

# Aggregate Production Planning for Engineer-to-Order Products

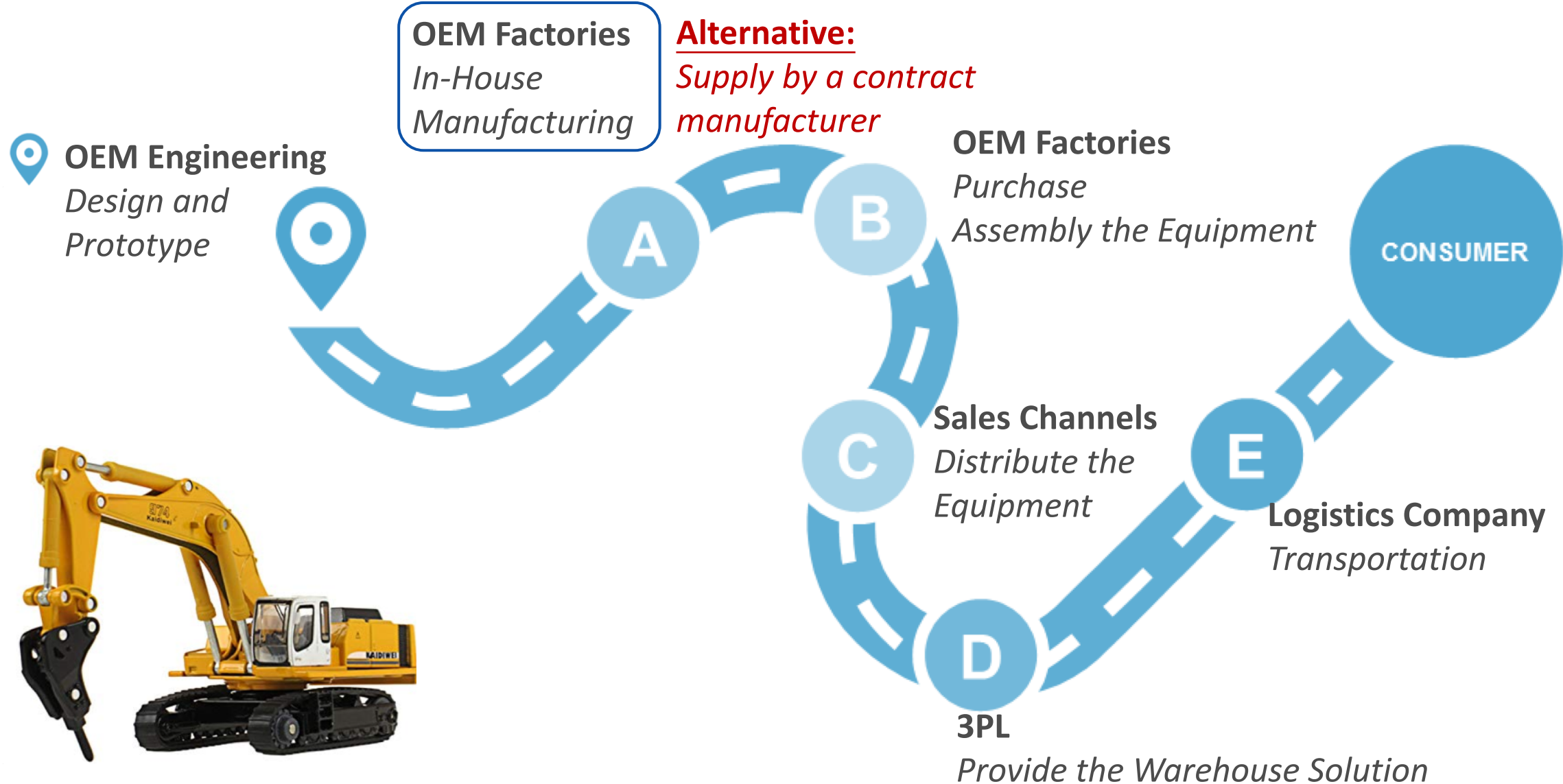
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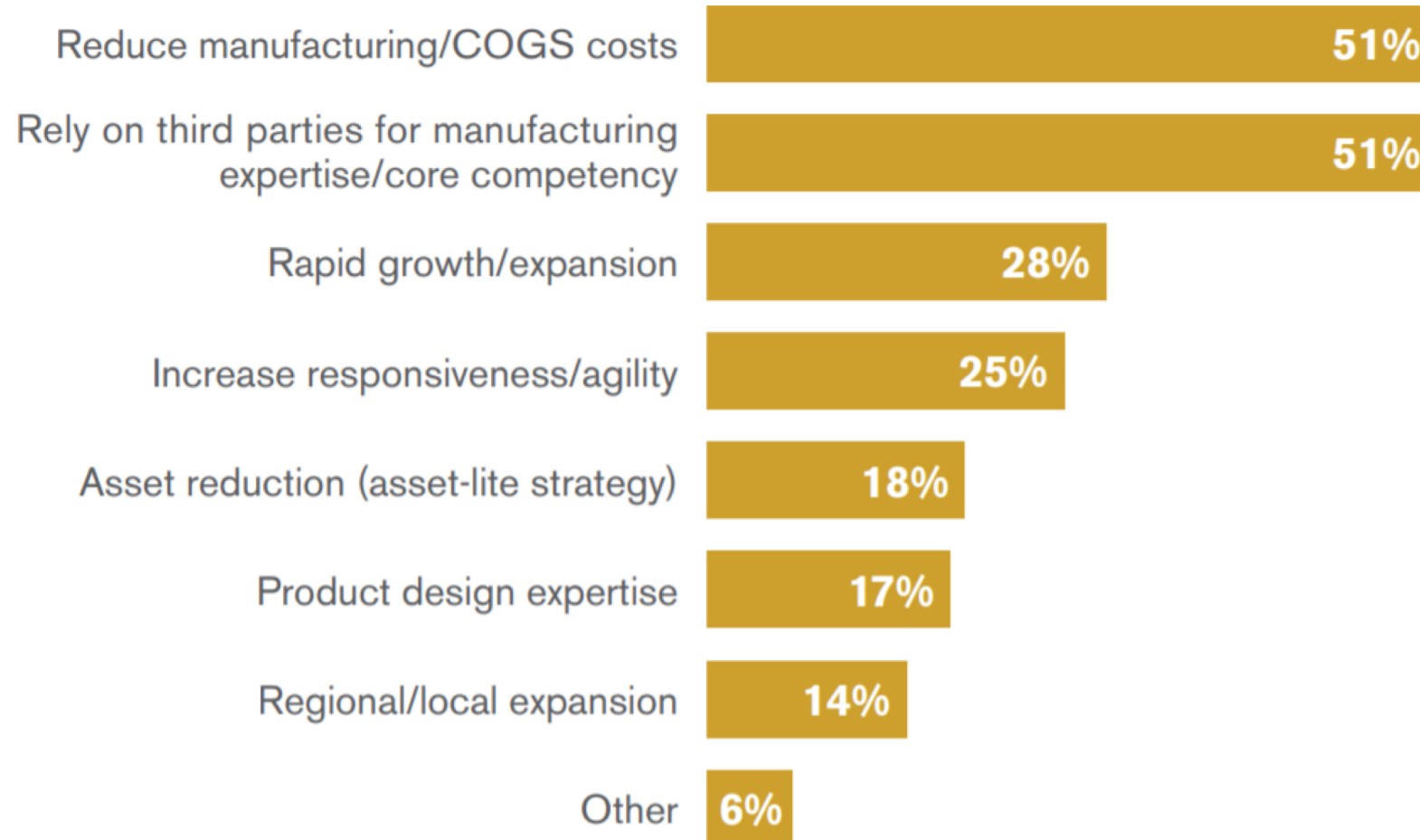


