

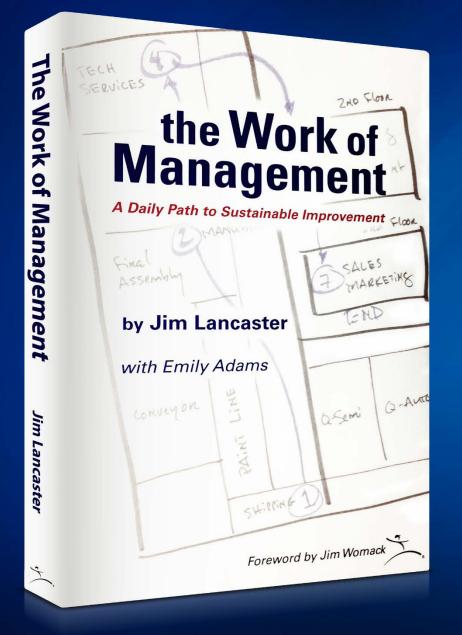


# Managing To Create Problem-Solvers

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### **The Work of Management** A Daily Path to Sustainable Improvement

By Jim Lancaster



# Eliminating the World's Shipping Damage

Case Erecting Case Sealing Stretch Wrapping Conveying







## Lean Objective at Lantech to Accumulate Competitive Advantage

⇒ Accumulate Process Improvement

⇒ Accumulate Ability to *Hunt Like a Pack* 



⇒ Tyranny of Chasing the Next Big Idea
⇒ Deterioration, the Enemy of Improvements
⇒ First, Managers Believing in and Supporting the Work
⇒ Management System to Combat Deterioration





