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# Lean Manufacturing – VSM-1 – Solution support

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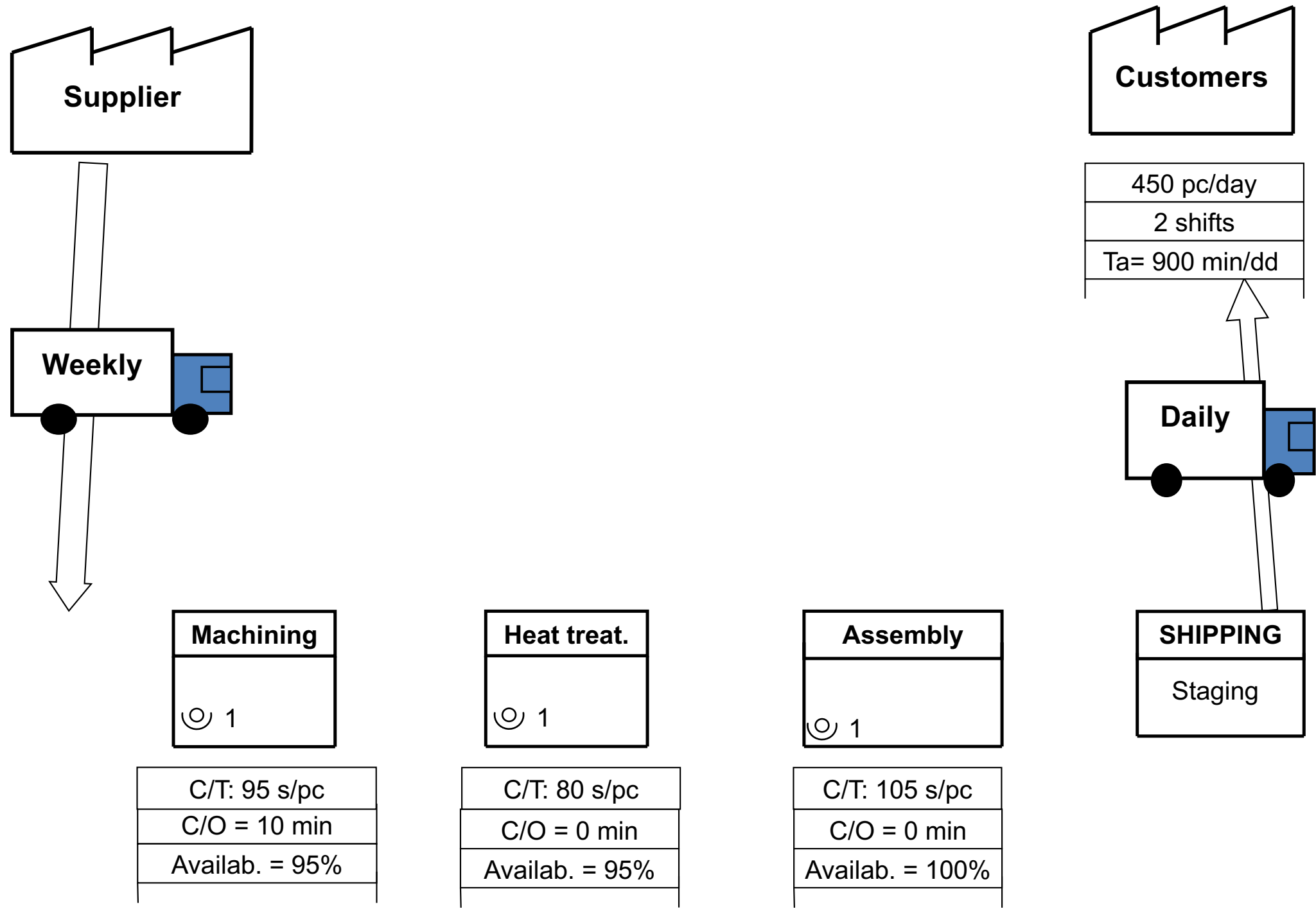
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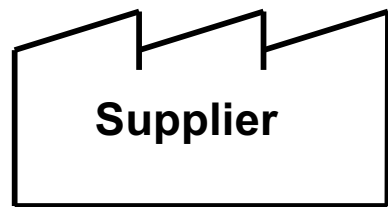
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- (1) Material flow
- (2) Information flow
- (3) Timeline

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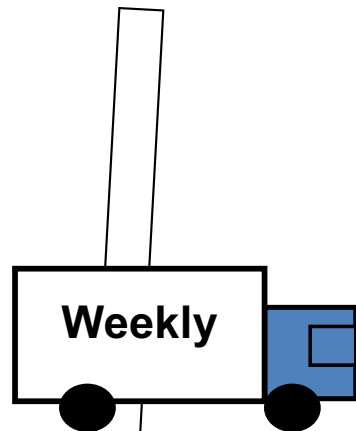


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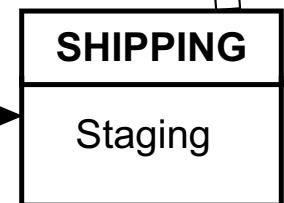
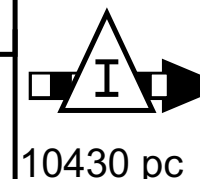
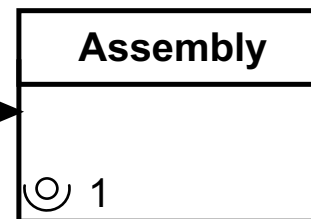
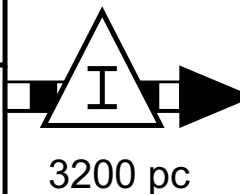
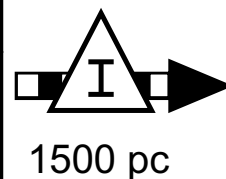
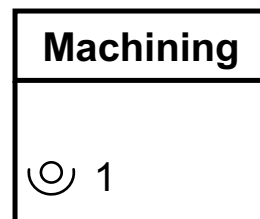
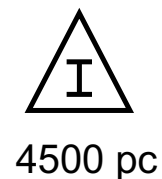
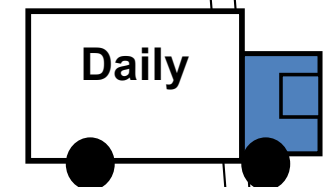


$$T_a = 7,5 \text{ h/shift} * 2 \text{ shifts} = 15 \text{ h/day} = \mathbf{900 \text{ min/day}}$$