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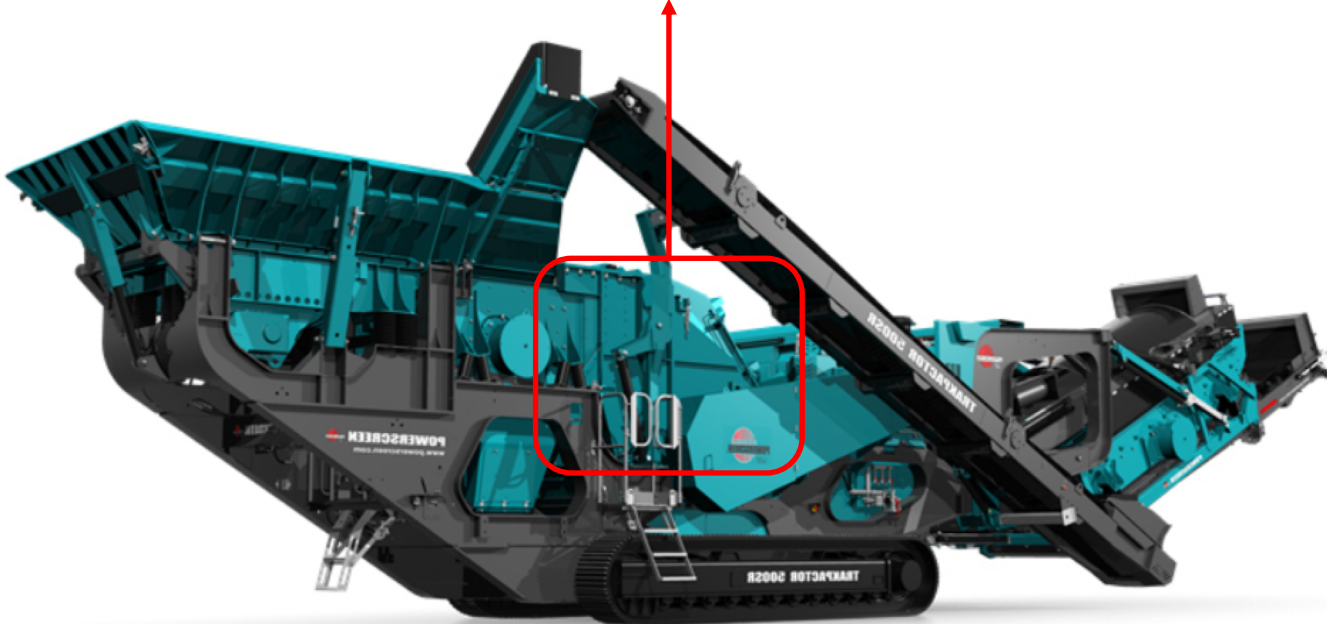


# Benefits of Buying from Contract Manufacturers



*ZY Machining and Distributions. Ltd*

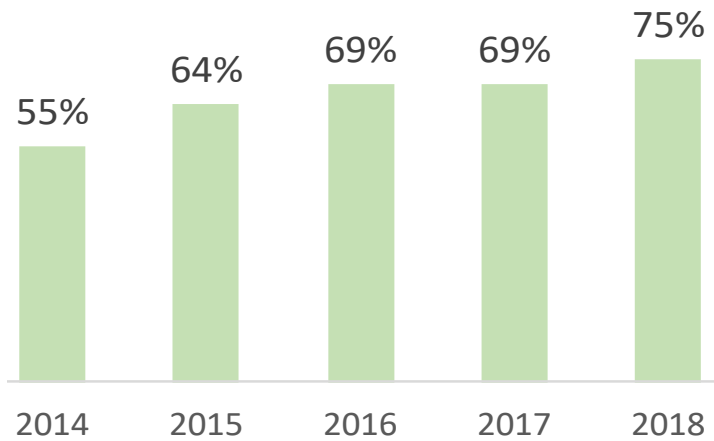




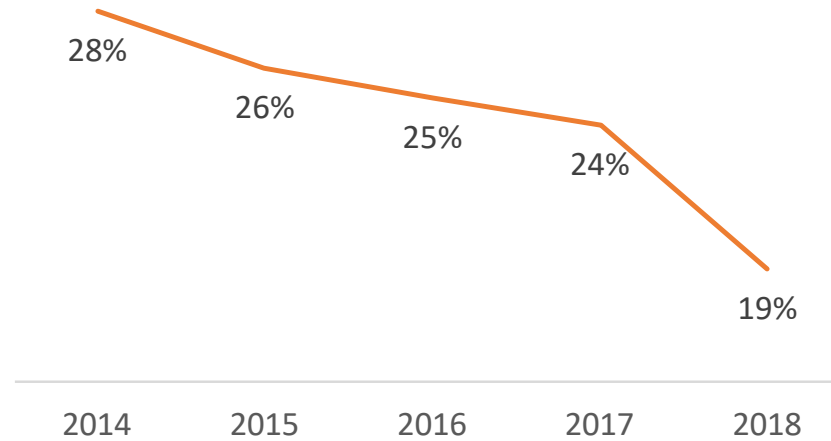
# ETO Products: Increasing Share – Decreasing Profit Margin

Motivation and Relevance

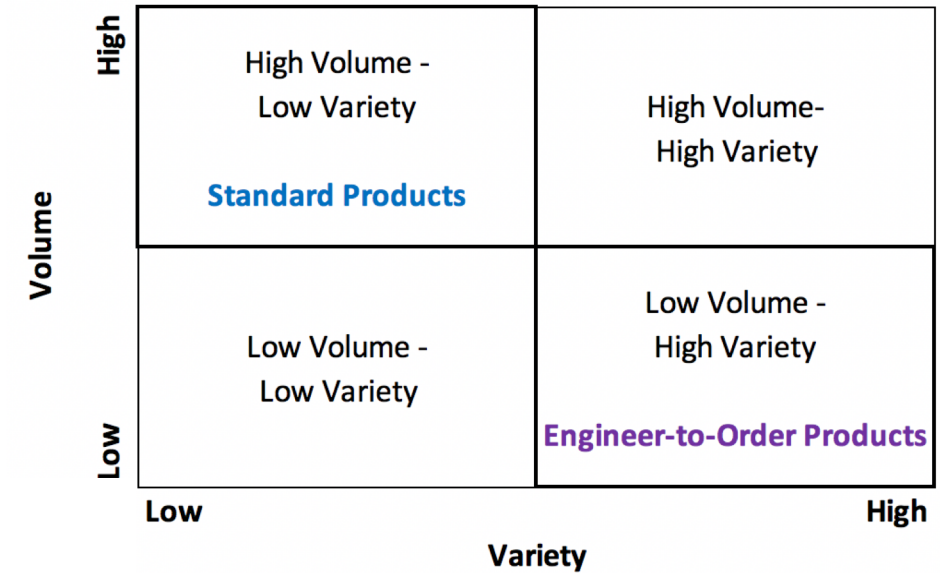
Contract manufacturing industry is becoming more competitive with the market leaning towards ETO products



Share of ETO orders



Profit margin for ETO products



## Production Cost Increased **WHY?**



Isolated, inaccurate  
planning and  
production process  
uncertainty



Actual production  
schedule doesn't  
stick to initial plan



### **Increased Costs**

- Labor resources
- Short-notice outsourcing
- WIP inventory holding
- Penalties for late deliveries

