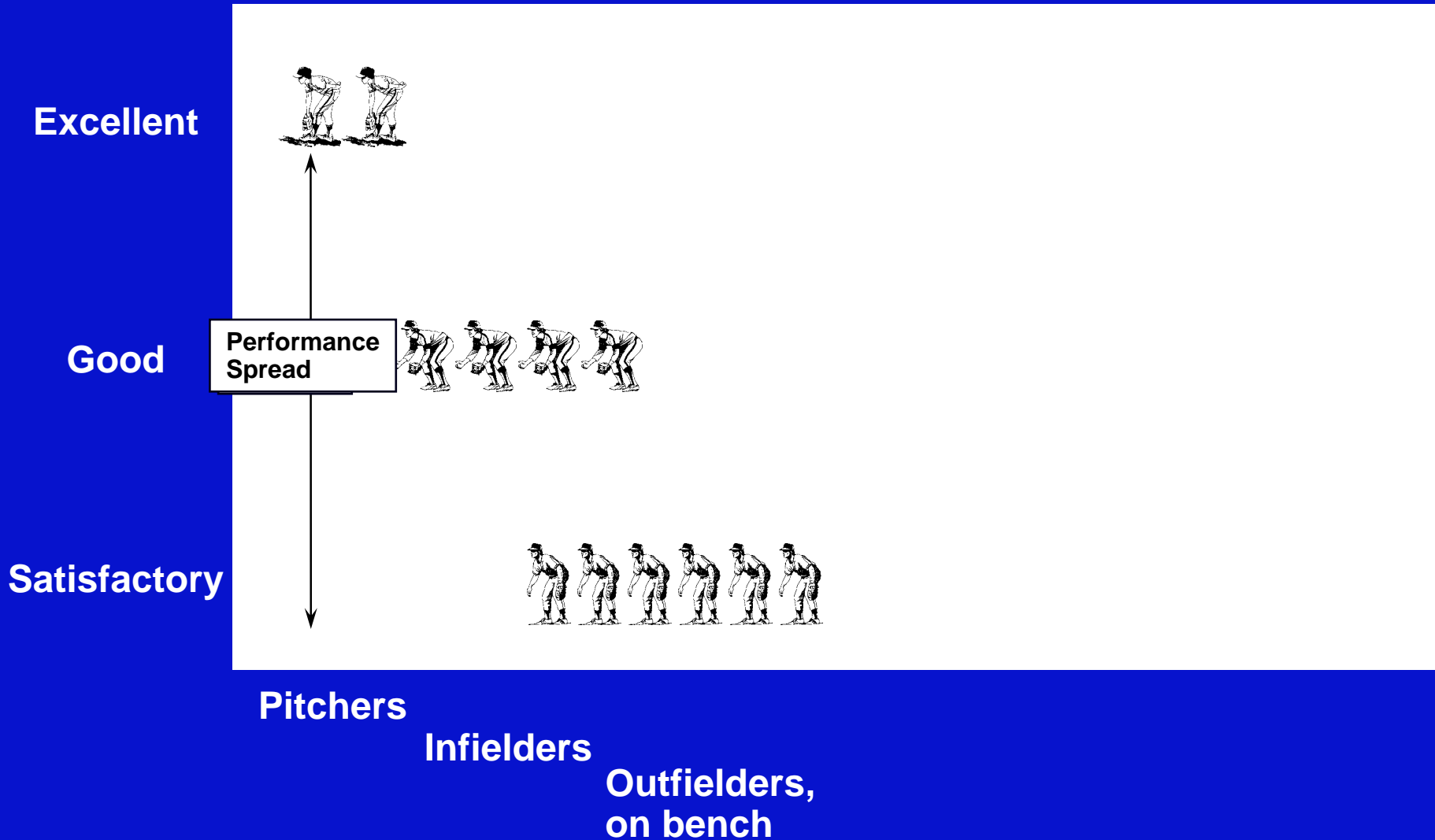
I'm not the only one skilled to do the job, but it is my leadership responsibility