**Value of raw material stocks:**  
 $10 \text{ days} * 450 \text{ pc/day} = 4500 \text{ pcs}$



450 pc/day
2 shifts
Ta= 900 min/dd

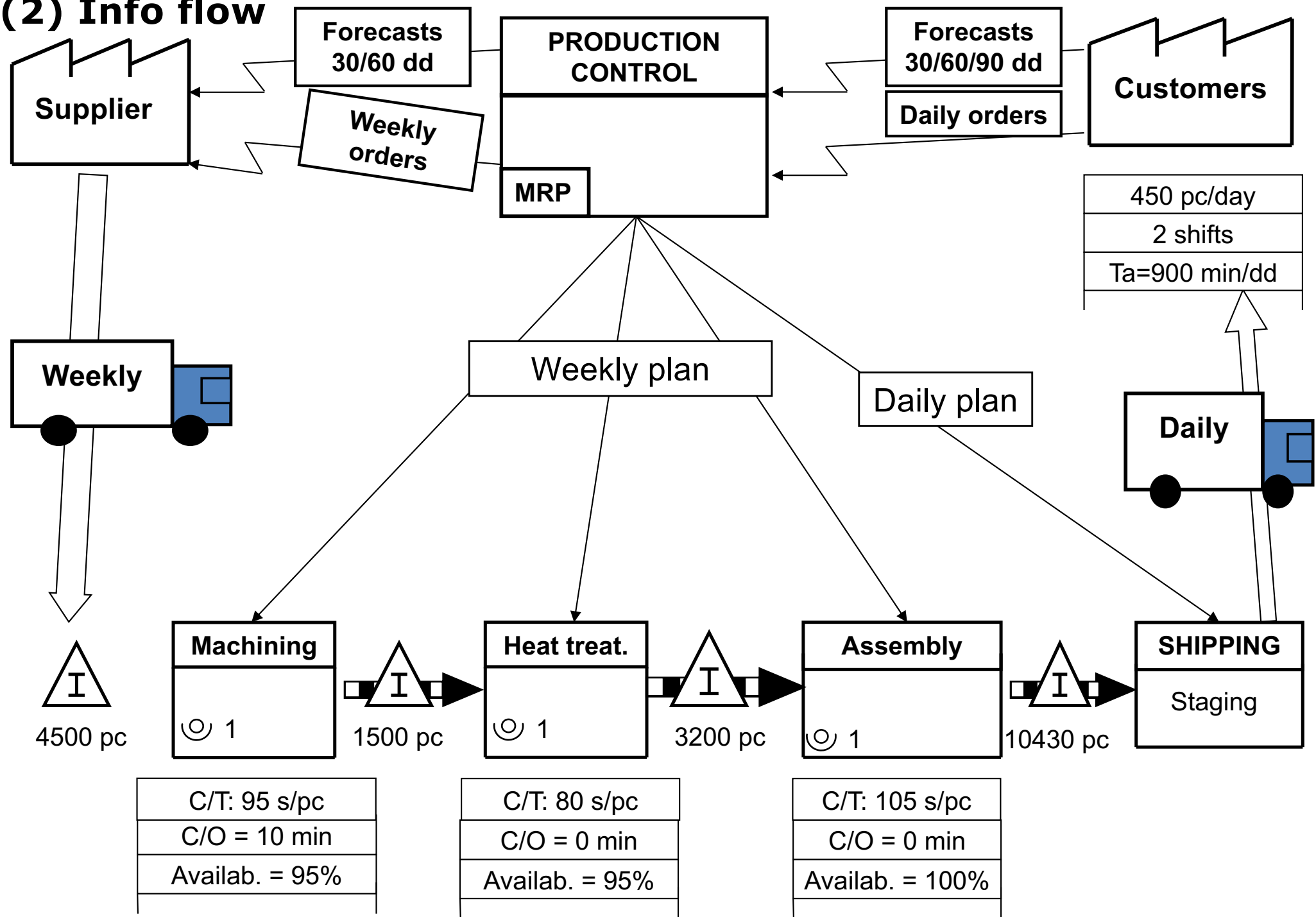


C/T: 95 s/pc
C/O = 10 min
Availab. = 95%

C/T: 80 s/pc
C/O = 0 min
Availab. = 95%

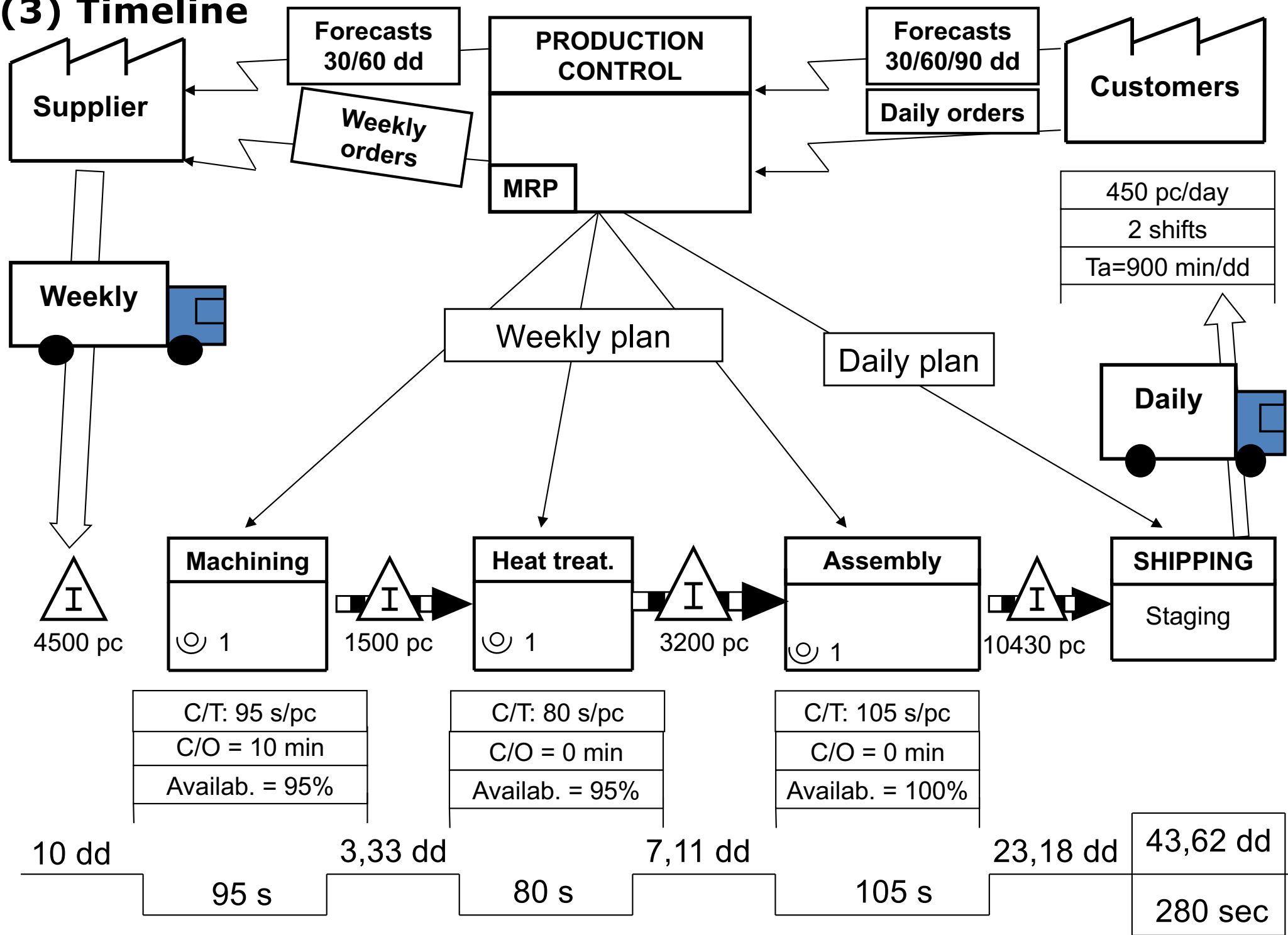
C/T: 105 s/pc
C/O = 0 min
Availab. = 100%

(2) Info flow





(3) Timeline



# Exercise 1

**Q2: The general manager defines as internal target that each stage of the company must be flexible enough to produce all the variants each day. Which improvement should the company implement?**

EPE (every part ever) = time required to sort the whole product range

$$\mathbf{EPE \cdot T_p + T_s \leq EPE \cdot T_a}$$

Being able to daily supply customers with the whole range -> EPE = 1

The stage that creates rigidity to the system is the **machining**  
All other stages have null setup times.

Ta= 900 min/day

Product range= 68 products

Demand= 450 pc/day



## Exercise 1

$$\mathbf{EPE * T_p + T_s \leq EPE * T_a}$$

$$1 * T_p + T_s \leq 1 * T_a$$

We need to verify for Machining stage if the equation is valid  
i.e. whether Machining stage is able to fully satisfy customers requests in terms of volume and mix.

$$1 * \frac{95 \text{ sec/pc}}{60 * 95\%} * 450 \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{day}} + 10 \frac{\text{min}}{\text{setups}} * 68 \text{ setups} \leq 900 \frac{\text{min}}{\text{day}}$$

$$1430 \frac{\text{min}}{\text{day}} \leq 900 \frac{\text{min}}{\text{day}} \quad \times$$

**Hence, according to the current situation the company is not able to fully satisfy customers demand daily.**

## Exercise 1

We need therefore to improve the system i.e. redefining setup time for Machining so then it is possible to achieve  $EPE = 1$  day

$$1 * T_p + T_s \leq 1 * T_a$$

$$1 * \frac{95 \text{ sec/pc}}{60 * 95\%} * 450 \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{day}} + x * 68 \text{ setups} \leq 900 \frac{\text{min}}{\text{day}}$$

Where  $x$  is the setup time

$$x \leq 9000 / 4080 = 2,2 \text{ minutes}$$

Reducing the setup time by SMED.