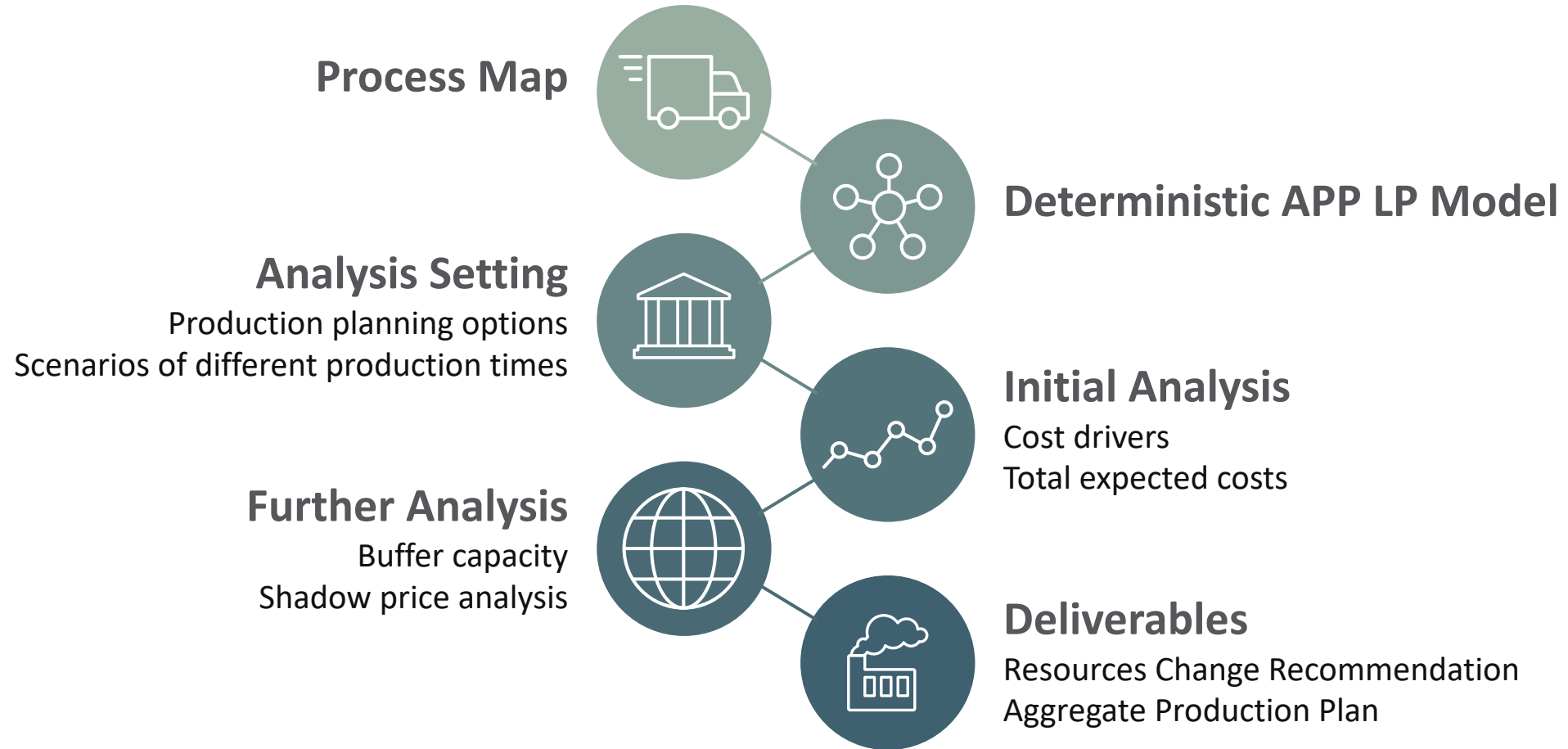


***Feasible Production Plan for ETO Products***

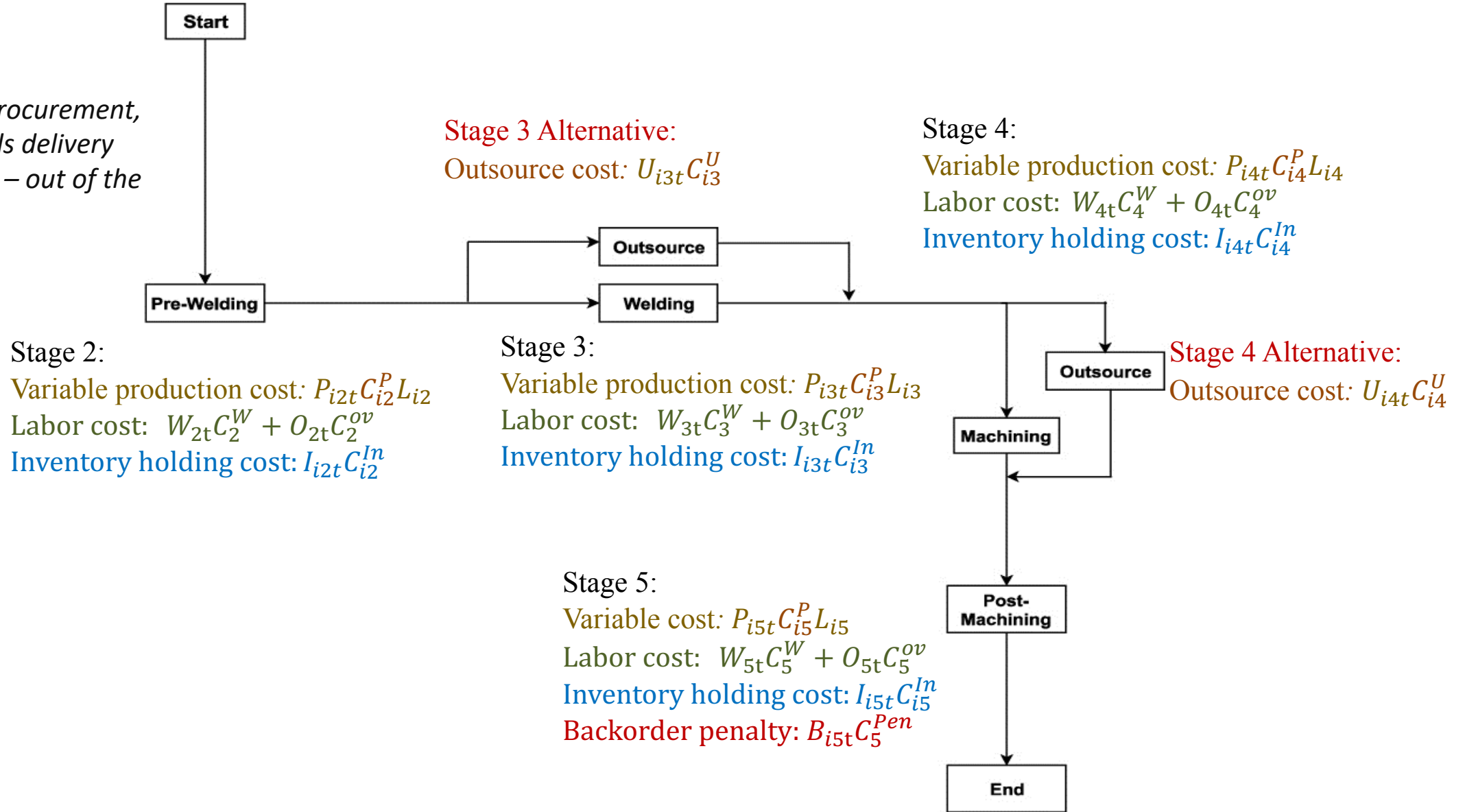


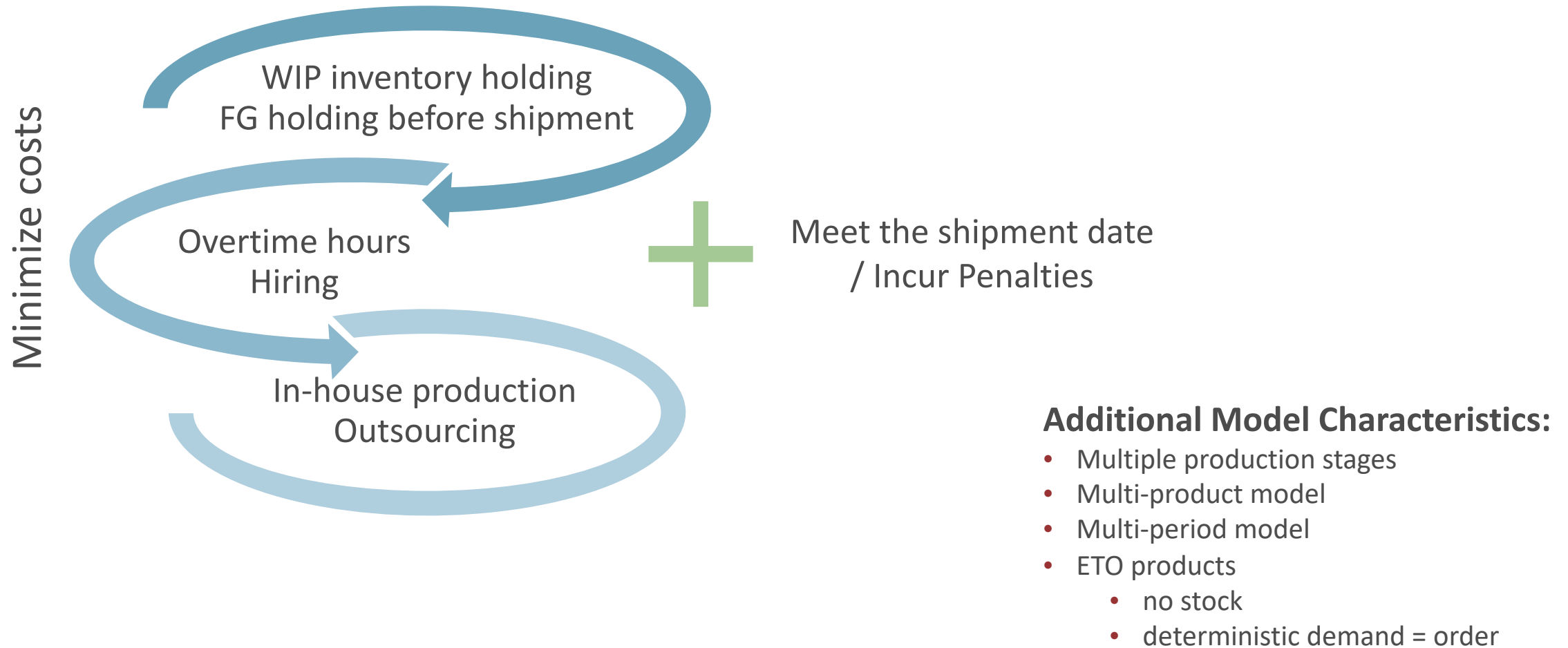
***Under Process Uncertainty with Minimum Cost***





\*Stage 1 – procurement, raw materials delivery and holding – out of the scope





## New Employees Hiring



## Overtime Hours



## Outsourcing



Option 1:  