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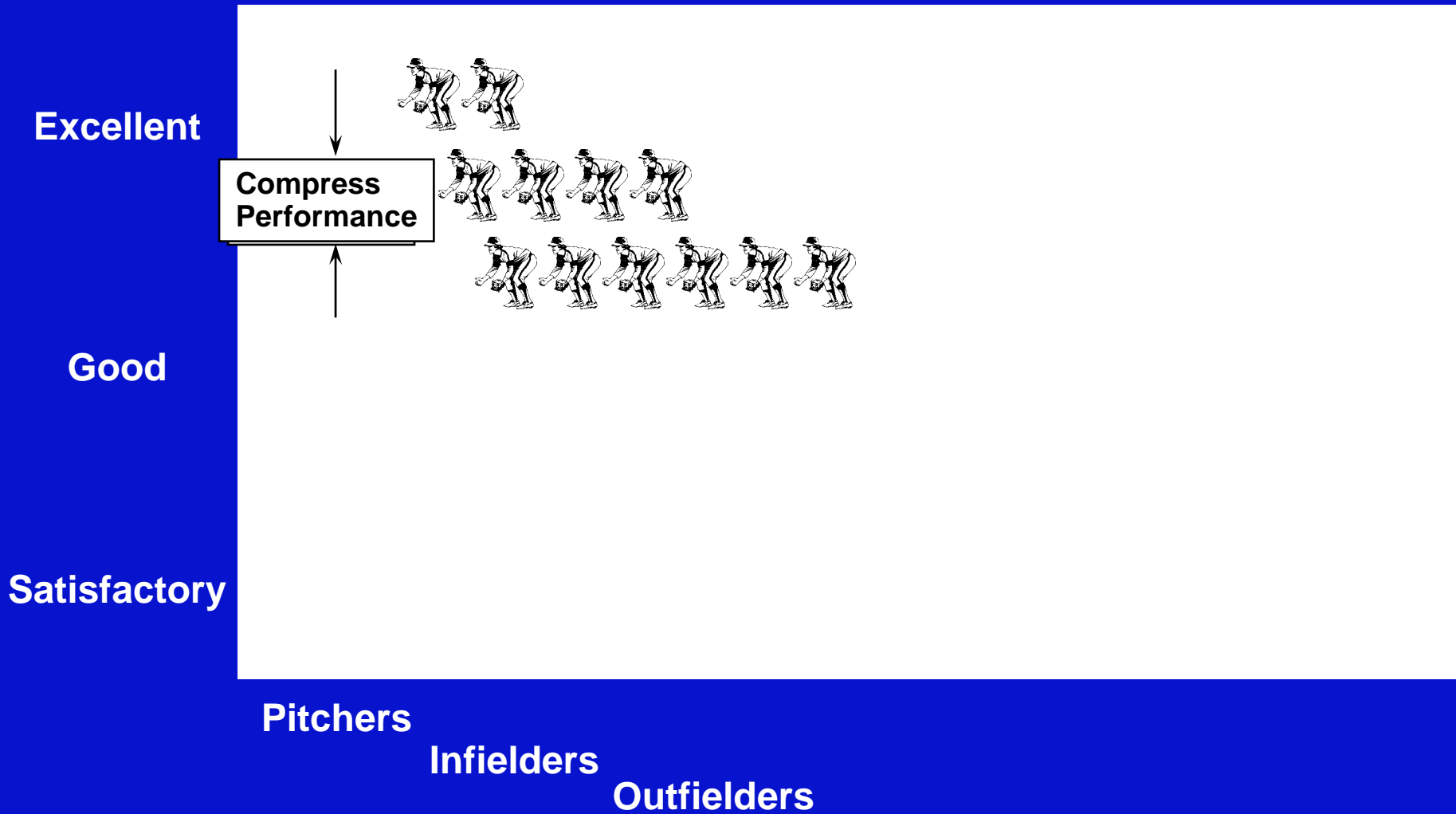
Others have the skill and can do the task

