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## Experiences Integrating PSP and TSP with Six Sigma

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# Agenda

Purpose & Background

A Few Words about Six Sigma and TSP

Deploying TSP as part of the Six Sigma Initiative at Honeywell

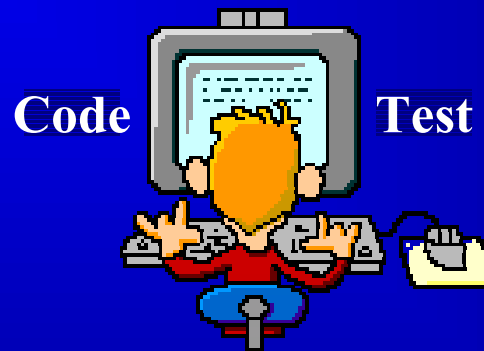
Lessons Learned

# Oh Those Initiatives!

“XYZ”  
SQA  
FDD  
XP  
UML  
CMMI  
Scrum  
SDLC  
Agile  
PSP/TSP  
6σ



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# Presentation Purpose

Discuss *one* example of an approach taken for integrating TSP into a Six Sigma ( $6\sigma$ ) initiative

- Large company
- Software not a “core competency” (even though most products depend on it)
- $6\sigma$  was an organization with experience primarily outside of development engineering

Many other valid approaches certainly exist

# My Background

Currently with AIS as a full-time TSP coach and PSP instructor, supporting Microsoft IT organization

11,045,160 minutes in software engineering, first 6,837,480 as a software development engineer, last 4,207,680 in software process and quality

6 $\sigma$ : Green Belt certified in DMAIC in 1998, Black Belt certified in DMAIC in 2003, Green Belt certified in DFSS in 2003

PSP/TSP: Authorized as PSP instructor in 1999;  
Authorized as a TSP launch coach in 2002

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# A Few Words about Six Sigma—1

Six Sigma ( $6\sigma$ ) is (as I see it, anyway)

- A term
  - ◆ Six standard deviations away from the mean of a normal distribution -> 3.4 defects per million “opportunities”
- A philosophy
  - ◆ Moving products and processes to optimal target values, and reduction of variation around those targets
  - ◆ Defect prevention over (late) defect detection
  - ◆ Continuous improvement