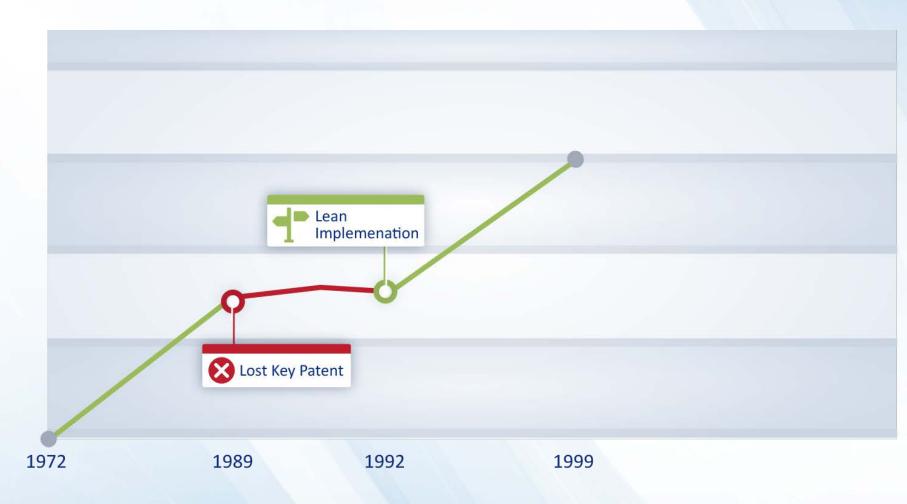


First growth stage went through to 1989 then leveled through 1992. 1989 - 1992



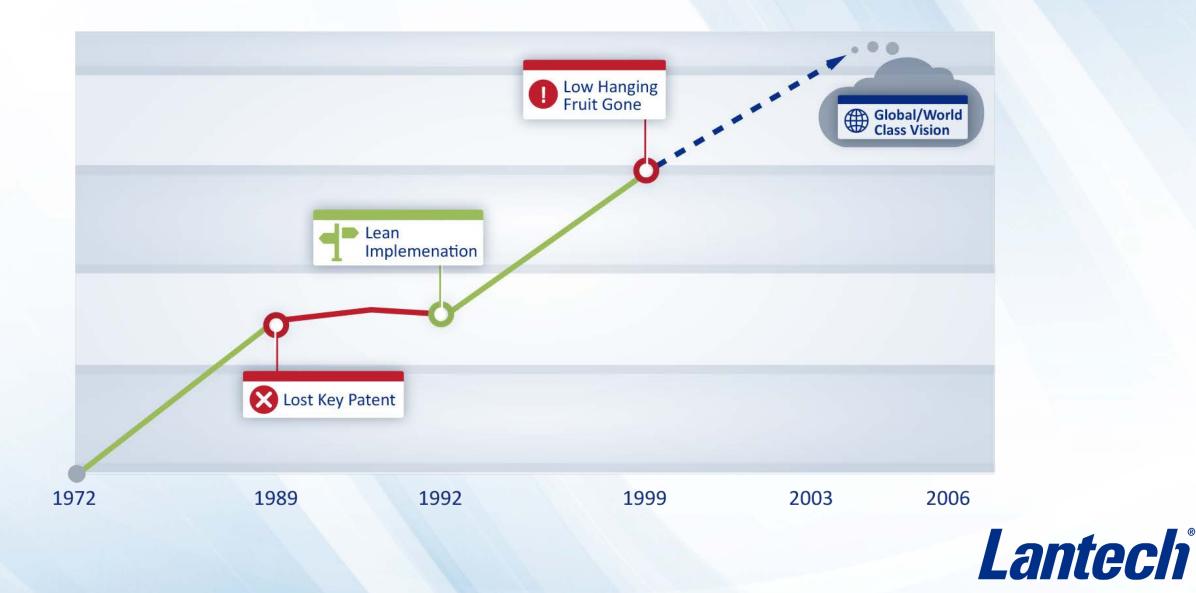






Lean facilitated growth still happening but it was not the same. 1992 - 1999





## The Next Big Ideas

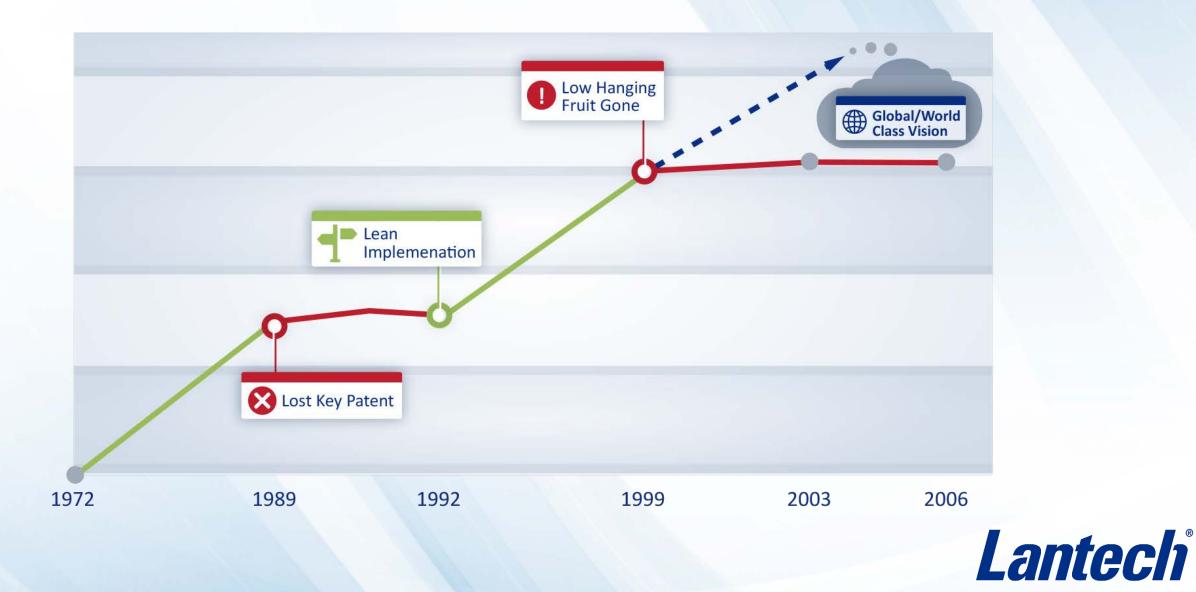


 $\Rightarrow$  Acquisitions

⇒ Global Expansion

⇒ Product Expansion





## **Revelations** . . .

#### Innovation



#### Process Improvement

### **Performance/Quality Erosion**







### ⇒ Management Accountability







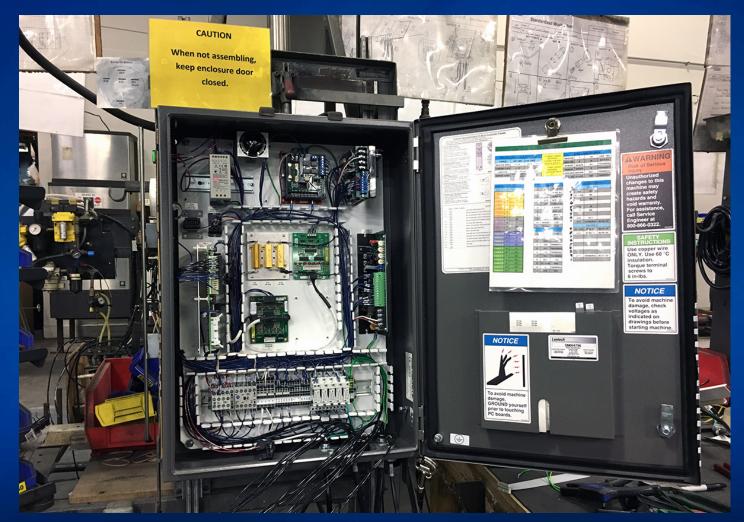