## Exercise 2

Q1: Draw the company Current State Map of the Company

Q2: In the current situation, which is the EPE of the company to fulfill the requirements of demand (volume and mix)?

Q3: The new plant manager decided to decrease warehouse costs. After analysing the customer demand she decided to set a maximum stock level of 3600 finished products, and all other buffers/stocks sized with the same EPE. Highlighting all suggested improvements in order to ensure the target achievement.

## Exercise 2

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# (1) Materials flow



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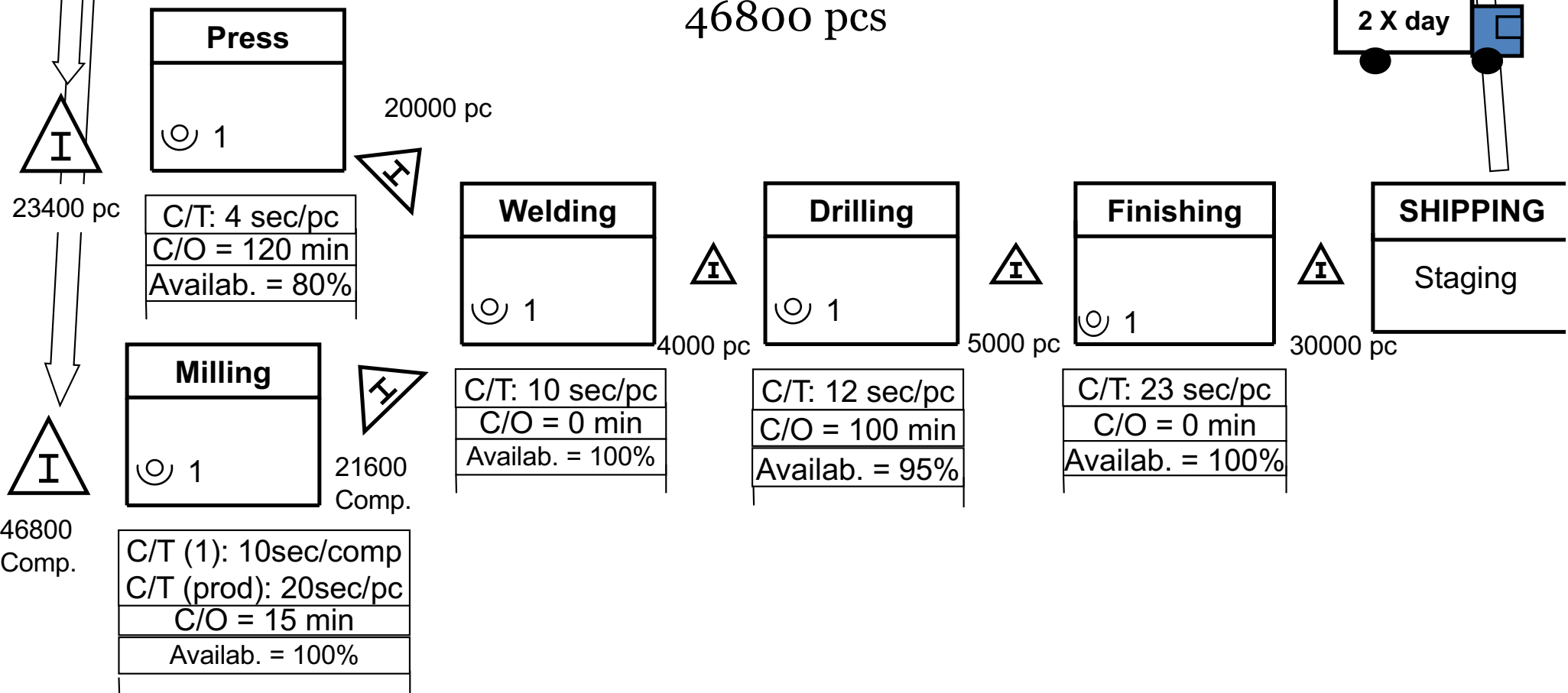
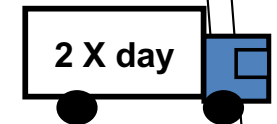
## Value of raw material stocks:

Press: 13 day \* 1800 pc/day = 23400 pcs

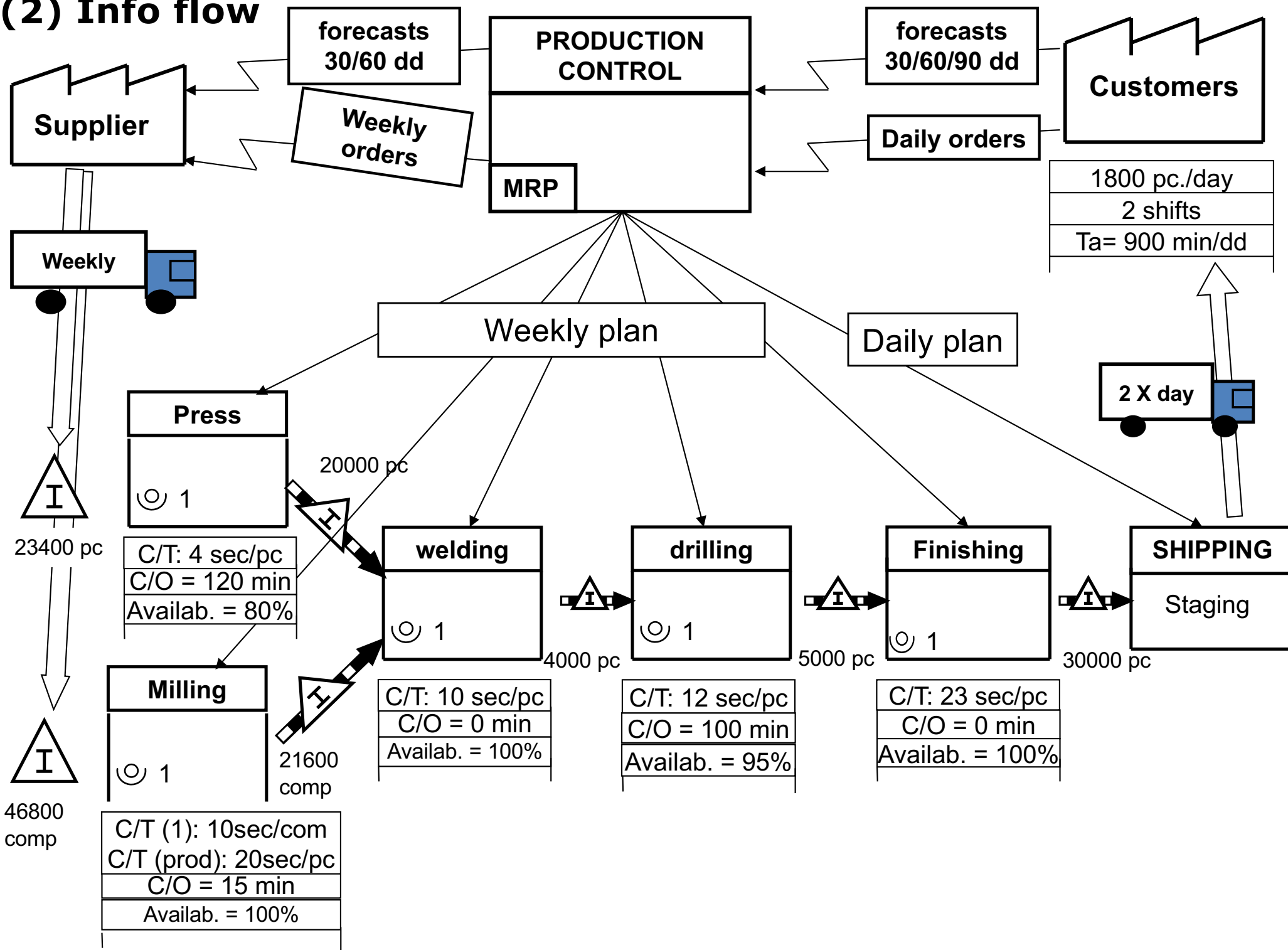
Milling: 13 day \* 2 components \* 1800 pc/day = 46800 pcs