# A Few Words about Six Sigma—2

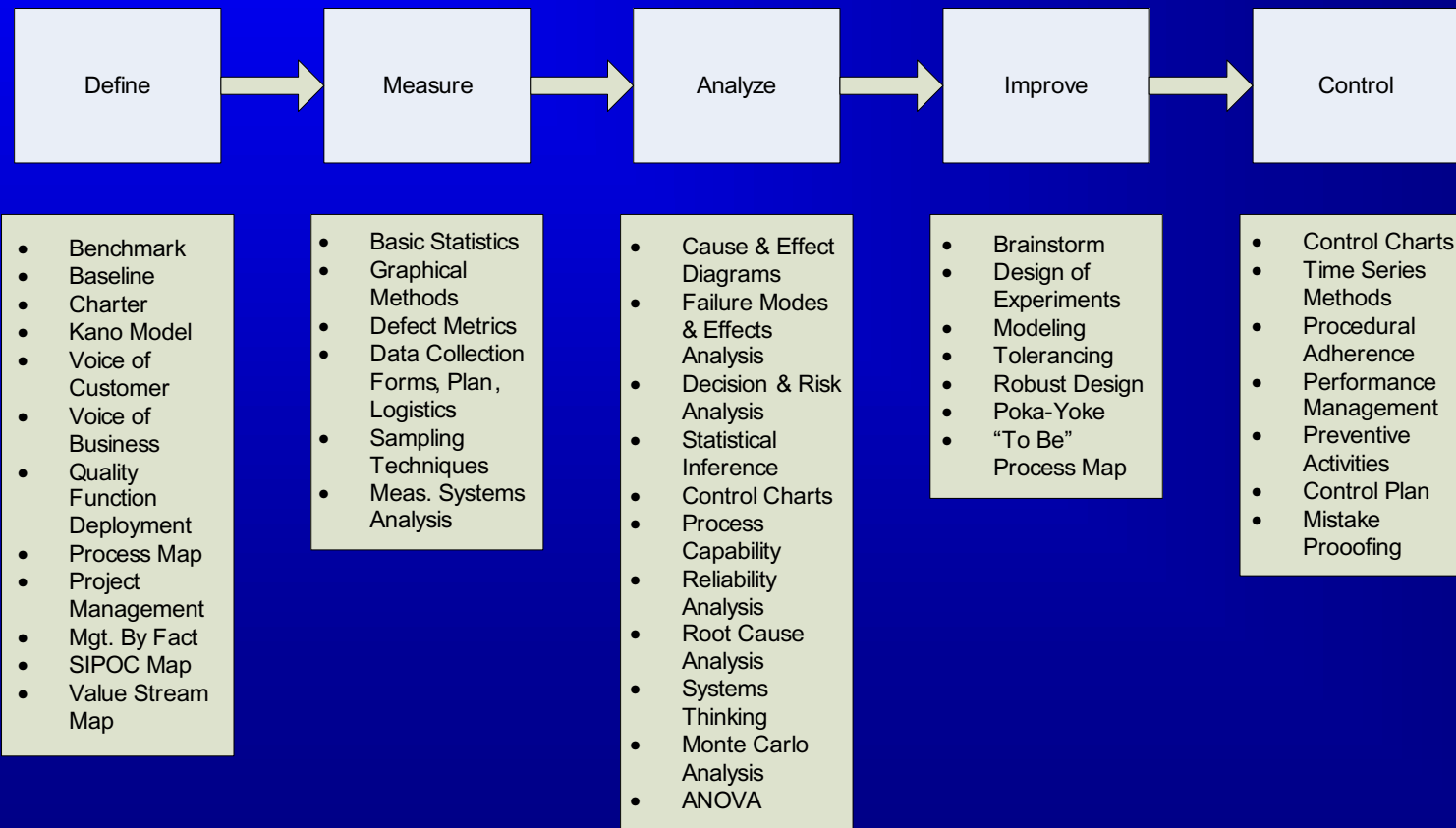
6 $\sigma$  is implemented with

- One or more approaches (or strategies), e.g.,
  - ◆ “DMAIC” (Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, Control)
  - ◆ “Lean” (“Manufacturing” or “Enterprise”)
  - ◆ “DFSS” (Design For Six Sigma—most recent)
  - ◆ Approach used depends on context
- One or more toolsets (methods and techniques)
  - ◆ Statistical and other methods for analyzing product and process data, and for making improvements to processes and controlling them
  - ◆ Many tools are “soft”
  - ◆ No standard toolset—toolsets vary by approach, company, organization, wind speed, ...



# A Few Words about Six Sigma—3

## An example *partial* 6 $\sigma$ toolset



# A Few Words About PSP/TSP

The PSP/TSP philosophy (adapted from the “PSP book”)

- Plan and manage your work
- Use effective methods
- Recognize strengths and weaknesses
- Practice, practice, practice
- Learn from history
- Find and learn new methods