(Both in-house and outsourcing)

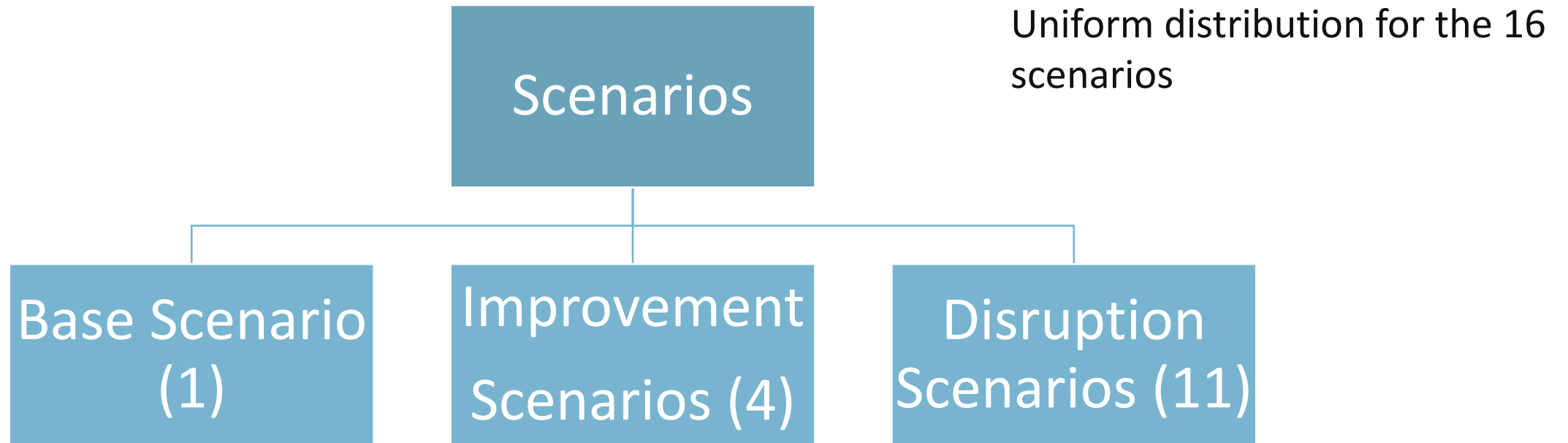


Option 2:  
(In-house regular hours only)



Option 3:  
(Emergency response without planning)





STAGE

01

- Run Model under 3 options and all scenarios
- Identify the cost drivers
- Compare costs for different production planning options

