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The growing pertinence of the Theory of Constraints combined with Good Lean

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The world is ever-increasingly volatile and unpredictable





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And yet the inertia of our companies basically remains unchanged



- It still takes about the same amount of time:
 - To choose and install a new machine
 - To recruit and train a new person



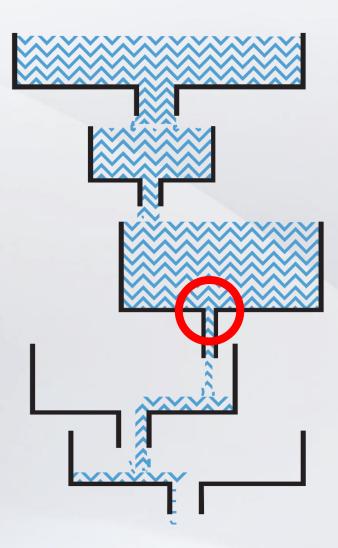




And so it is no longer possible to put the right amount of capacity everywhere



- It is no longer possible to put the right amount of capacity in the right place at the right time
- And so we have resources
 - that don't have enough capacity: bottlenecks or constraints
 - That have "too much" capacity: non-bottlenecks

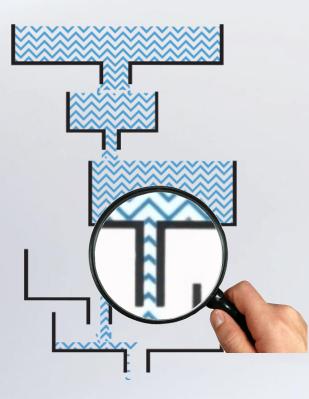




We must use Theory of Constraints reasoning



So our decision making systems and our management systems must take this reality into account...this is what the Theory of Constraints does.

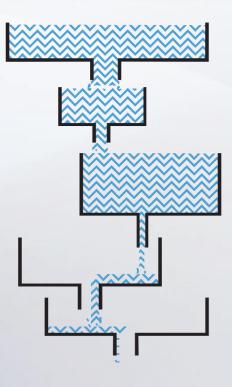




Local optimums are harmful



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The sum of local optimums is not equal to the global optimum

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Annual budgets and the accompanying departmental targets are dangerous





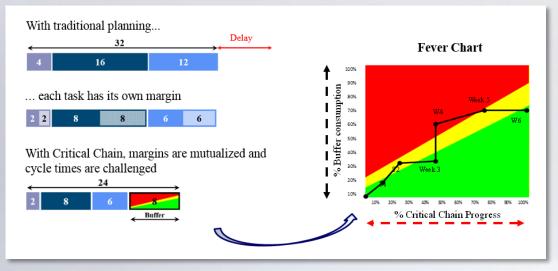
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To use Critical Chain or not to use Critical Chain, it's your choice...



- Finish on time, within budget and with full specifications
- Finish projects twice as fast and do twice as many projects
- And there is no alternative solution!



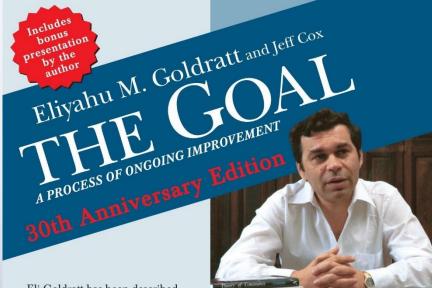
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So the Theory of Constraints is more and more pertinent



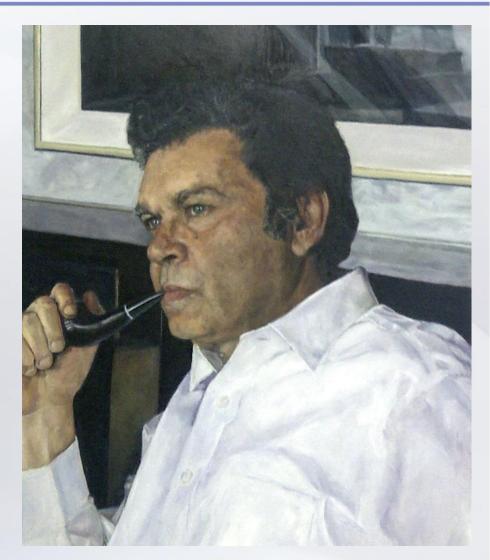


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What about Lean?