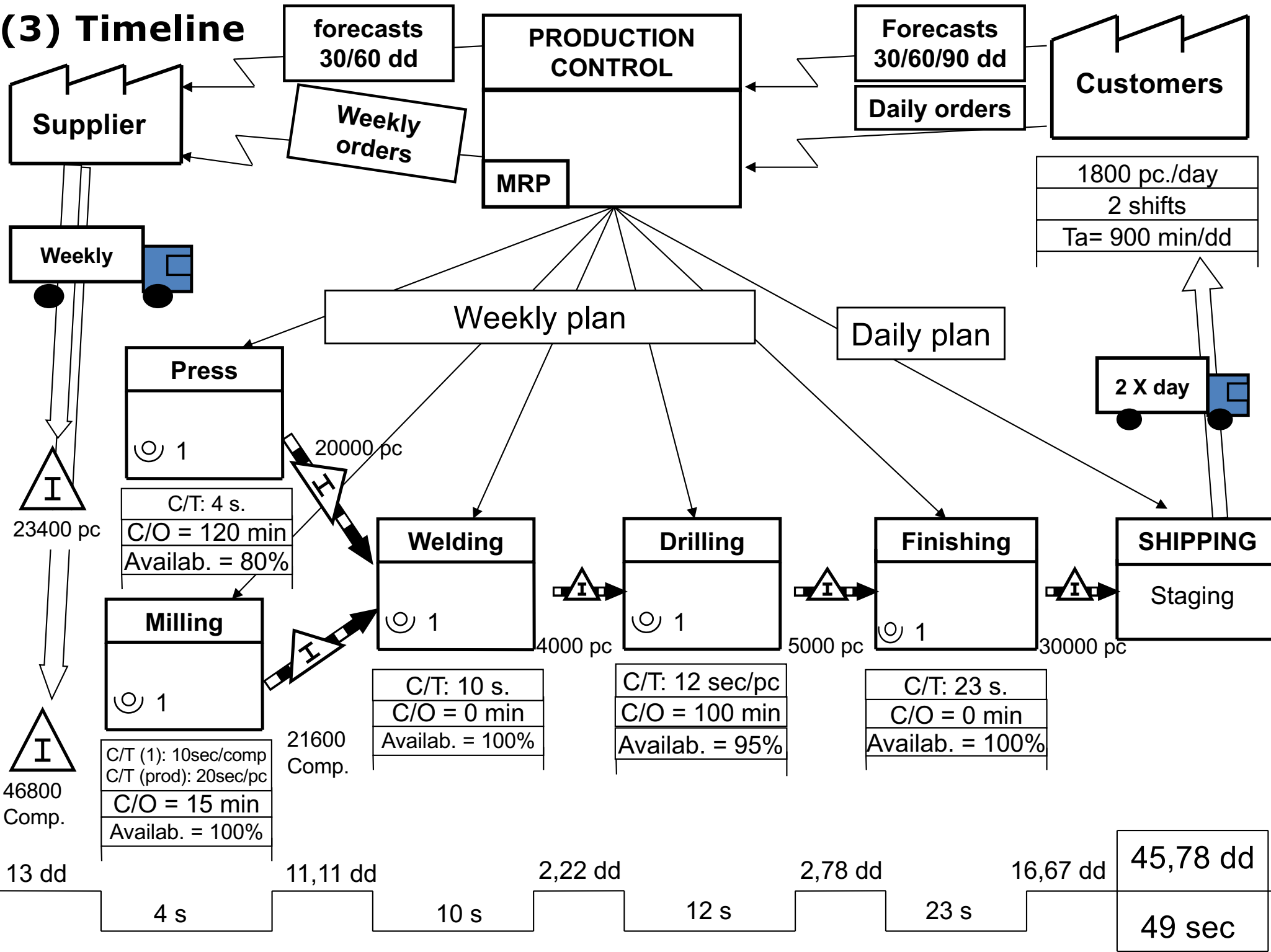
1800 pc./day
2 shifts
Ta= 900 min/dd



(2) Info flow



(3) Timeline





## Exercise 2

**Q2: In the current situation, which is the EPE of the company to fulfill the requirements of demand (volume and mix)?**

EPE (every part ever) = time required to sort the whole product range

$$\mathbf{EPE \cdot T_p + T_s \leq EPE \cdot T_a}$$

$$\mathbf{EPE \geq \frac{T_s}{T_a - T_p}}$$

What is the EPE for the company?

It's necessary to calculate the time, in days, necessary to restore the product range, under the constraint of available times and the demand required by the customer.

## Exercise 2

### Press

$$4/0,8*1800*X + 6*120*60 \leq 900*0,6*60*X$$

$$X \geq 43200/23400 = \mathbf{1,85 \text{ dd}}$$

### Milling

$$(10)*2*1800*X + 6*15*60 \leq 900*0,7*60*X$$

$$X \geq \mathbf{3 \text{ days}}$$


### Drilling

$$12/0.95*1800*X + 6*100*60 \leq 900*60*X$$

$$X \geq \mathbf{1.15 \text{ days}}$$

Welding and Finishing have C/O null.

**COMPANY'S EPE = 3 DAYS**

## Exercise 2

**Q3: The new plant manager decided to decrease warehouse costs. Therefore, the maximum size allowed for any stocks or buffer is 2700pc. Draw the Future State of the company, highlighting all suggested improvements in order to ensure the target achievement.**

$$\text{Buffer size} = 1,5 * EPE^{Target} * D = 2700\text{pc}$$

$$EPE^{Target} = 2700\text{pc} / (1,5 * D) = 1 \text{ day}$$

## Exercise 2

The Future State Map is built by answering 8 key questions:

1. What is the **takt time** of the production family?
2. The company needs to build the product for a finished products **supermarket** or **directly for shipment** to the customer?
3. Where to **put the flow**?
4. Where to enable a **pull supermarket**?
5. What only point in the production chain (the **pacemaker** process) does the company have to plan?
6. How should the company **level the production** mix at pacemaker process?
7. What should be the **increase of work** to be released to the pacemaker process?
8. What **improvements** to the process will be required to get the Value Stream flow described by the Future State?

## Exercise 2

### 1. What is the takt time of the production family?

Time Available for production (Ta)= Time plant opening– Scheduled stops

Customer request = customer demand (d)

$$\text{Takt time (TT)} = \frac{T_a}{d}$$

Ta = 900min/day

D = 1800 pc/day

**TT= 900 min/day/1800 pc/day = 30 sec/pc**

## Exercise 2

### 2. Produce for supermarkets or for shipping?

How to organise the production?

Some drivers:

- Delivery time to the customer
- Product features (good value, obsolescence level, standardization level of the product)
- Demand predictability
- Demand stability
- .....