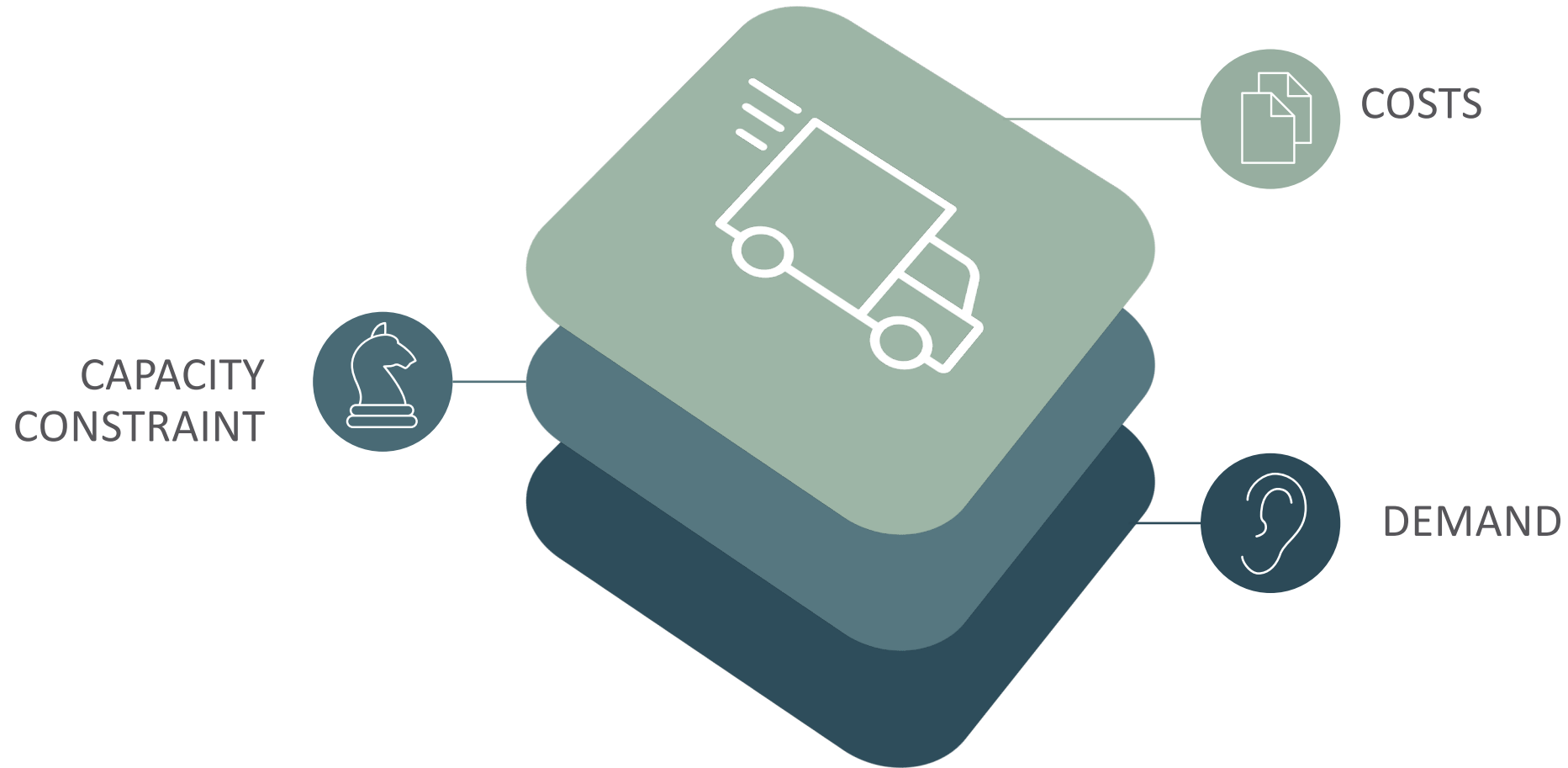


STAGE

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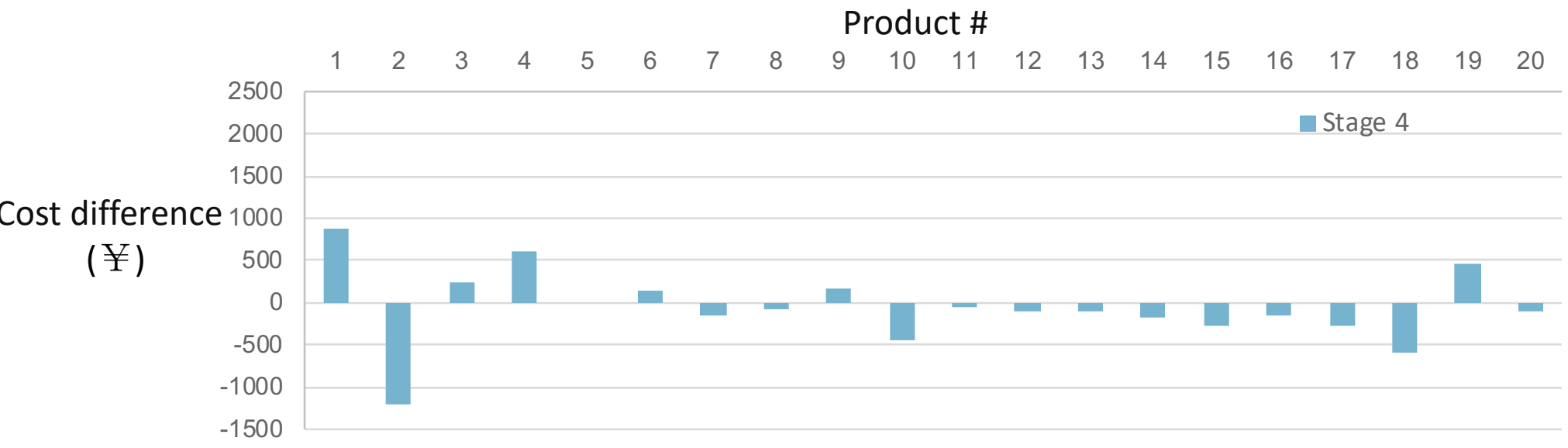
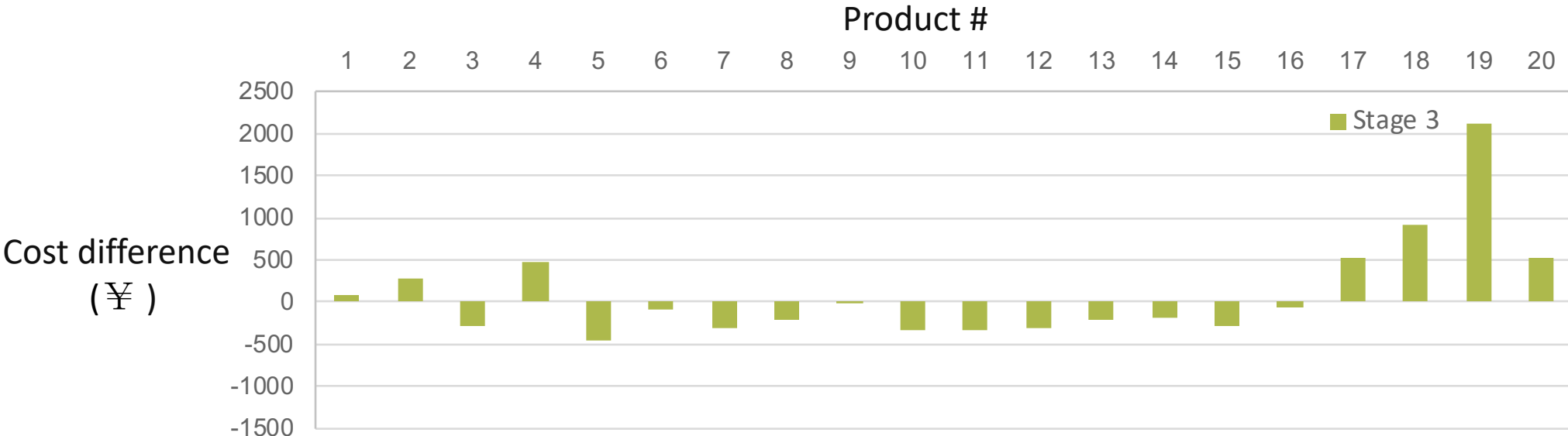
- Conduct shadow price analysis
- Calculate final production plan using buffer capacity