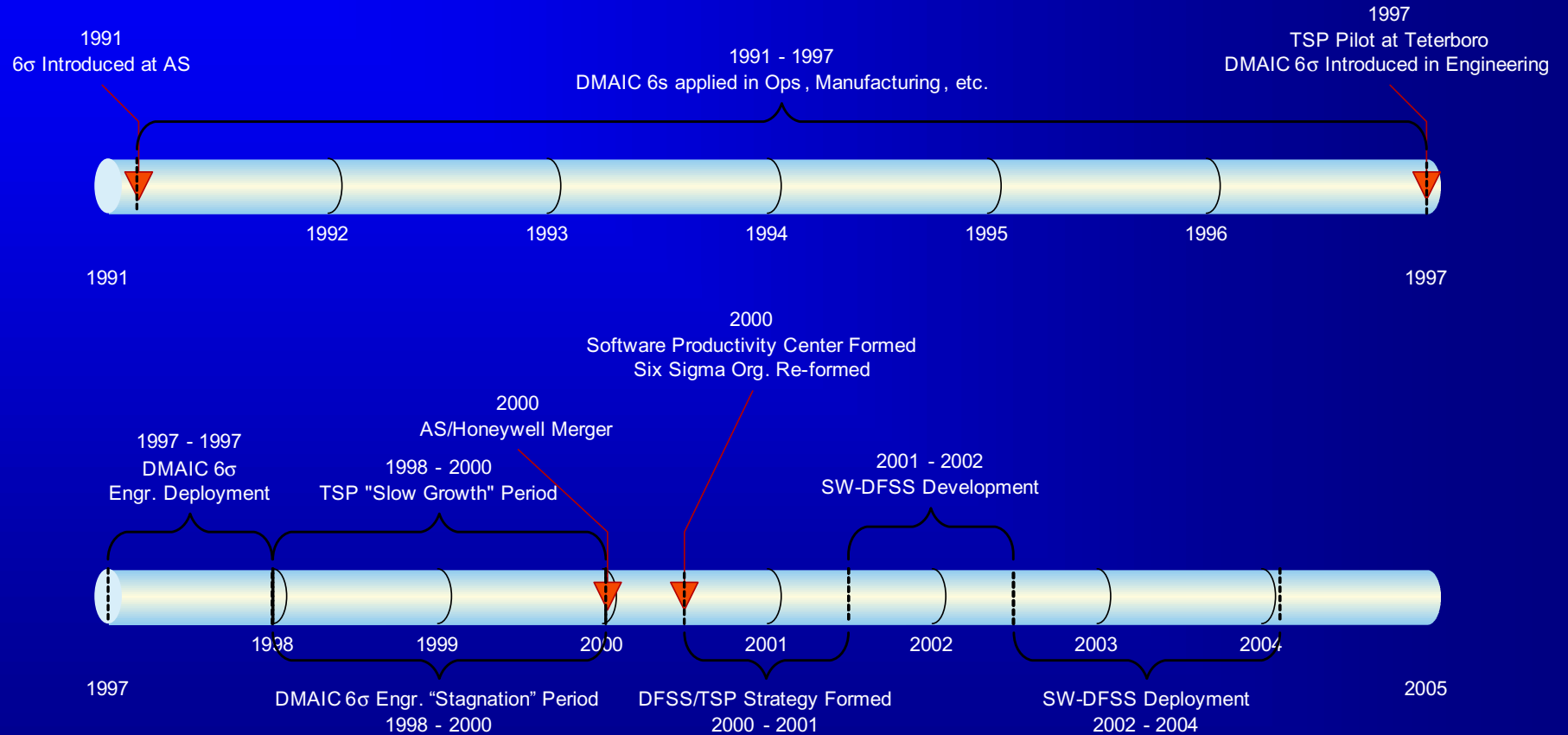
Some key PSP/TSP “tools” (methods)

- Use of process data for fact-based decision-making
  - PROBE (PROxy Based Estimating)
  - Earned Value Tracking
  - Structured Personal Reviews and Team Inspections
  - Verifiable Designs and Design Verification techniques
  - Postmortems and Improvement Proposals
- } 6σ: Reduce Variation
- } 6σ: Defect Prevention
- } 6σ: Continuous Improvement

**Consistent with 6σ philosophy!**

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# Evolution of TSP and Six Sigma at AlliedSignal/Honeywell



# Honeywell SW DFSS Strategy

Strategy, Take 1: PSP/TSP *is* 6 $\sigma$  for Software

- Good start, but not sufficient

Refined Strategy: Build a SW DFSS toolset from

- PSP and TSP
- Existing 6 $\sigma$  tools most useful for software development
  - ◆ QFD, Process Map, FMEA, SPC, Control Plan,...
  - ◆ Provide software-specific usage examples
- Existing software development methods consistent with 6 $\sigma$  philosophy
  - ◆ Software Inspections, Software Scorecard, DFT, DFR,...