Dimension	Entry Level Engineer	S/W Designer	System Engineer	S/W Manager	SE Manager	Chief Engineer	Program Manager
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1 High Level Lang. •1 Assembler Lang. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •S/W Engr Process •Ada •DoD Software requirement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Engr Process •Structured Dsgn •Product Design Teams •Large Scale Integration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Engr Process •Program Planning •Life Cycle Phases •Standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •MIL-S-499A •Boeing SE Progress •At least 2 •Knldwg. of SW Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sys Overview •DoD SW Overview •Conversant In most domains •SE Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Overview - DoD •Conversant In most domains •Sys. Overview •SE Process
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Design Methods •Code in 2 Lang. •Testing Theory •Write competently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Design Methods •S/W Engr Disciplines •Test •Requirements •Writing Skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Modelling/ Prototyping •Analytical Techniques •Teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Estimation •Identify Org. Trng. Needs •People Skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Spec Devlp. •Appropriate Project Experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tech Problem Solving •Team Bldg. •Comm. Skills •Resource Allocation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Policy Making •Bus. Skills •Senior Leadership •Resource Allocation •Comm. Skills
Education & Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •B.S. Engr •B.S. Computer Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •S/W Engr Principles •DoD S/W Requirements •Standards •Communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sys Engr Princpl •Cross Functl. Training •Tech. Currency •Archit. Analysis •Communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sys Engr Process •SW Prjt Mgmt •Tech Currency •Metrics •Communication •Mgmt Stds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Technical Currency •SE Process •Communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Technical Currency •Mgmt. Skills •Communication •SE Mgmt. Exp. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Technical Currency •Adv. Mgmt. Skills •Communication •SE Mgmt. Exp.
Recommended Systems/or Software Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •None Req'd •Some is advantage 	2 yr.	4 yr.	8-12 years 2 project	8-12 years 2 projects	18-20 years 3 projects	18-20 years 4 projects

Team Capability Example



Improved Team Performance



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1226	WANG, WILSON	10	9	3.6	10	25.4			GD ARM, FORM, SWNG
1161	MARK, JASON	9	10	3.8	10	24.8			GD ARM, FORM, PWR
1145	PICKENS, WYNE	8	10	3.3	10	24.7			LEFT, GD ARM, HIT
		9	9	3.2	10	24.03	1038	STELLI, JOHN	GD FORM, JUDGE — 2, P
1173	KERCHOFF, STEVE	8	10	4.1	10	24.0			GD FORM, STRNG, BIG
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		8	9	4.0	10	23.12	1014	DOLAN, JEFF	GD SIZE, FORM, PWR — 2, M
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KUTRY 12.2

BATJER 13.0

KOOPOR KVIN 9.2

FREEMAN 15

NELSON 15.2

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PAWLER 14.7

HITCHCOCK MARK 2.5

KLASEY 12.8

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LIAND 7.5

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MURPHY, J 6.0

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HOWE, M 4.0

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Program Example

Employee Questionnaire

1. What is your current job satisfaction level?

1. 10 Extremely satisfied
9 Highly satisfied
8 Very satisfied
7 Satisfied
6 Not quite satisfied
5 Neutral/ don't care
4 Not very excited
3 Dissatisfied
2 Very dissatisfied
1 Highly dissatisfied

2. What is most important to you about your job?

2. Achievement & Recognition -(driven by accomplishment)
 Advancement & Growth -(desire growth potential)
 Relationships -(team dynamics is important)
 Salary -(only pay matters)
 Security -(regular income is most critical)
 Supervision -(work for someone I respect)
 Work Assignment & Responsibility -(must love my work)
 Work Environment -(need nice work area)

3. What are the biggest issues or greatest barriers to improving your organization?

3. a. _____
b. _____
c. _____

Questionnaire Results - Example

1. 10	Extremely satisfied	[
9	Highly satisfied	[X	
8	Very Satisfied	[XXX	
7	Satisfied	[XXXXXXXXXXXX	
6	Not quite satisfied	[XXXXXXXXXXXX	
5	Neutral/don't care	[XXXX	----- 5.4 average
4	Not very excited	[XXXXXXXX	
3	Dissatisfied	[XXXXX	
2	Very dissatisfied	[XXX	
1	Highly dissatisfied	[

2.	<u>No. 1</u>	<u>No. 2</u>	<u>No. 3</u>	<u>Summary</u>
Achievement & Recognition	8	3	7	37
Advancement & Growth	7	5	4	35
Relationship	2	3	4	16
Salary	2	10	6	32
Security	4	3	3	21
Supervision	0	2	5	9
Work Assignment & Responsibility	21	11	0	85 ← #1
Work Environment	1	1	8	12

3. Areas for Improvement

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Management (41) | 4. Processes (11) |
| 2. Teamwork (13) | 5. Interfaces/Communication (9) |
| 3. Training/mentoring (11) | 6. Resources (7) |

Major Themes - Example

- **Processes not followed**
- **Work dissatisfaction**
- **Lack of buy-in from employees**
- **Multi-tasking, overworked**
- **Always fire-fighting, unpredictable**