# Data Input

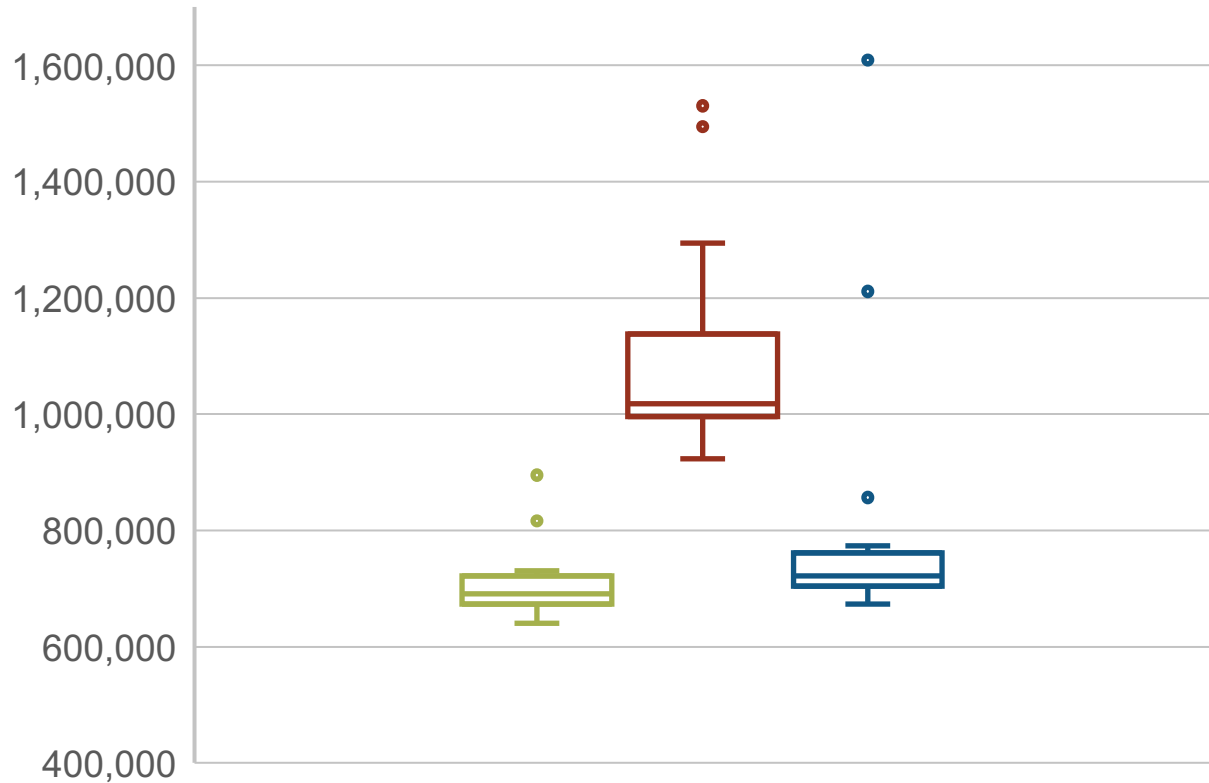




# Outsourcing Costs vs In-House Production Cost



- Option 1: Overtime, Outsource, and Hiring Allowed (¥)
- Option 2: Only Hiring Allowed (¥)
- Option 3: Only Overtime and Outsource Allowed (¥)



Total Expected Costs (for All Scenarios) under the Three Model Options

**Option 2** is the most expensive:

1. Outsourcing is cheaper for some product / stages
2. Employees can't be fired
3. Not enough capacities to produce on-time → penalties

Option 1 achieved a cost reduction of **11.9%** compared to Option 3.

Model Option	Option 1, ¥	Option 3, ¥	Cost Change, %
Total Expected Cost	714,247	810,364	-11.86%

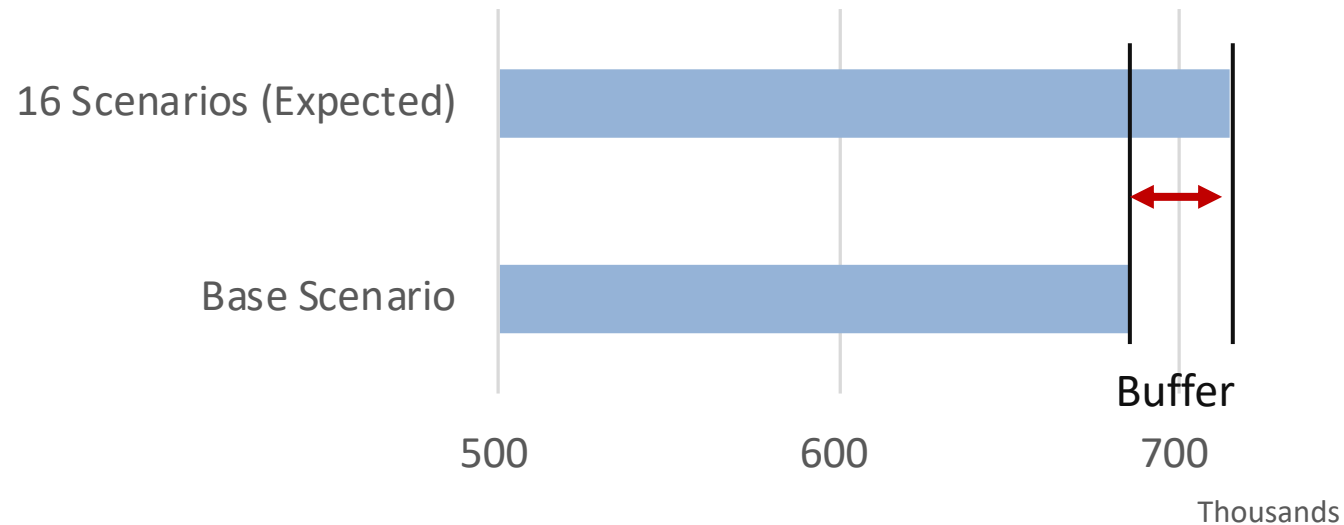


Workforce re-allocation:  
0.52% total expected cost reduction without  
headcount increase



Adding 1 equipment unit gives only 0.18% total  
expected cost reduction while investments  
required

## Production Cost



A single plan for execution:

We add buffer capacity to the base plan until production cost is equal to the total expected cost

7% capacity buffer is required for the data provided (for 4.3% additional cost vs base scenario)