# Six Sigma and the TSP Launch—1

Meeting	Primary Six Sigma Tools
1: Allow management to review business and product needs, explain project constraints, and ensure team understands these needs and constraints	
2: Define team goals and roles	Quality Function Deployment (QFD)
3: Produce the project conceptual design and strategy, identify major deliverables, and produce the process and support plans	QFD Process Mapping (PMAP) Measurement System Evaluation (MSE)
4: Produce an overall team-level project plan	PMAP (update)
5: Produce the Quality Plan	Design For Reliability (DFR) Scorecard Lean Principles
6: Produce the bottom-up next phase plan for each engineer and consolidated next-phase plan	PMAP (update)
7: Identify project risks and produce the risk management plan	Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA)
8: Prepare the plan presentation for the management meeting	
9: Present team plan to management and obtain approval of the plan	
PM: Identify what went well during the launch and what could be improved	Lessons Learned

# Six Sigma and the TSP Launch—2

## Quality Function Deployment

- Structured method used to identify/prioritize customer's needs and development activities, mapping the What's and Why's from meetings 1 and 2 into How's and Who's in meetings 2 through 4

## Process Mapping

- Used during Meeting 3 to document development strategy & processes
- “Big Y” is determined in meetings 1 and 2
- Process map x's can be used as inputs to the FMEA used in Meeting 7

## Kappa MSE

- Used during Meeting 3 to determine appropriate defect type categorization

# Six Sigma and the TSP Launch—3

## Design for Reliability (DFR) and the (Software) Scorecard

- Extensions to the Quality Plan used to set quality goals in order to actively manage the process to meet the goals
- Scorecard includes Quality Plan “defect leakage matrix” actuals plus other typical TSP quality data such as DLRs, COQs & A/FRs

## Lean Principles

- Used in Meeting 5, which focuses on removing defects where it is most efficient

## FMEA

- Extension of the Risk Analysis and Management Plan, using data from Process Maps to identify and prioritize risks, and to develop risk plans