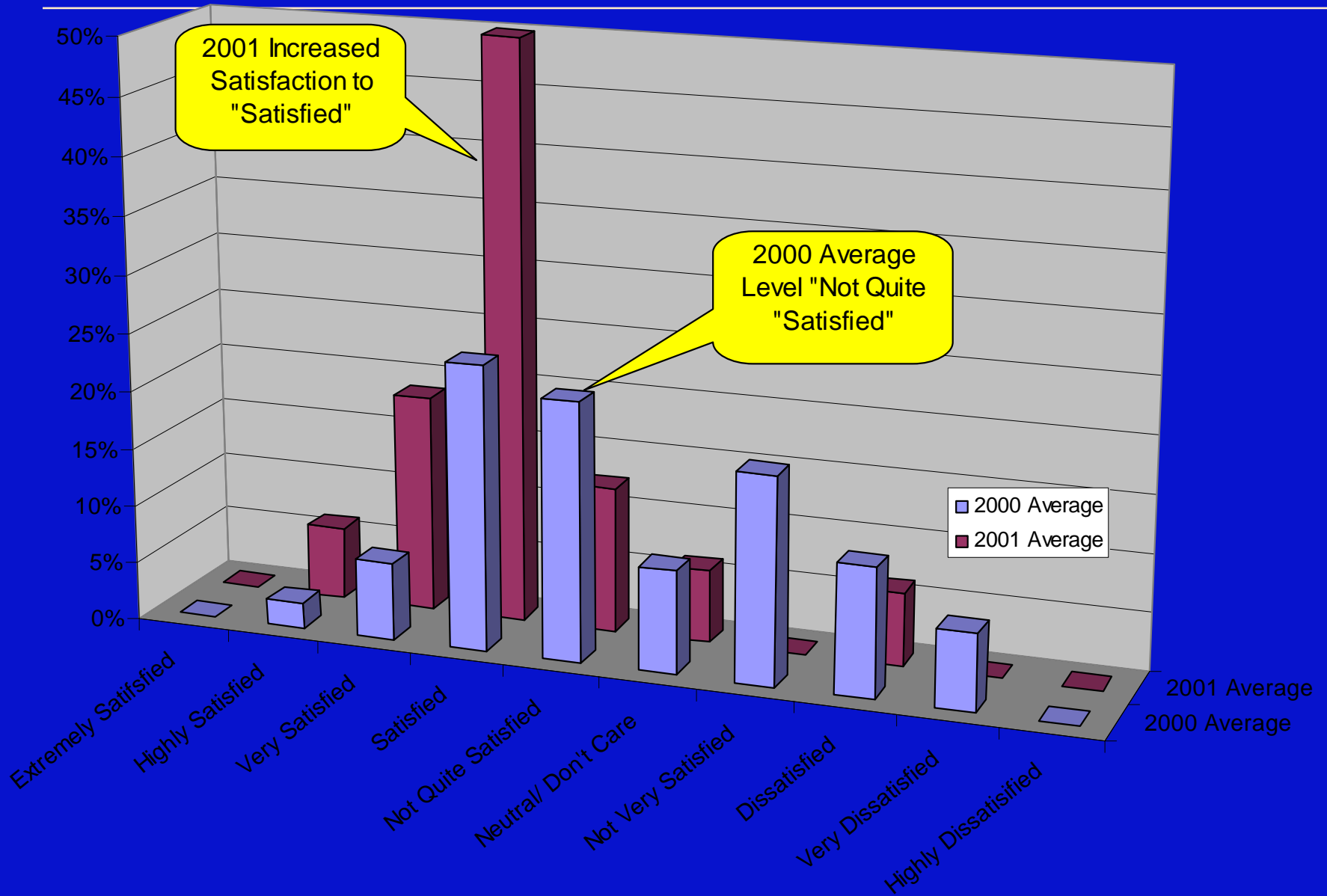
Steps Taken (60 Days)- Example

- **Process training - Held four process training sessions**
- **Management commitment - Manager stated commitment for process improvement, committed budget, hired a process consultant**
- **Follow processes - Manager emphasized & will enforce**
- **Improve meeting/training - State purpose, start on time, peer review material**
- **Reorganization - Released updated organization chart**