### ⇒ Get Some Help





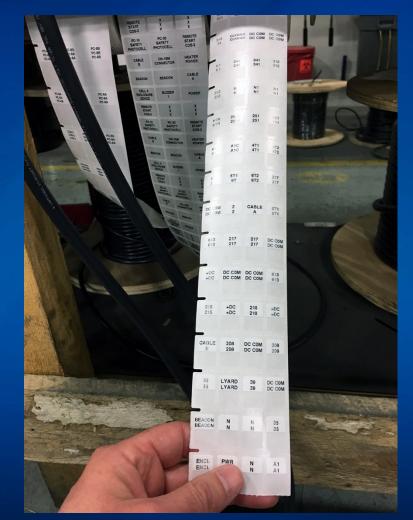
# **Back to the Floor**



**Electrical Panel Cell** 



# **Back to the Floor**



Labels



# Seeing and understanding the work is harder than it looks.

Does it really take the CEO to get rapid support to the operator?



# **Back to the Floor**



Paint Line

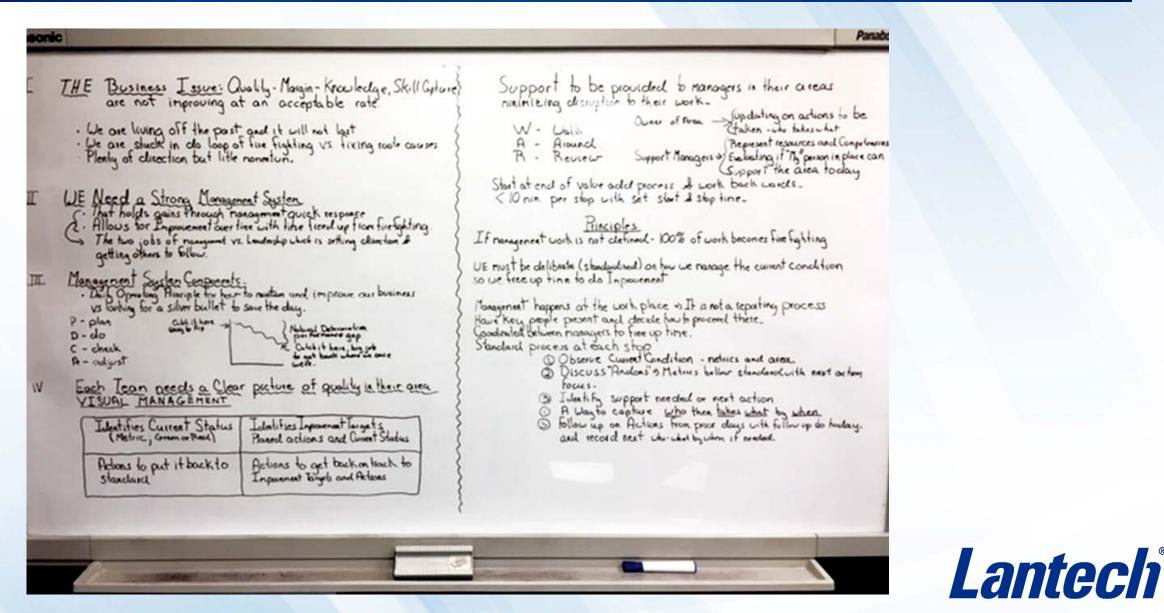


Huge number of variables attack the process every day.

Operators and Team Leaders can't control many of those variables.