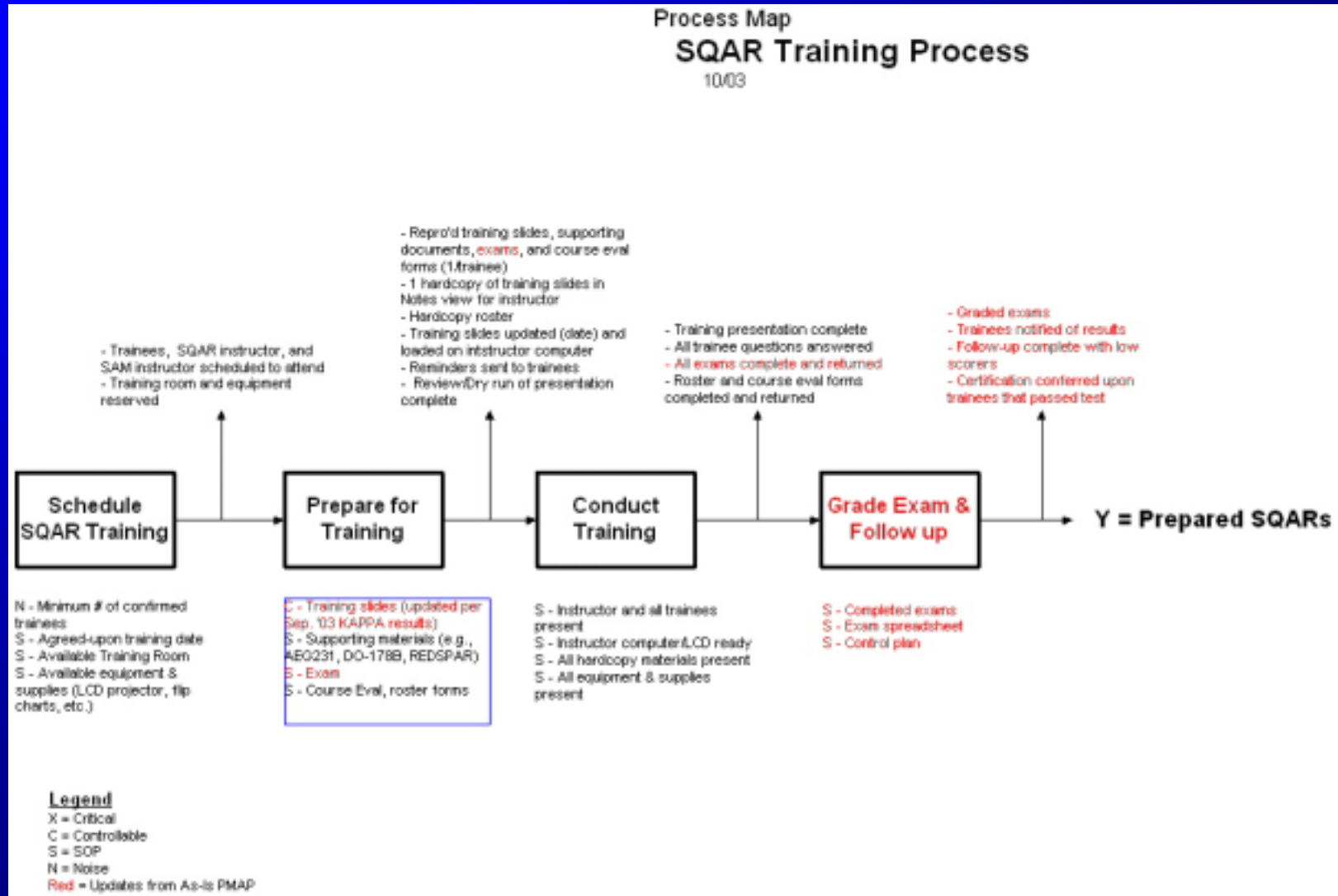
# Example QFD

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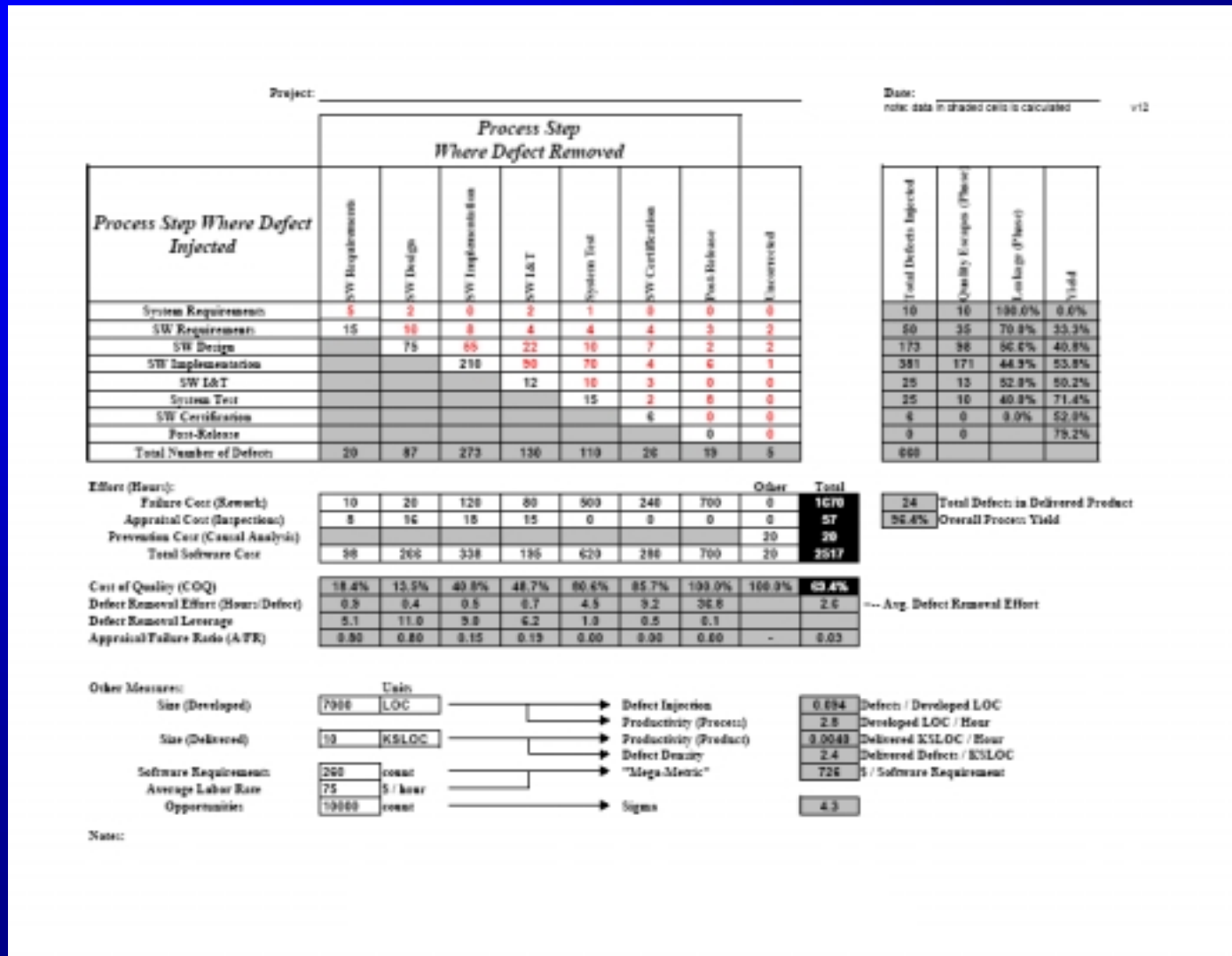
# Example Process Map