We can become faster enough to have next day delivery, but finished goods inventories are in this case mostly for absorbing customer demand

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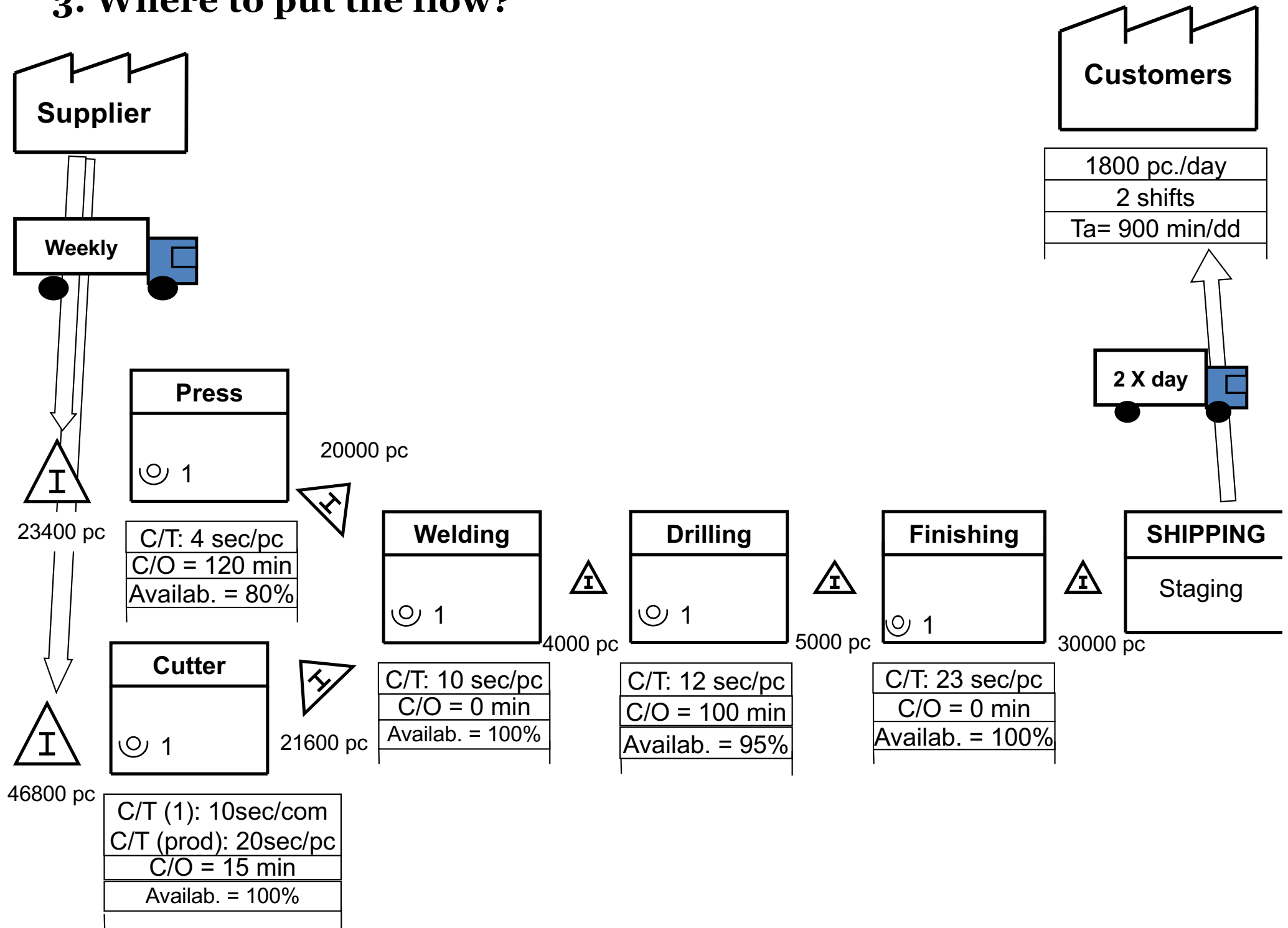
### 3. Where to put the flow?

#### General methodology

- Start from the **final stage and go upstream** thinking stage by stage where to put CONTINUOUS FLOW and where to decouple (with SUPERMARKET or FIFO).
- Verify **DECAF Conditions**.
- Set intermediate targets (not necessarily all at once in a continuous flow, but also FIFO and supermarket).



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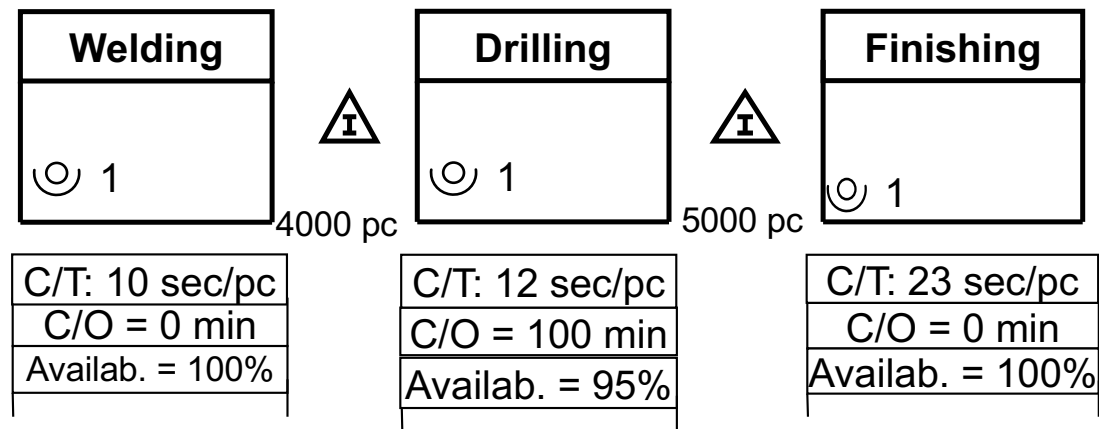
DeCAF condition

Dedicated

Capable

Available

Flexible



## Exercise 2

### 3. Where to put the flow?

You can create a cell for welding, drilling, assembly.

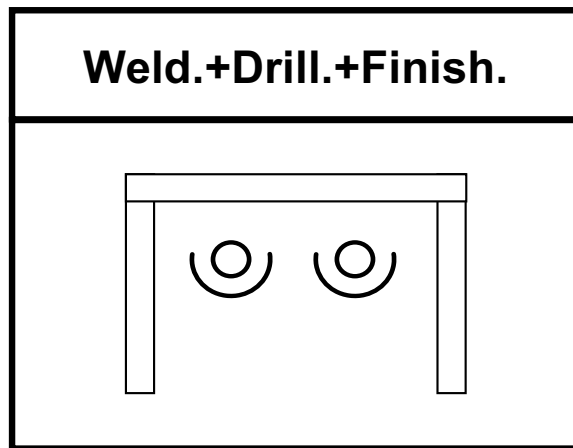
#### **What actions are needed?**

Create a cell means to bring machines closer and remove the decoupling stocks.

- How many **operators** are needed at the cell?
- What is the **cell cycle time**?
- What is the **cell Availability**?
- What is the **cell setup time**?

## Exercise 2

### 3. Where to put the flow?



C/T= 23 sec/pc
C/O= 100 min
A = 95%
2 Operators

$$WCT=(10+12+23)\text{sec} = 45 \text{ sec}$$

$$\# \text{operators} = \left\lceil \frac{WCT}{TT_1} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{45}{30} \right\rceil = \lceil 1,5 \rceil = \mathbf{2 \text{ operators}}$$

We can save one operator

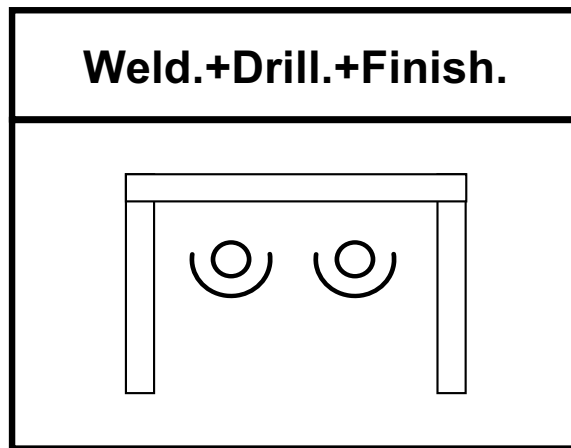
Rebalance of work: first operators works on 2 machines for welding and drilling, the second on the finishing machine

(1) Workload of first operator: 22s

(2) Workload of second operator: 23 s.