## **The System**



### So . . .

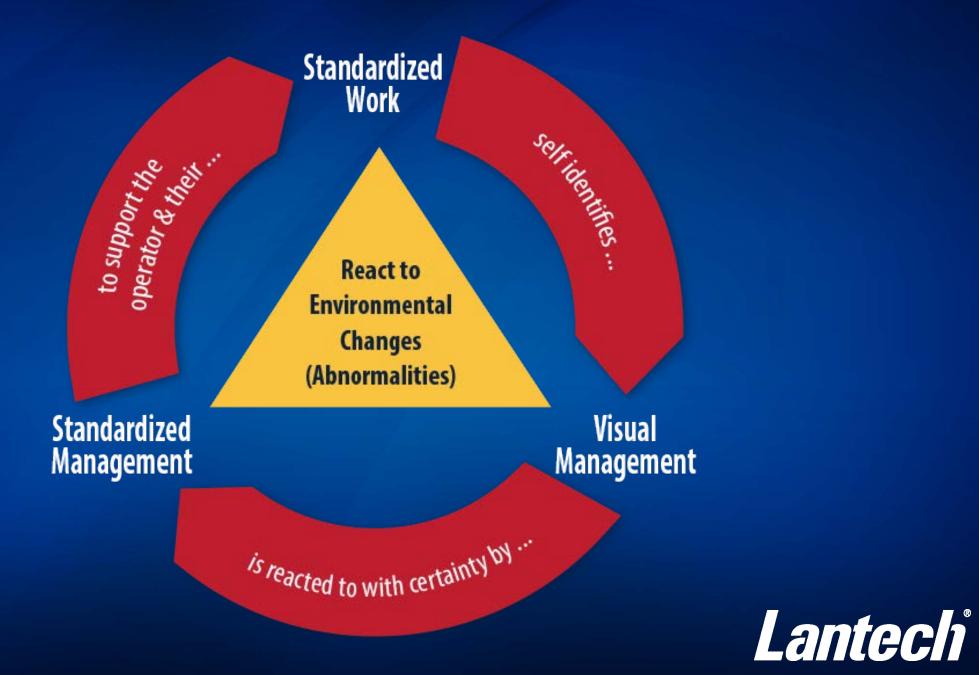
We need a system that:

Holds gains through management's quick response, allowing for improvement from the freed up time from fire fighting.