# Example Partial FMEA

Process Step/Input	Potential Failure Mode	Potential Failure Effects	S E V	Potential Causes	O C C	Current Controls	D E T	R P N
What is the process step/input?	What can go wrong with the process step/input?	What is the impact on the customer (output variables) or internal requirements?		What are the root cause reasons for the process step/input to go wrong?		What are the existing controls that prevent or detect either the cause or the FM prior to leaving the process step?		
Conduct Training	SQAR does not adequately understand SQAR responsibilities	SQAR does not enforce AEW309 requirements to produce designs for changes	10	Trainee doesn't pay attention	4	None	10	400
Conduct Training	SQAR does not adequately understand SQAR responsibilities	SQAR does not enforce AEW309 requirements to produce designs for changes	10	Training material does not adequately cover all areas of responsibility	10	None	10	1000
Conduct Training	SQAR does not adequately understand SQAR responsibilities	SQAR does not enforce AEW309 requirements to produce designs for changes	10	Trainee misses part of class	1	Theoretically, if a trainee missed enough of the class, the SQE can withhold certification	7	70

# Example Scorecard



# Six Sigma and TSP Operation

## Control Plans

- Used in 6 $\sigma$  to ensure improvement gains are sustained and to ensure process consistency; intent is fulfilled with the TSP weekly meeting

## Basic Statistics and Graphical Methods

- Used routinely in TSP to analyze and control the process and to make process improvements