## Exercise 2

### 3. Where to put the flow?



C/T= 23 sec/pc
C/O= 100 min
A = 95%
2 Operators

- **Dedicated:** yes
- **Capable:**  $CT < TT$   
 $23 \text{ sec} < 30 \text{ sec}$   
yes
- **Available:**  $CT/A < TT$   
 $23 \text{ sec}/0,95 < 30 \text{ sec}$   
yes

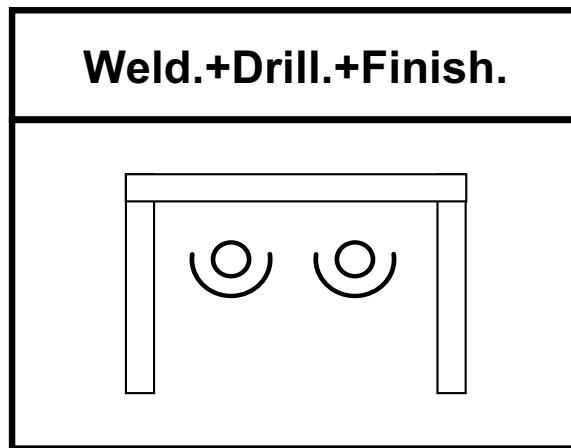
- **Flexible**

Which is the cell EPE?

$$EPE \geq \frac{Ts}{Ta - Tp} = \frac{6 * 100 * 60}{900min * 60 - \frac{23}{0,95} * 1800} = 3,45 \text{ days}$$

## Exercise 2

### 3. Where to put the flow?



C/T= 23 sec/pc
C/O= 28.94 min
A = 95%
2 Operators

Improvement:  $EPE^{Target} = 1 \text{ day}$

$$EPE * Tp + Ts \leq EPE * Ta$$

$$1 * Tp + Ts \leq 1 * Ta$$

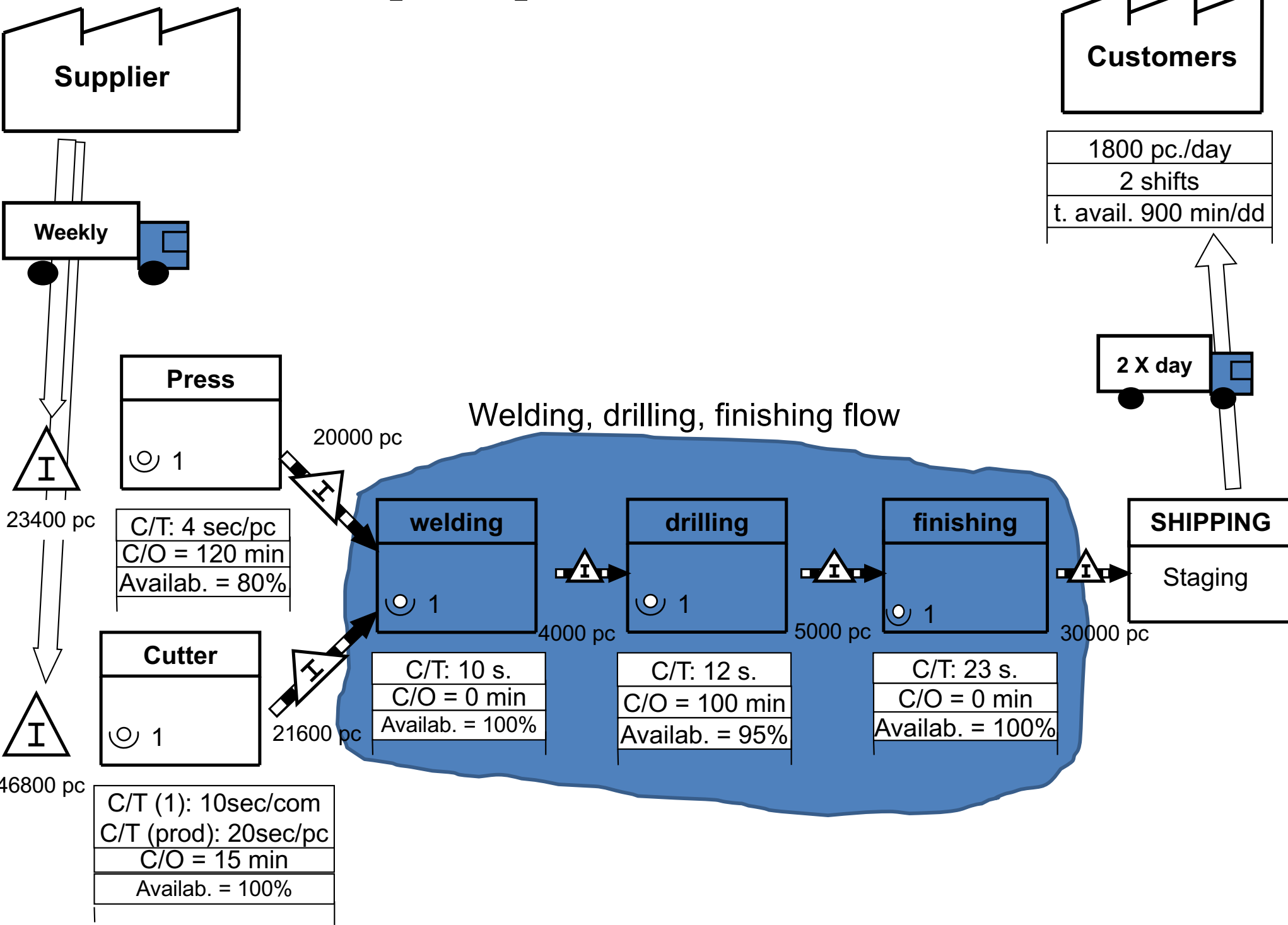
$$1 * (23 \text{ sec/pc}) / 95\% * 1800 \text{ pc/day} + x * 6 \text{ setups} * 60 \leq 900 \text{ min/day} * 60$$

Where  $x$  is the setup time

$$x \leq 28,94 \text{ min/setups}$$

Reducing the setup time using SMED.

# 4. Where to enable a pull supermarket?





## Exercise 2

### 4. Where to enable a pull supermarket?

- High production batches
- Low machinery reliability
- Shared resource.....

### Press stage

### Cutter stage

Starting from the initial situation of stage rigidity, identify a first initial goal of improvement (EPE reduction)

Then proceed to subsequent improvements

## Exercise 2

### 4. Where to enable a pull supermarket?

**Press stage** (initial minimum EPE = 1.85 days)

First improvement goal:  **$EPE^{Target} = 1 \text{ day}$**

Calculate the first reduction target of the setup time

$$EPE * T_p + T_s \leq EPE * T_a$$

$$1 * T_p + T_s \leq 1 * T_a$$

$$1 * \frac{4 \text{ sec/pc}}{80\%} * 1800 \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{day}} + x * 6 \text{ setups} \leq 900 \frac{\text{min}}{\text{day}} * 60 * 60\%$$

Where  $x$  is the setup time

$$x \leq 65 \text{ min/setup}$$

## Exercise 2

### 4. Where to enable a pull supermarket?

**Cutter stage** (initial minimum EPE = 3 days)

First improvement goal:  **$EPE^{Target} = 1 \text{ day}$**

Calculate the first reduction target of the setup time

$$EPE * T_p + T_s \leq EPE * T_a$$

$$1 * T_p + T_s \leq 1 * T_a$$

$$1 * \frac{10 \text{ sec/pc}}{100\%} * 1800 \frac{\text{pc}}{\text{day}} * 2 \frac{\text{comp}}{\text{pc}} + x * 6 \text{ setups} \leq 900 \frac{\text{min}}{\text{day}} * 60 * 70\%$$