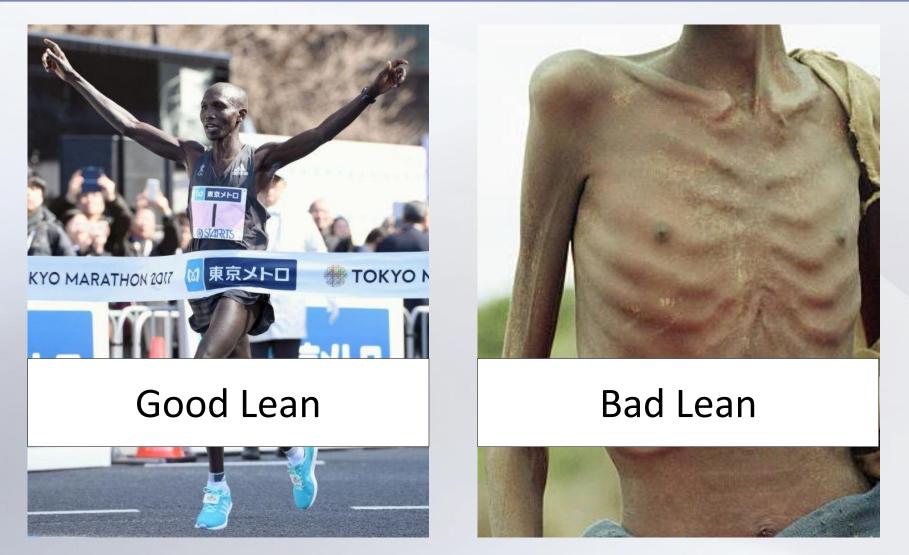
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To understand Lean we need to differentiate between Good and Bad Lean



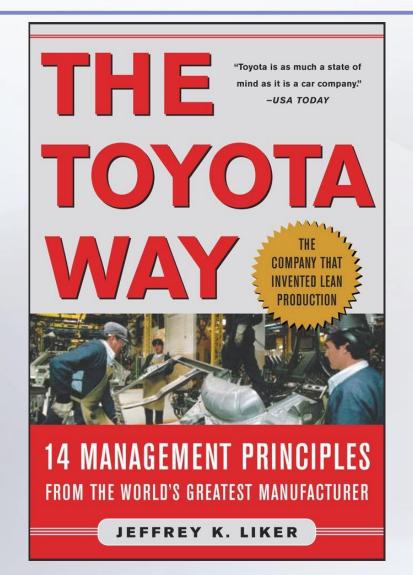


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Good Lean is "The Toyota Way"





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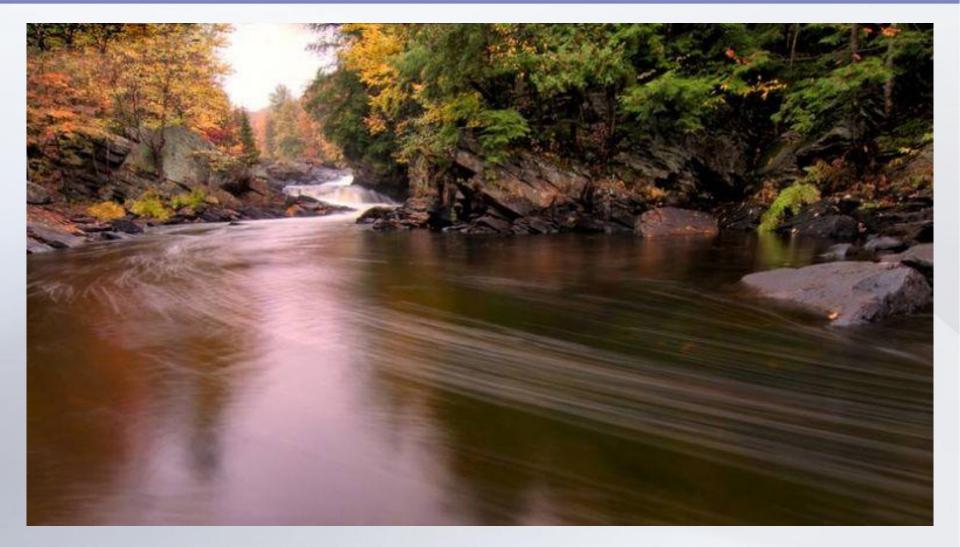
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Key ingredients of Good Lean: Flow





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Key ingredients of Good Lean: Quality



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Key ingredients of Good Lean: Standards



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"Don't seek performance with extraordinary people using faulty processes, use exceptional processes and normal people"