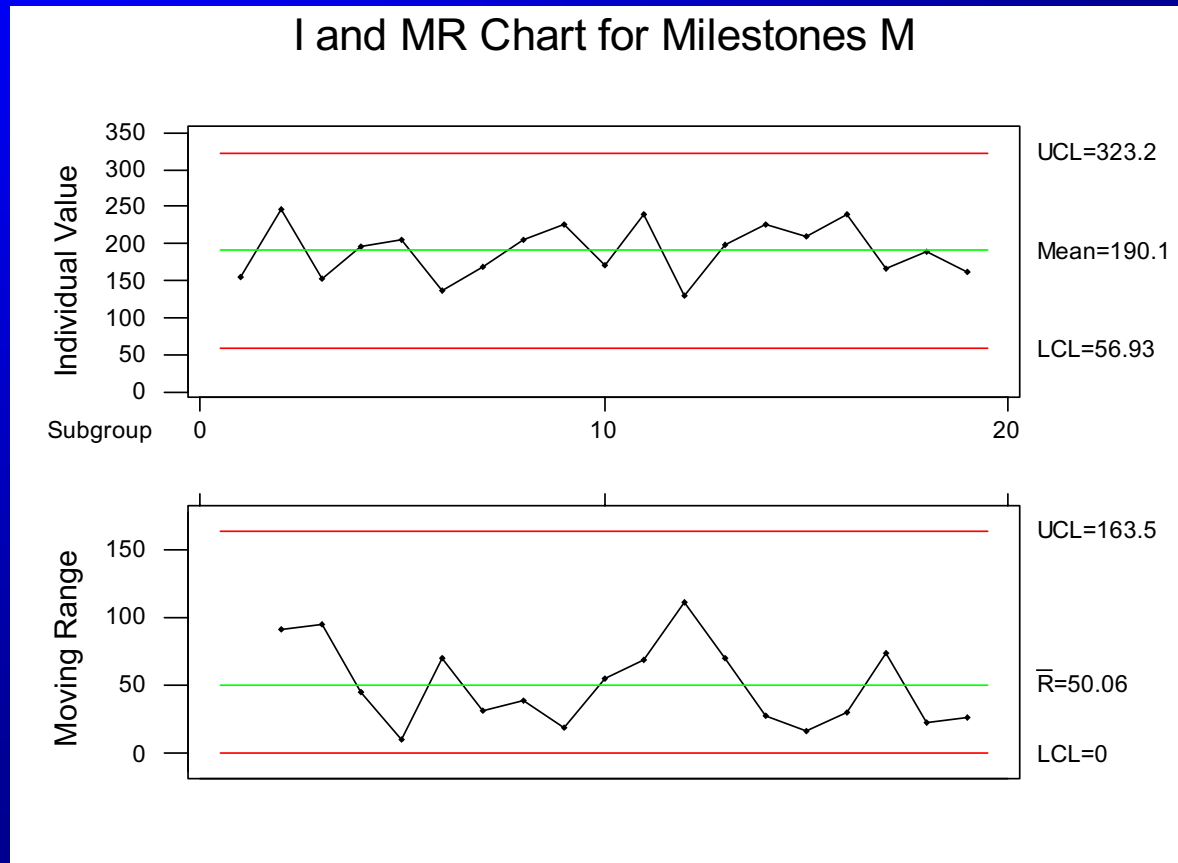
## Statistical Process Control (SPC)

- Used for extra rigor in determining statistically whether a process is under control and to identify special cause variation

## Appraisals (Inspections)

- Used to remove defects efficiently

# Example SPC Control Chart



# Six Sigma and PSP—1

## Regression, Basic Statistics, and Graphical Methods

- Used in PROBE to provide statistically-sound estimates, and to interpret PROBE values and select the appropriate method

## Design For Testability (DFT)

- Incorporated by using the PSP Design Templates

## Functional Maps

- A Process Map extension used during DLD to graphically depict flow & function of a logical sequence of actions & events