Where  $x$  is the setup time

$$x \leq 5 \text{ min/setup}$$

## Exercise 2

### 4. Where to enable a pull supermarket?

Size of internal supermarkets downstream Press= 2700 pc

Size of internal supermarket downstream Cutter = 2700pc \* 2= 5400 pc

**Size of external supermarket =  $2 * EPE^{Target} * D = 3600$  pc**

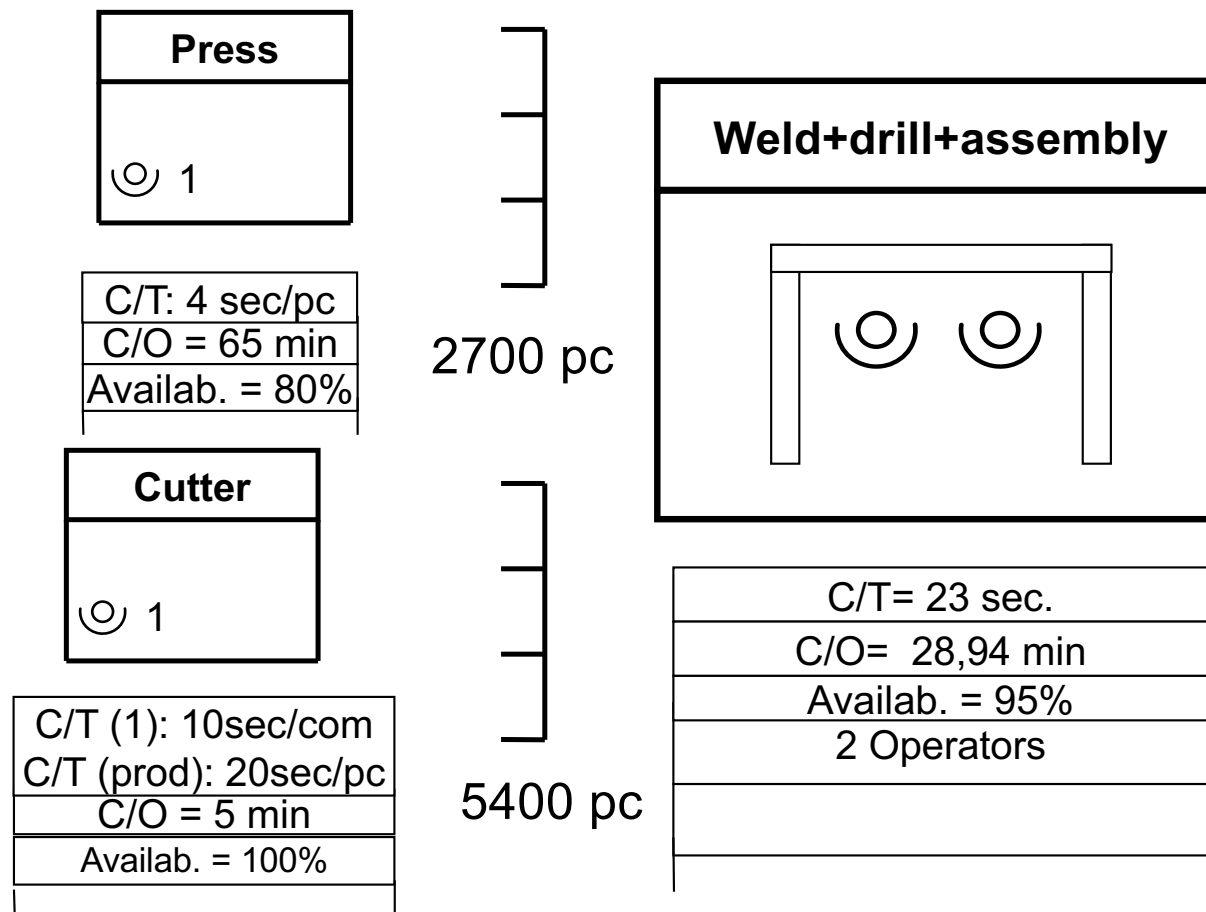
**Size of raw material supermarket =  $2 * D * EPE^{Supplier}$**

Size of raw material (Press) =  $2 * 1800 * 5 = 18000$  pc

Size of raw material (Cutter) =  $2 * 1800 * 5 * 2 = 36000$  pc

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### 4. Where to enable a pull supermarket?



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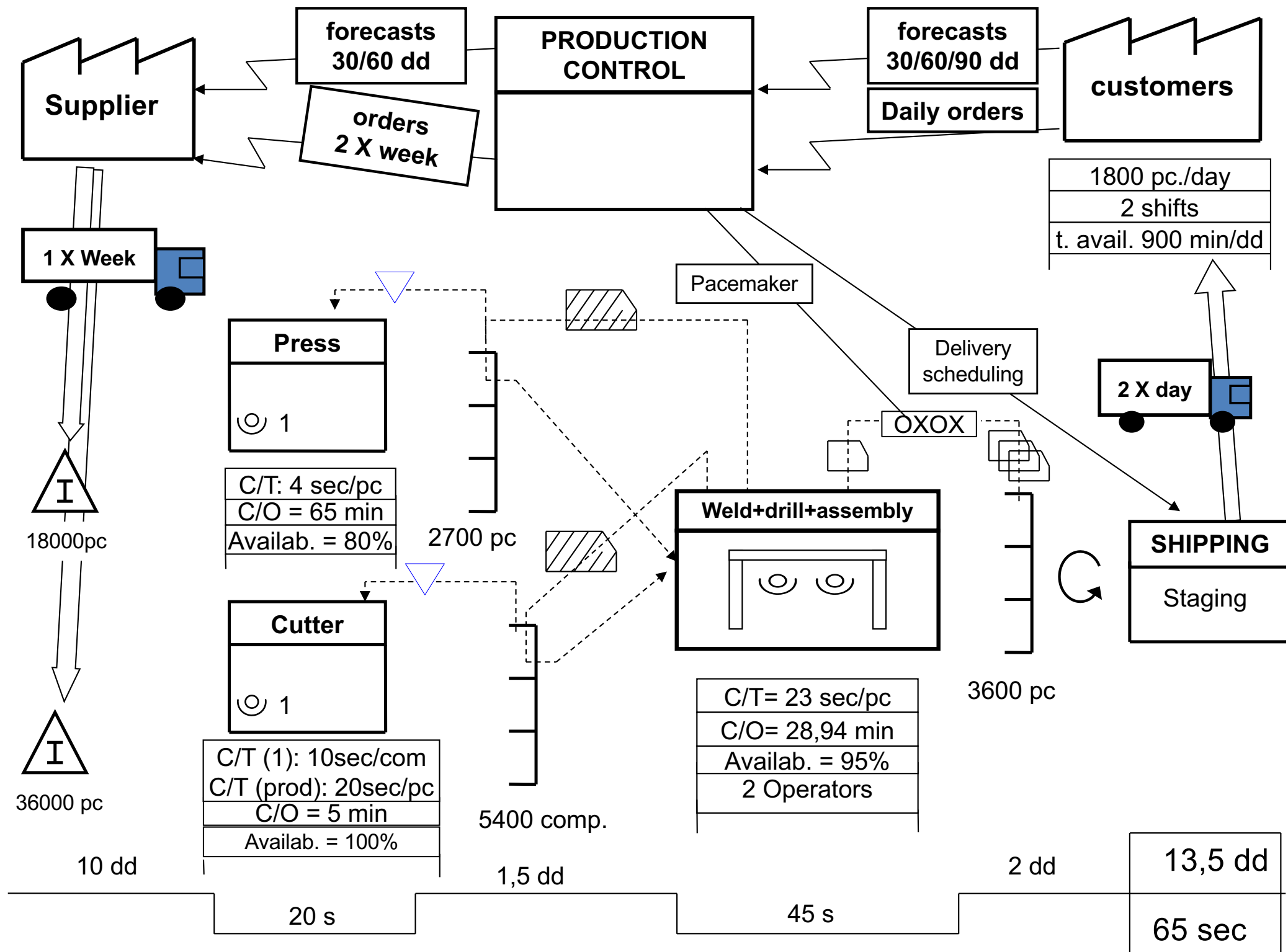
### **5. Where is the company single scheduling point?**

Pacemaker is the cell

### **6. How should the company level the product mix to pacemaker process?**

Kanban System

According to shipments that are made, the finished goods warehouse sends upstream the Kanban to a levelling box, where volume and mix are levelled and Kanban are sent to the cell in a paced way.