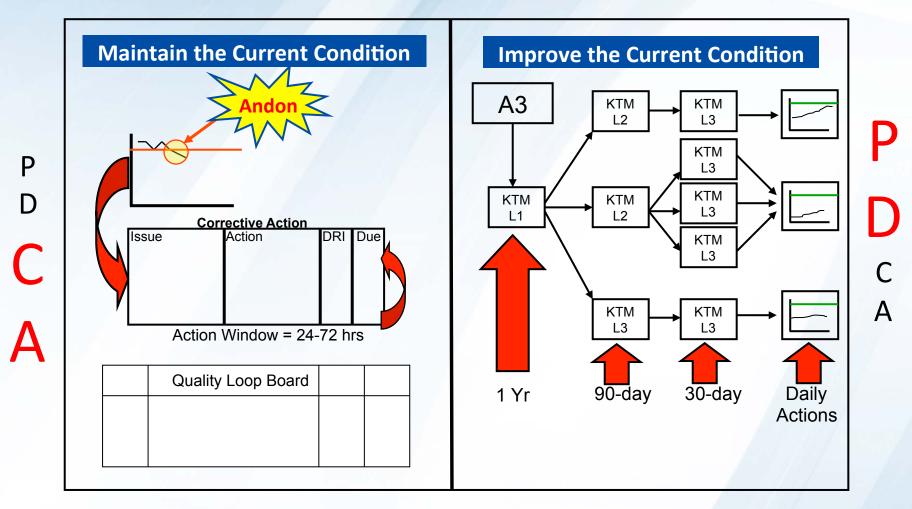


#### **First Job of Management is to Hold Performance.** *If Done Well, Provides Time for Improvement.*





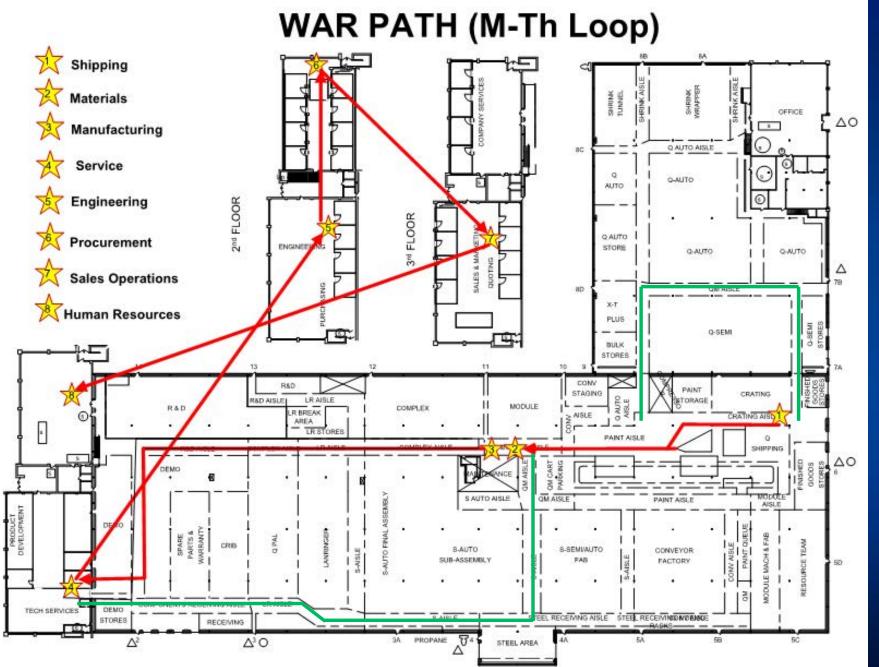




Actions in response to a "trip wire"

Actions to achieve goals







### Management is what happens standing there at the board!

- $\Rightarrow$  Only deviations or things requiring support are discussed.
- ⇒ Deviations and problems have action attached with who does what by when before meeting is over.
- $\Rightarrow$  Is the next step by the correct area or person?
- $\Rightarrow$  Is the next step respecting problem solving and the operator?
- $\Rightarrow$  Do we have immediate support for operator/customer?



# **Results in**

Cross functional support every morning. Priorities adjusted daily cross functionally. Clarity of Responsibility – who decides what.



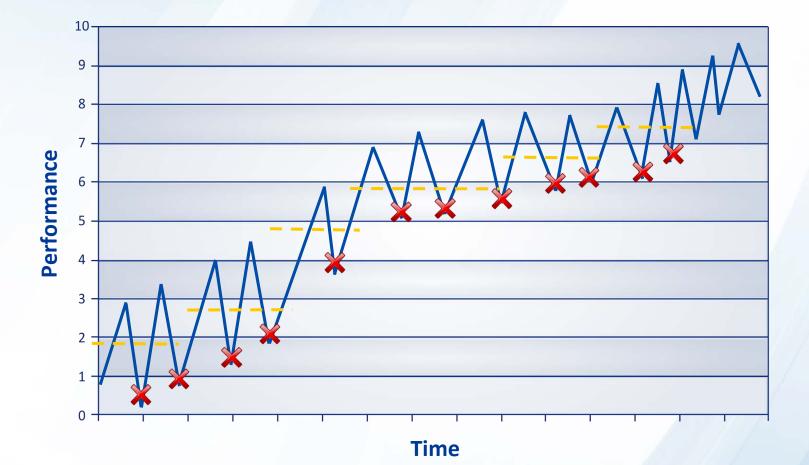
# The Impact

Improvements accumulate.

Significant directional changes can occur quickly.



### **Improved Performance from Maintaining Current Condition**





### It's About the Work!!



### $\Rightarrow$ LEARNING to SEE it

### ⇒ LEARNING to *DESIGN* it

### ⇒ LEARNING to MANAGE it



If Lean improvements are not impacting your income statement and you have little time for improvement work, maybe you don't have an improvement problem. Maybe you have a deterioration problem.





### Next Steps

- ⇒ Articulate your most pressing business need
- $\Rightarrow$  Turn yourself into a believer
- $\Rightarrow$  Go to where the work is being done and observe
- ⇒ Improve and standardize the work YOURSELF
- ⇒ Watch what happens to what you improved
- ⇒ Create a daily management system connecting the work to the needed support managers
- ⇒ Read the Work of Management
- $\Rightarrow$  Buy more stretch wrappers!



# The Work of Management

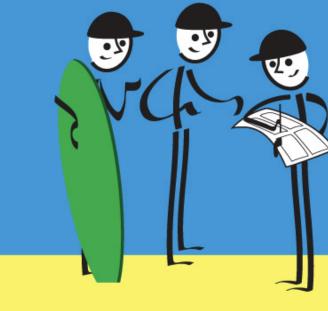
Join us for the break out session to hear:

How the management system works in detail.

How we implemented the system.

How we developed a process to manage unstructured work.







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