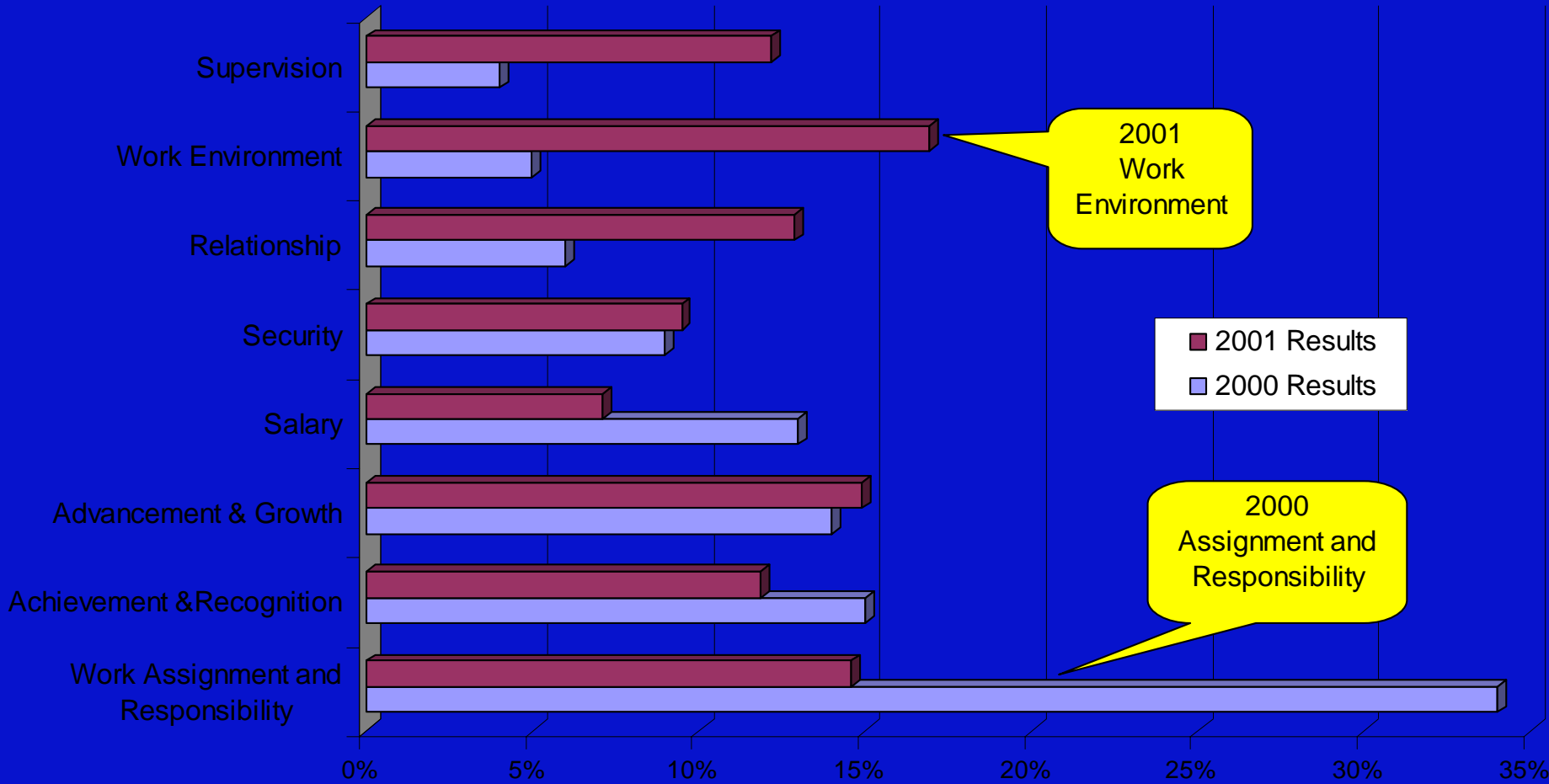
Improvement Focus (12 Months) - Example

- **Requirements Stability** - Use quality gate reviews, track volatility, measure improvement
- **Estimating Process** - Improve estimating process, analyze real data, validate results
- **Improve processes** - Review and implement improvement suggestions.
- **Management accountability** - Documented commitment and follow through