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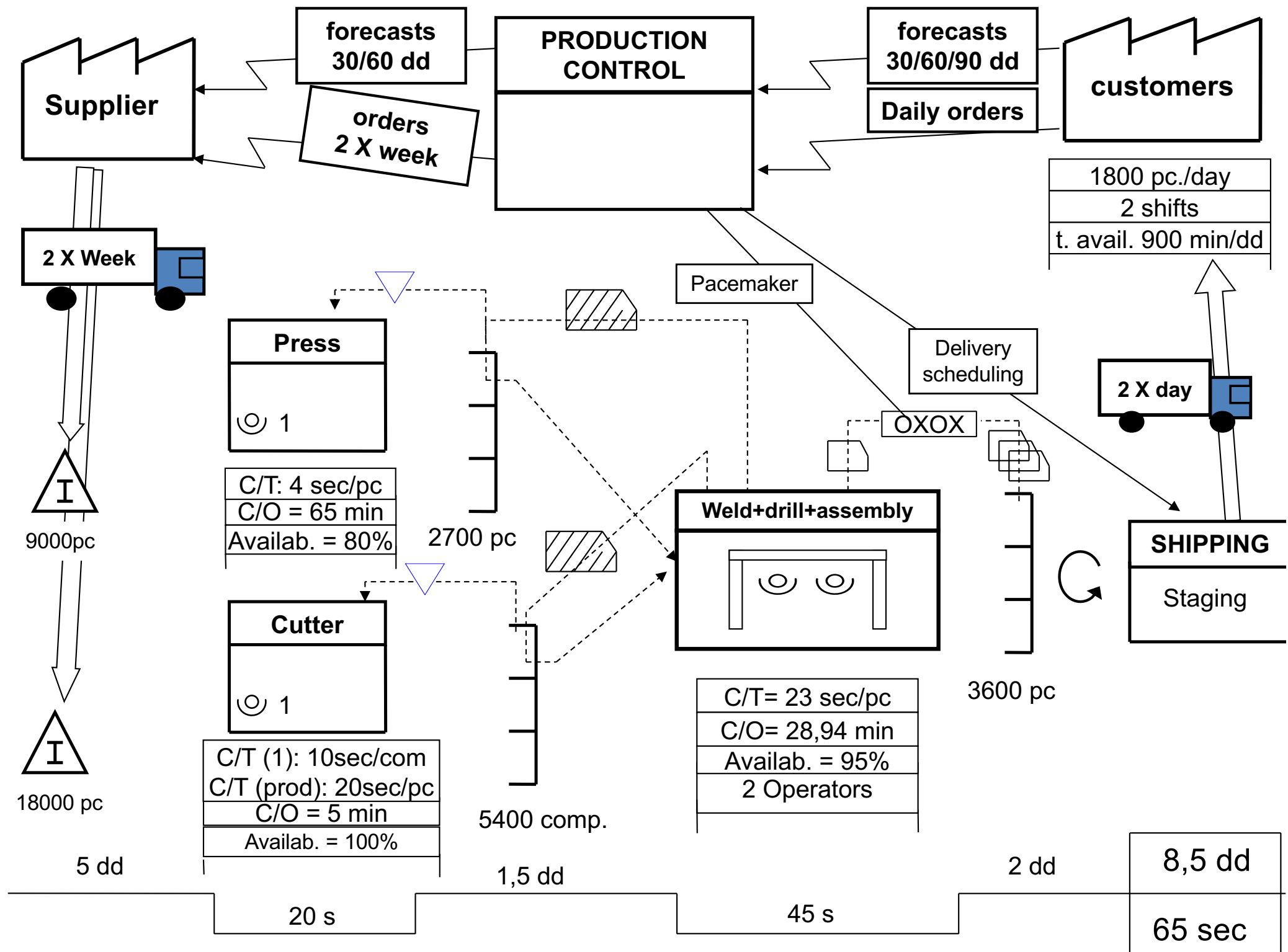
### External relationships

Further improvement can be achieved with more frequent delivery from the supplier. For example twice a week, exploiting the fact that he is delivering to our companies other days of the week for other families of products  
If we achieve 2 deliveries/week

**Size of raw material supermarket =  $2 * D * EPE^{Supplier}$**

Size of raw material (Press) =  $2 * 1800 * 2,5 = 9000$  pc

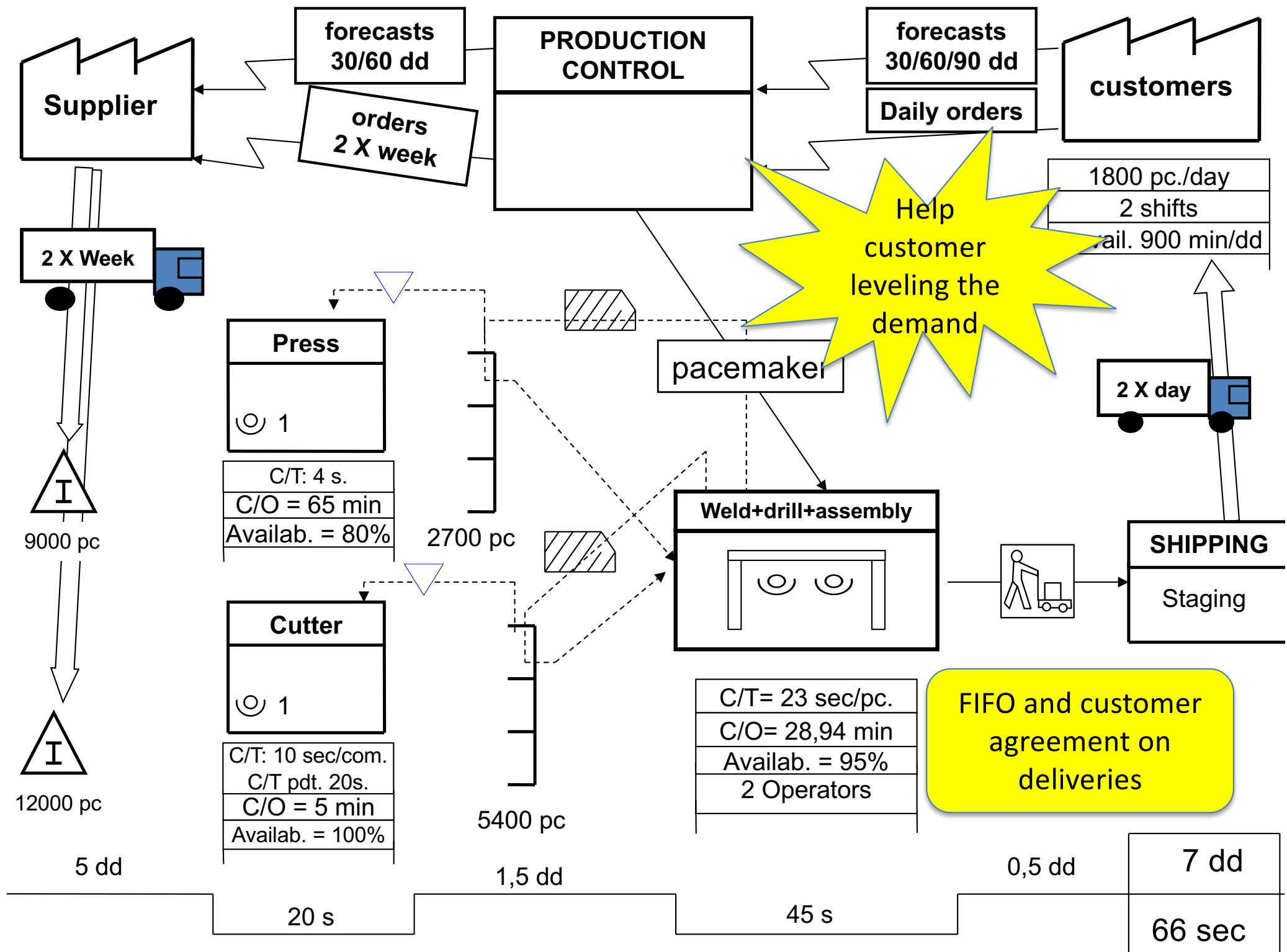
Size of raw material (Cutter) =  $2 * 1800 * 2,5 * 2 = 18000$  pc



## Exercise 2

### Results comparison

	Current State	Future State	Variation
NVA time	45,78 dd.	8,5 dd. (supermarket)	-77%
#operators	5	4	- 20%





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