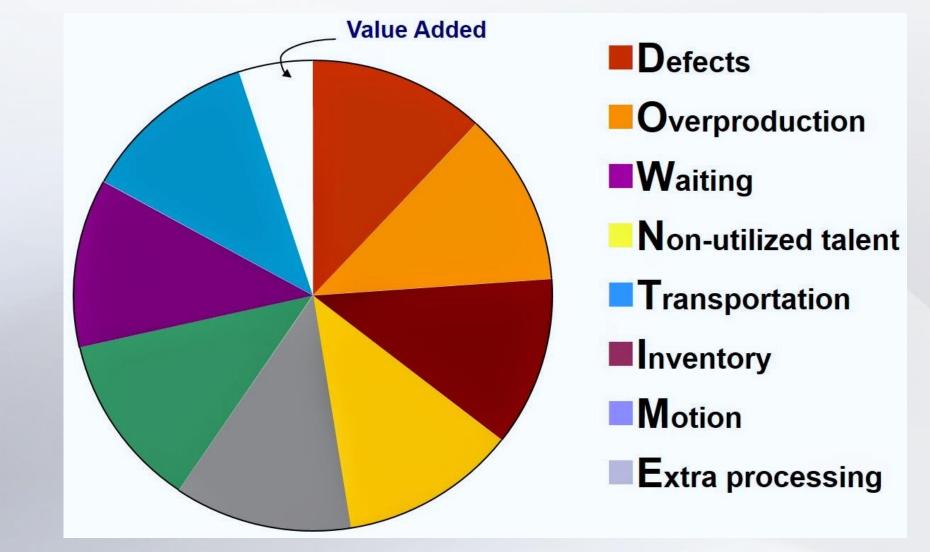
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Key ingredients of Good Lean: Waste hunting







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Key ingredients of Good Lean: Respect for people

"Helping people create more value on their own represents one of the highest forms of respect."

– John Shook





Key ingredients of Good Lean: Going to the Gemba



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Going and seeing for yourself (going to the Gemba)







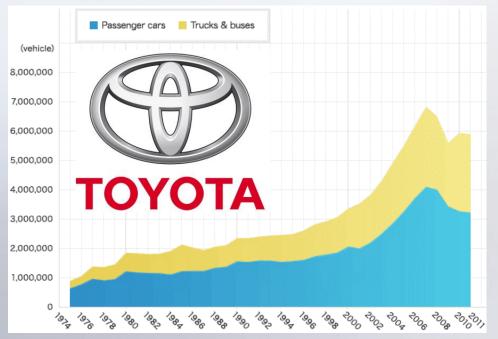
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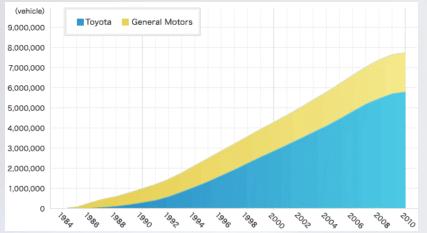
Key ingredients of Good Lean: A growth project



Annual growth > Increace in labour productivity to avoid headcount reductions



P.S. My apologiesI know I should provide fresher data.



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Good Lean summary



- Flow
- Quality
- Standards
- Waste hunting
- Respect for people
- Going and seeing for yourself (Gemba)
- A growth project



Bad Lean is what the majority of companies do



A process of continuous down-sizing using japanese words



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Symptoms of Bad Lean



- A lot of posters in messy workshops
- Lots of failed 5S initiatives
- One or two failed SMEDs
- OEE very low
- No work instructions
- >2% scrap
- >2% machine breakdowns
- Poka what!?



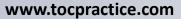


The combination of ToC and Good Lean is what you should use



Focussed Lean

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There is only one important TOC/Lean difference: buffers versus "zero stocks"

- Lean considers that you can eliminate variability
 - Hence a "zero stock" logic
 - And a "One Piece Flow" goal
- TOC considers that you cannot totally eradicate variability
 - Hence a buffer logic

And they are both right!





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You will also need to strengthen the TOC/Lean cocktail with some extra spices



Innovation

- Lean Startup ideas & Agile
- Controlled risk taking
 in production processes
 and your new product designs



You should make it your own prorietary "way". Not a copy of anybody elses. That is what Toyota does.

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 So our recommended cocktail is: Theory Of Constraints
 + Good Lean
 + A few additional spices





Thank you for your time



Questions?