Job Satisfaction Level

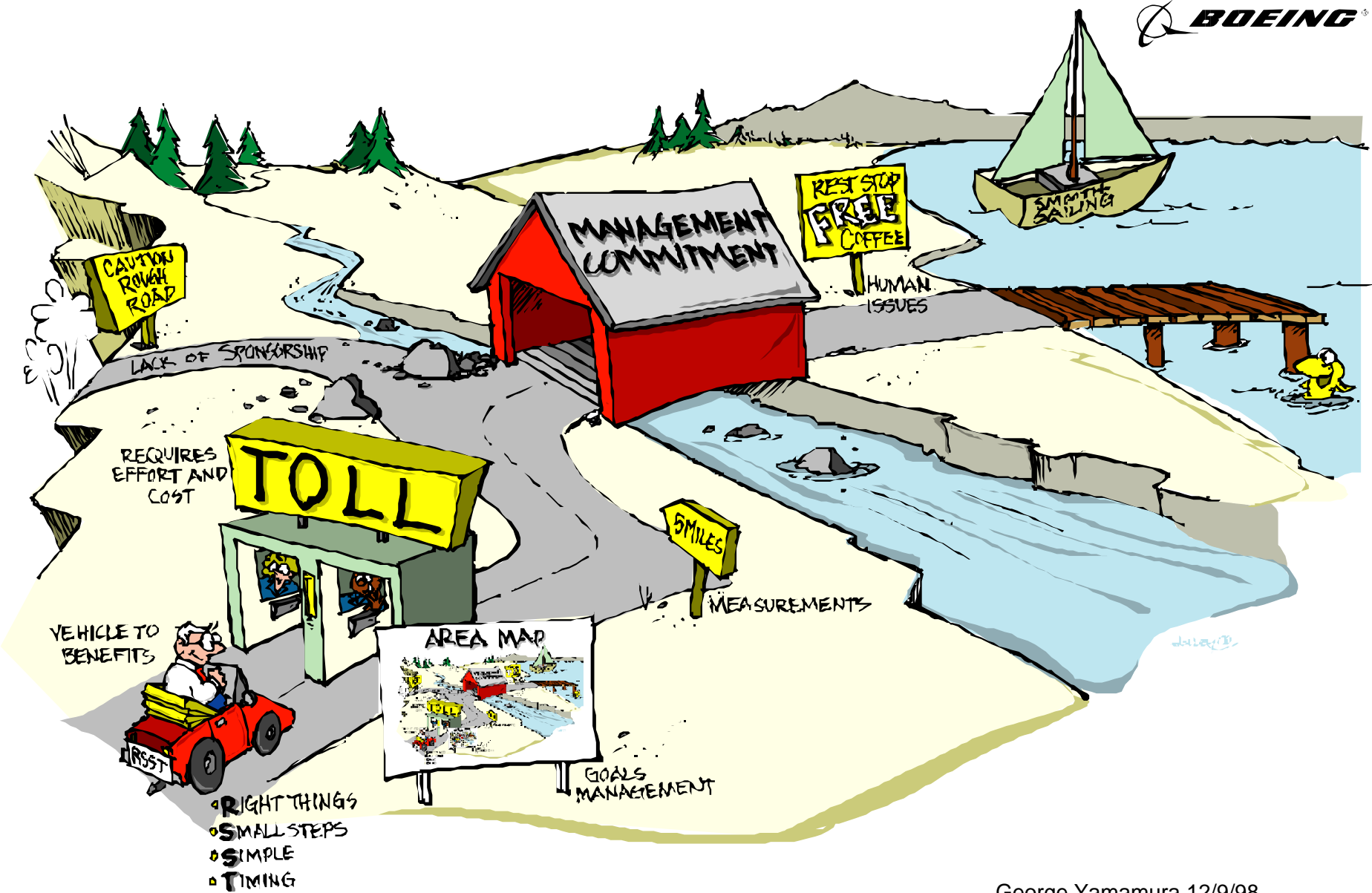


Most Important to Employees



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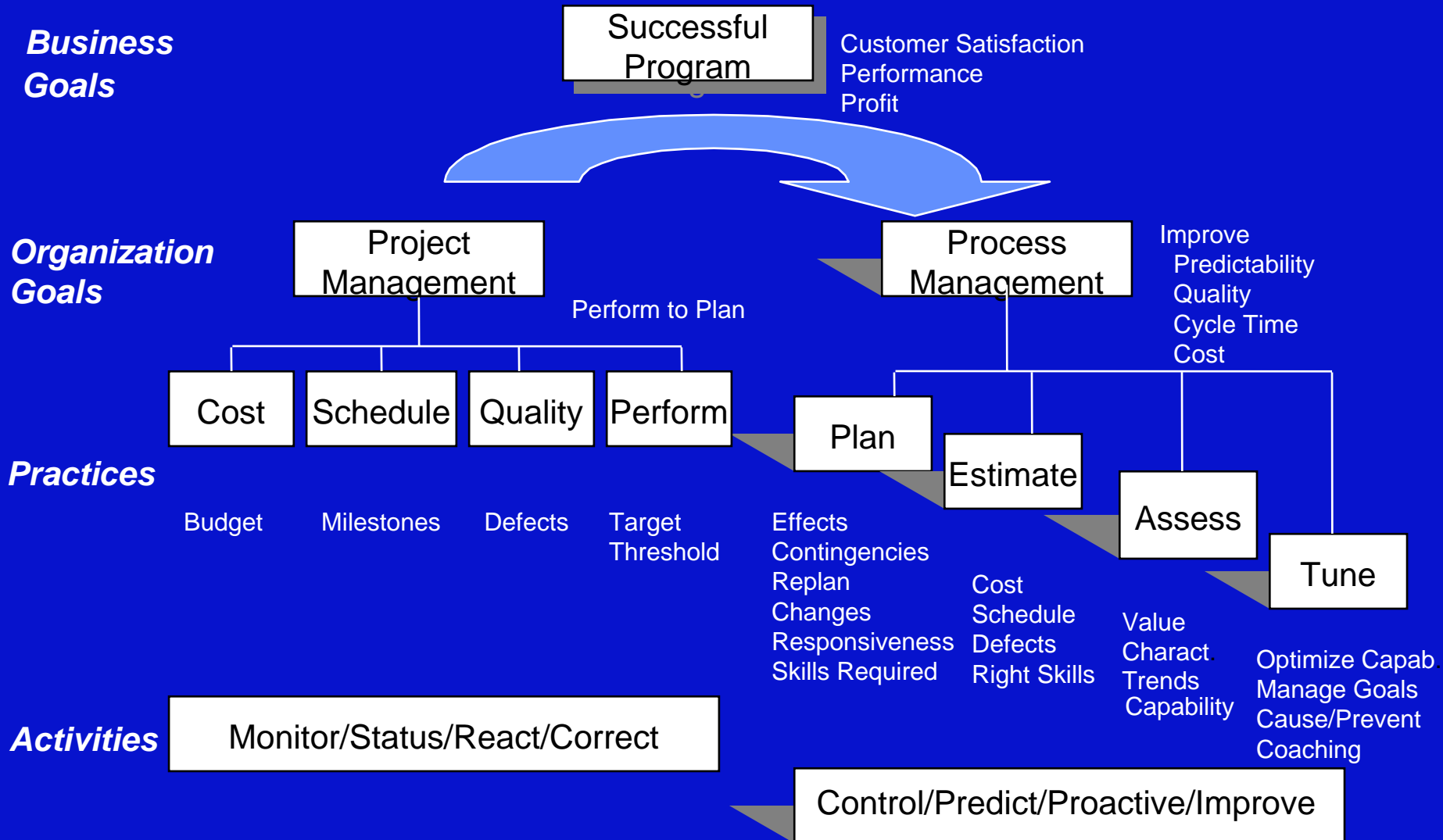


Formula for Success

- **Apply *RSST*:**

- **Right Thing** - Do the right thing for the situation, understand the problem/capability
- **Small Steps** - Take small, do-able steps, get a success, look for highest value item to change
- **Simple** - Keep it simple, look for the simple solution, use common sense, don't just follow the trend
- **Timing** - Right timing is critical, when environment is right, able to apply right strategy

Process Management Evolution



Effective Leadership

- **Did you make your decision from facts and data?**

- State the:
 - 1. Fact
 - 2. Data
 - 3. Goal
 - 4. Decision

- **Did you apply process management?**

- Map the:
 - 1. Goals
 - 2. Plans
 - 3. Processes
 - 4. Metrics

- **Did you recognize the human issues?**

- Remember to:
 - 1. Ask
 - 2. Listen
 - 3. Act
 - 4. Feedback

- **Did you apply RSST to make a difference?**

- Do:
 - 1. Right thing
 - 2. Small steps
 - 3. Simple
 - 4. Right timing

- **Did you keep team members accountable?**

- Have:
 - 1. Documented commitment
 - 2. Real ownership
 - 3. Continued awareness
 - 4. Visible recognition

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