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## APP LP MODEL

Use the model with hiring, outsourcing, and overtime hours



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## BUFFER CAPACITY

Add 7% buffer capacity across all stages to the base scenario



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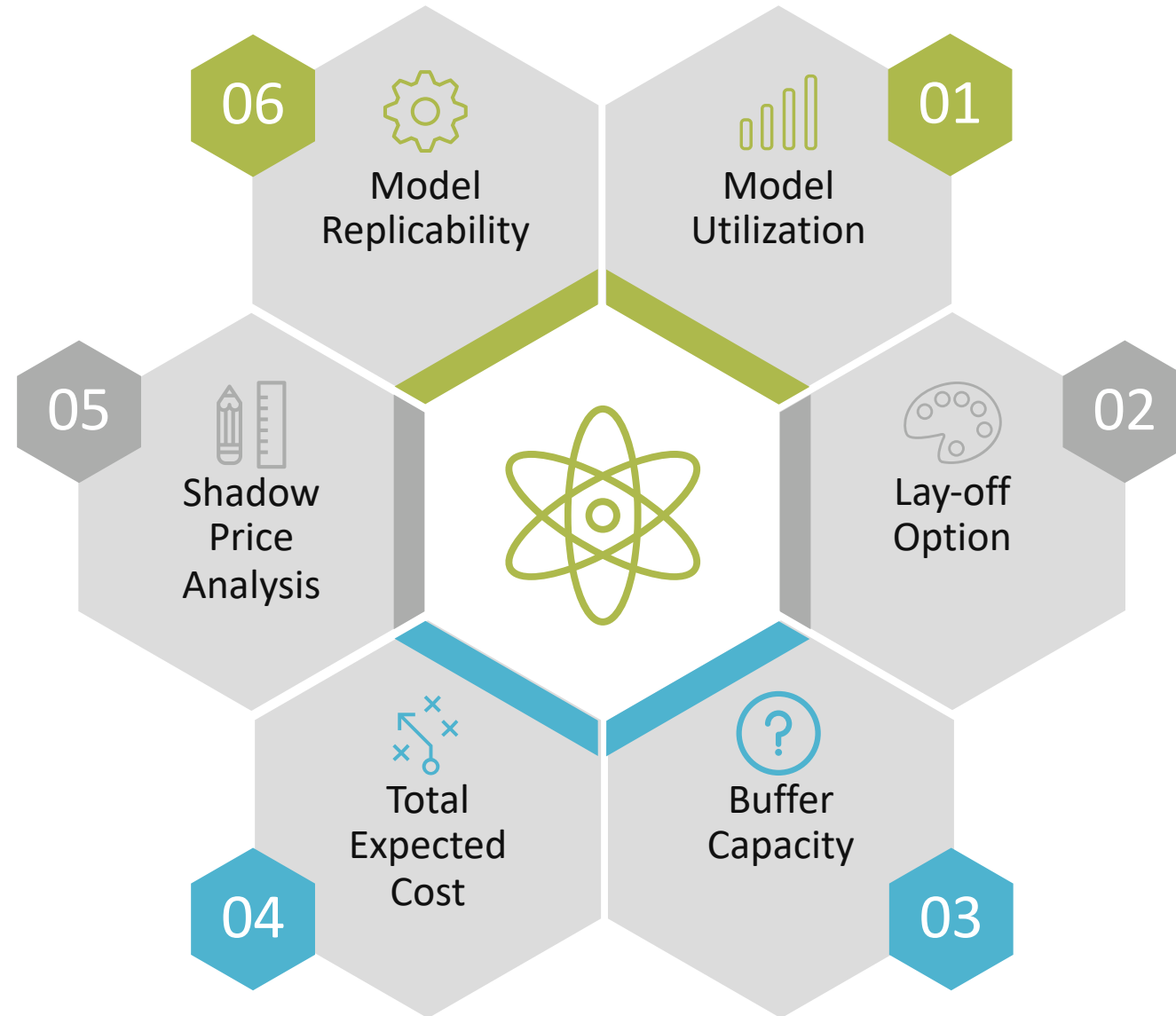
## EMPLOYEES

Remove 1 employee at stage 3 and add 1 employee at stage 5.



**12.3% COST SAVINGS**

# General Recommendations for the Company



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Questions?



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Back up slides



Supply Chain  
MANAGEMENT



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Min } z = & \sum_i \sum_s \sum_t (P_{ist} L_{is} C_{is}^P I_{ist} + I_{ist} C_{is}^{In} + U_{ist} C_{is}^U) \\ & + \sum_s \sum_t (W_{st} C_s^W + O_{st} C_s^{Ov}) + \sum_i \sum_t (B_{it} C_i^{Pen}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\forall i, \forall s, \forall t \in \{1 \dots T\} \quad (1)$$

s.t.

$$\sum_i (P_{ist} L_{is} - (HW_{st} + O_{st}) * z) \leq 0$$

$$\forall s, \forall t \in \{1 \dots T\} \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_i (P_{ist} L_{is} - (P_s^{Max} * 24 * 6) * z) \leq 0$$

$$\forall s, \forall t \in \{1 \dots T\} \quad (3)$$

$$W_{st} - W_{st-1} - A_{st} = 0$$

$$\forall s, \forall t \in \{1 \dots T\} \quad (4)$$

$$O_{st} - O^{max} W_{st} * z \leq 0$$

$$\forall s, \forall t \in \{1 \dots T\} \quad (5)$$

$$U_{ist} - U_{is}^{Max} \leq 0$$

$$\forall i, \forall s, \forall t \quad (6)$$

$$I_{ist-1} - I_{ist} + P_{ist} + U_{ist} - (P_{is+1t} + U_{is+1t}) = 0$$

$$\forall i, \forall s \in \{1 \dots S-1\}, \forall t \in \{1 \dots T\} \quad (7)$$

$$I_{ist-1} - I_{ist} + P_{ist} + U_{ist} - D_{it} - B_{it-1} + B_{it} = 0$$

$$\forall i, s=S, \forall t \in \{1 \dots T\} \quad (8)$$

$$A_{st} \ W_{st} \ I_{ist} \ P_{ist} \ U_{ist} \ O_{st} \ B_{it} \geq 0$$

$$\forall s, \forall t \quad (9)$$

$$0 < z < 1$$

$$(10)$$

Indices:

$i$  – product,  $1 < i < N$

$s$  – production stage,  $1 < s < S$

$t$  – time period,  $0 < t < T$

Decision variables:

$A_{st}$  - employees to hire at start of period  $t$ , stage  $s$

$W_{st}$  - employees in the end of period  $t$ , stage  $s$

$O_{st}$  - overtime hours to work in period  $t$ , stage  $s$

$I_{ist}$  - units of inventory, product  $i$ , end of period  $t$ , stage  $s$

$P_{ist}$  - units to produce internally, period  $t$ , stage  $s$ , product  $i$

$U_{ist}$  - units to outsource, period  $t$ , stage  $s$ , product  $i$

$B_{it}$  – units of backlog by product by week

Input data:

$D_{it}$  - demand for product  $i$  period  $t$ , units

$L_{is}$  - production time for stage  $s$  product  $i$ , hours/unit

$W_{s0}$  - workforce at week 0 stage  $s$ , # of employees

$H$  - working hours, hours/person/week

$O^{max}$  - max hours of overtime, hours/person/week

$U_{is}^{max}$  - max outsourcing product  $i$  stage  $s$ , units/week

$P_s^{Max}$  - production equipment by stage, units

$I_{is0}$  - inventory at week 0 product  $i$  stage  $s$ , units

$C_{is}^P$  - production cost for product  $i$  stage  $s$ , ¥/hour

$C_s^{Ov}$  - cost of overtime hour for stage  $s$ , ¥/hour

$C_s^W$  - cost of employee for stage  $s$ , ¥/person/week

$C_{is}^{In}$  - inventory holding cost product  $i$  stage  $s$ , ¥/unit/week

$C_{is}^U$  – outsource cost product  $i$  stage  $s$ , ¥/unit

$C_i^{Pen}$  – late delivery penalty product  $i$ , ¥/unit/week

- 1) Calculation buffer capacity by every production stage based on scenarios probability derived from historical data (needs to be collected)
- 2) Adding buffer capacity size to the objective function of the LP model
- 3) Adding more constraints and inputs to the model

## *In-House Production Plan Example for the Base Scenario*

Product-Stage	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13	Week 14
Product 8, Stage 2	0	0	13.1	4.5	0	0
Product 8, Stage 3	1.1	18.1	27.2	16.1	17.5	0
Product 8, Stage 4	0	0	46.4	0	33.6	0
Product 8, Stage 5	0	0	46.4	0	33.6	0

## *Inventories Level for Work-in-Progress Materials for the Base Scenario*

Product-Stage	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13	Week 14
Product 8, Stage 2	61.4	43.2	29.1	17.5	0	0
Product 8, Stage 3	1.1	19.2	0	16.1	0	0
Product 8, Stage 4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Product 8, Stage 5	0	0	46.4	46.4	8	0