# Six Sigma and PSP—2

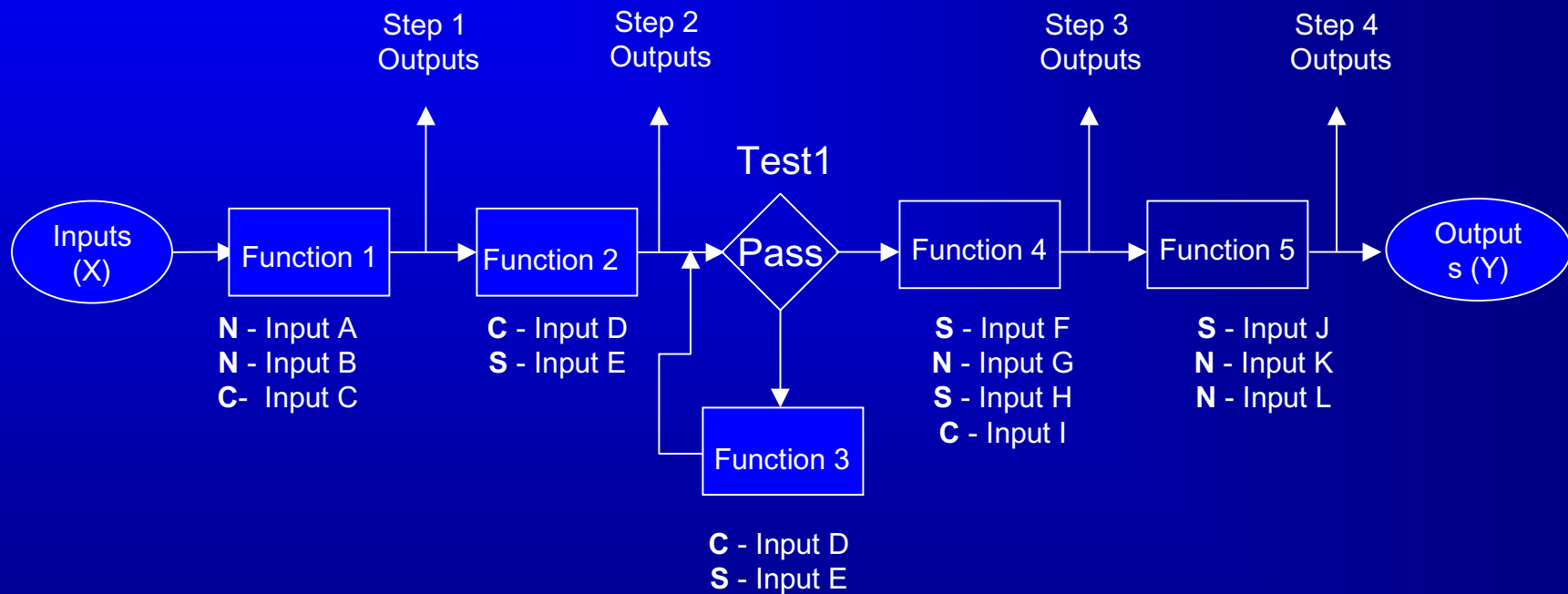
## (Personal) Appraisals

- Used to remove defects efficiently; Personal Reviews are essentially software inspections applied at the personal level

## Monte Carlo Simulation

- Used during design to select a design approach among several options by providing a potential range of outcomes, probability of reaching specific targets, most likely outcomes, etc.

# Example Functional Map





# Green Belt Certification Considerations

A typical  $6\sigma$  initiative requirement is certification

- Training and application of (a subset of) toolset on a  $6\sigma$  project

Before SW-DFSS, a typical complaint of  $6\sigma$  was that engineers on development teams had to “make up projects” to use the tools and get certified

By making the natural connection between TSP &  $6\sigma$ , it became realistic to complete a  $6\sigma$  project as part of one’s normal work

- No problem applying tools!
- PSP, TSP, Regression, Inspections, FMEA (risk analysis), DFR (Quality Plan), Graphical Methods, Basic Stats, Control Plan (weekly meeting), ...

The only extra work for certification was to organize personal and/or project data into a report—much like the PSP Final Report

# Lessons Learned Integrating TSP into a 6 $\sigma$ Initiative—1

TSP experts should be familiar with the philosophy and standard toolset(s) of the 6 $\sigma$  organization

Map PSP and TSP methods to company-standard 6 $\sigma$  toolset (not all methods will map, but enough should)

For PSP/TSP methods that don't map directly to 6 $\sigma$  tools, but meet the 6 $\sigma$  philosophy, document how they do so

Engage the 6 $\sigma$  organization in validating the mappings

# Lessons Learned Integrating TSP into a 6 $\sigma$ Initiative—2

Focus on the 6 $\sigma$  *philosophy* and not just the *tools*

Developing a SW 6 $\sigma$  curriculum—even with existing SEI PSP training—is a significant undertaking and should be treated as a product development effort

Training time may be an issue

Compromises may be necessary

# Summary

TSP can be integrated into a 6 $\sigma$  program

There are significant synergies among TSP, 6 $\sigma$ , and other software methods not traditionally associated with either TSP or 6 $\sigma$

Keep the goals in mind—don't get overwhelmed by initiatives and tools

As a first approximation, it may be best to start with TSP as your 6 $\sigma$  program, then extend



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