## *Overtime Hours Planned for the Base Scenario*

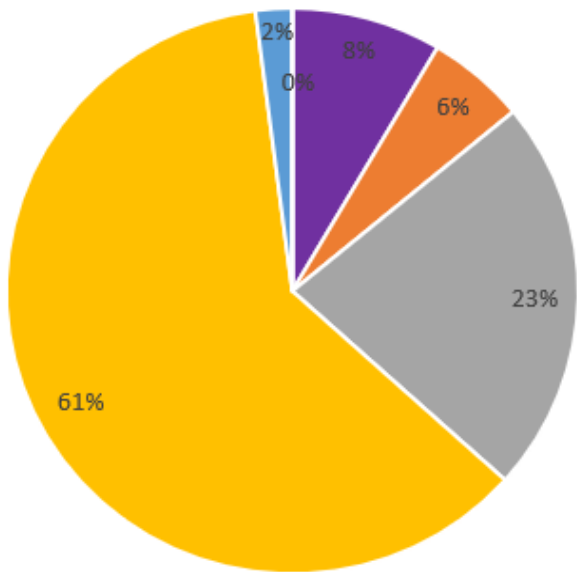
Stage	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13	Week 14
Stage 1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stage 2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stage 3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stage 4	0	0	45.6	86.2	43.9	0

# Base Scenario Cost Breakdown

■ In house production ■ Inventory ■ Outsourcing Cost ■ Salary ■ Overtime ■ Backlog

Option 1:

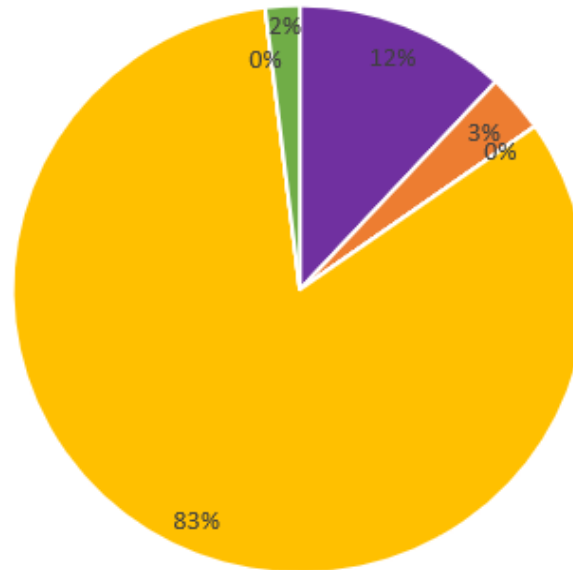
Hiring, Overtime and Outsource Allowed



Total Cost = ¥ 684,833

Option 2:

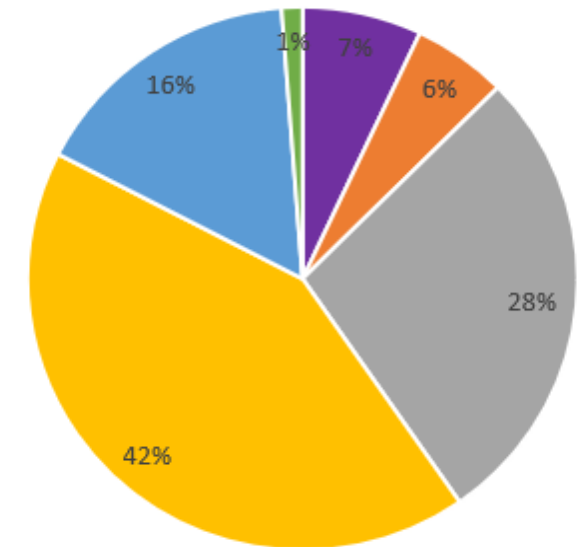
No Overtime, Outsource But Hiring Allowed



Total Cost = ¥ 1,007,545

Option 3:

Overtime and Outsource Allowed, No Hiring

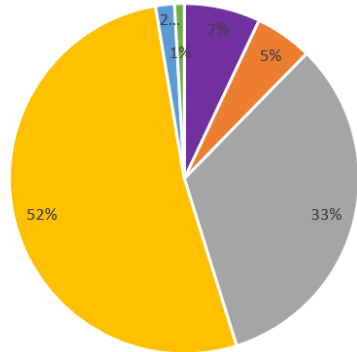


Total Cost = ¥ 714,766

# Extreme Scenarios Cost Breakdown

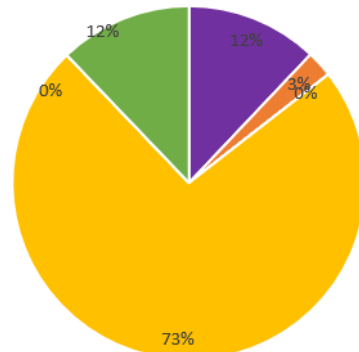
■ In house production 
 ■ Inventory 
 ■ Outsourcing Cost 
 ■ Salary 
 ■ Overtime 
 ■ Backlog

Option 1:  
Hiring, Overtime and Outsource Allowed



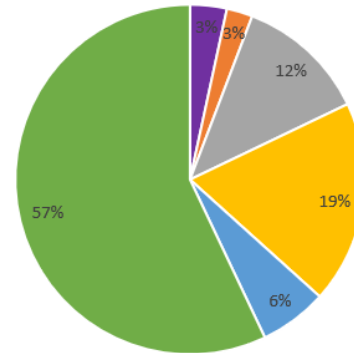
Total Cost = ¥ 895,161

Option 2:  
No Overtime, Outsource but Hiring Allowed



Total Cost = ¥ 1,494,430

Option 3:  
Overtime and Outsource Allowed, No Hiring

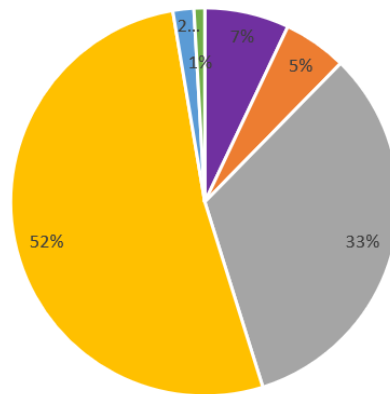


Total Cost = ¥ 1,609,120

## Scenario 6

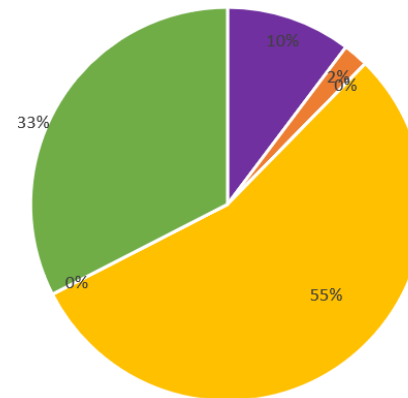
■ In house production 
 ■ Inventory 
 ■ Outsourcing Cost 
 ■ Salary 
 ■ Overtime 
 ■ Backlog

Option 1:  
Hiring, Overtime and Outsource Allowed



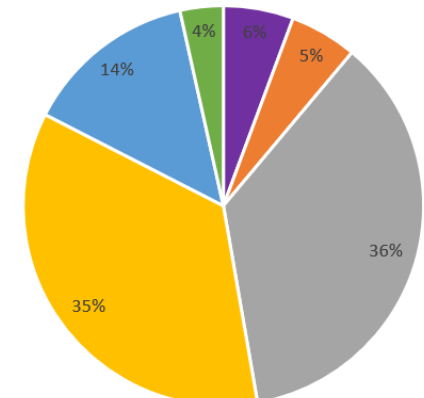
Total Cost = ¥ 822,813

Option 2:  
None of Overtime, Outsource or Hiring Allowed



Total Cost = ¥ 1,530,375

Option 3:  
Overtime and Outsource Allowed, No Hiring



Total Cost = ¥ 856,347

## Scenario 7