Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification Course



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Lean Tools

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Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Identify Lean techniques that help in waste elimination
- Explain the benefits of cycle time reduction
- Differentiate between Kaizen and Kaizen Blitz



Do You Know



Now that we have identified the causes that impact us the most, we need to implement solutions or countermeasures. What are the types of solutions that can be implemented?

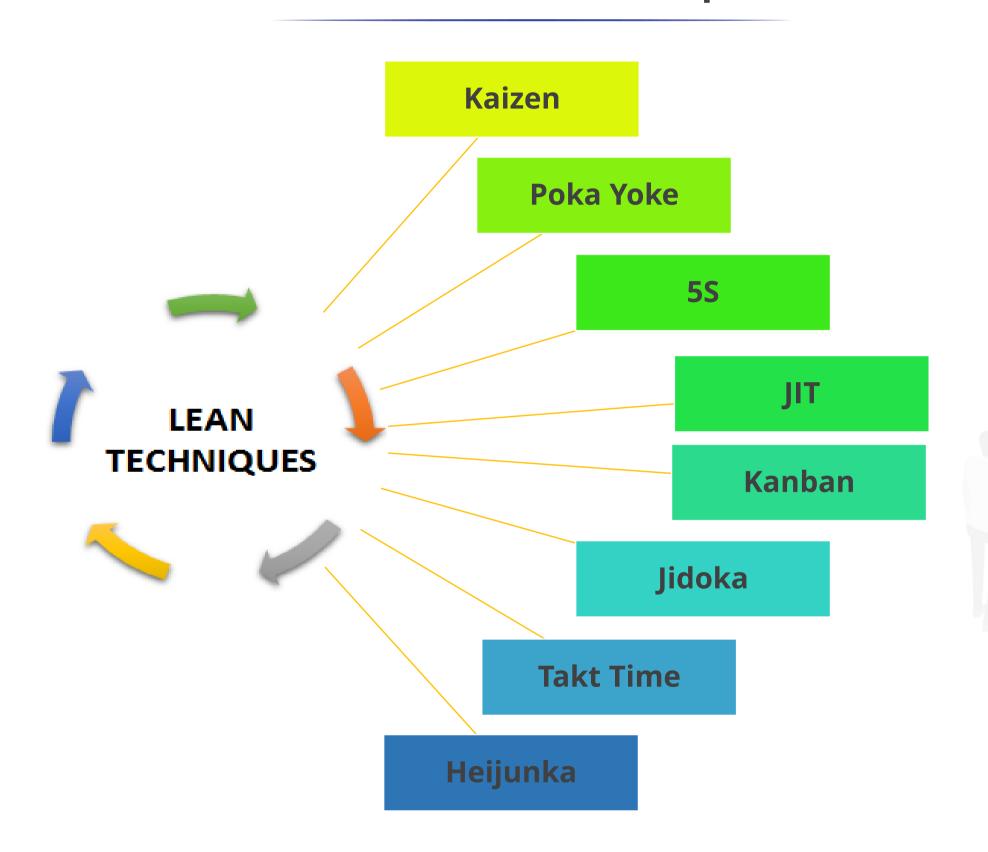


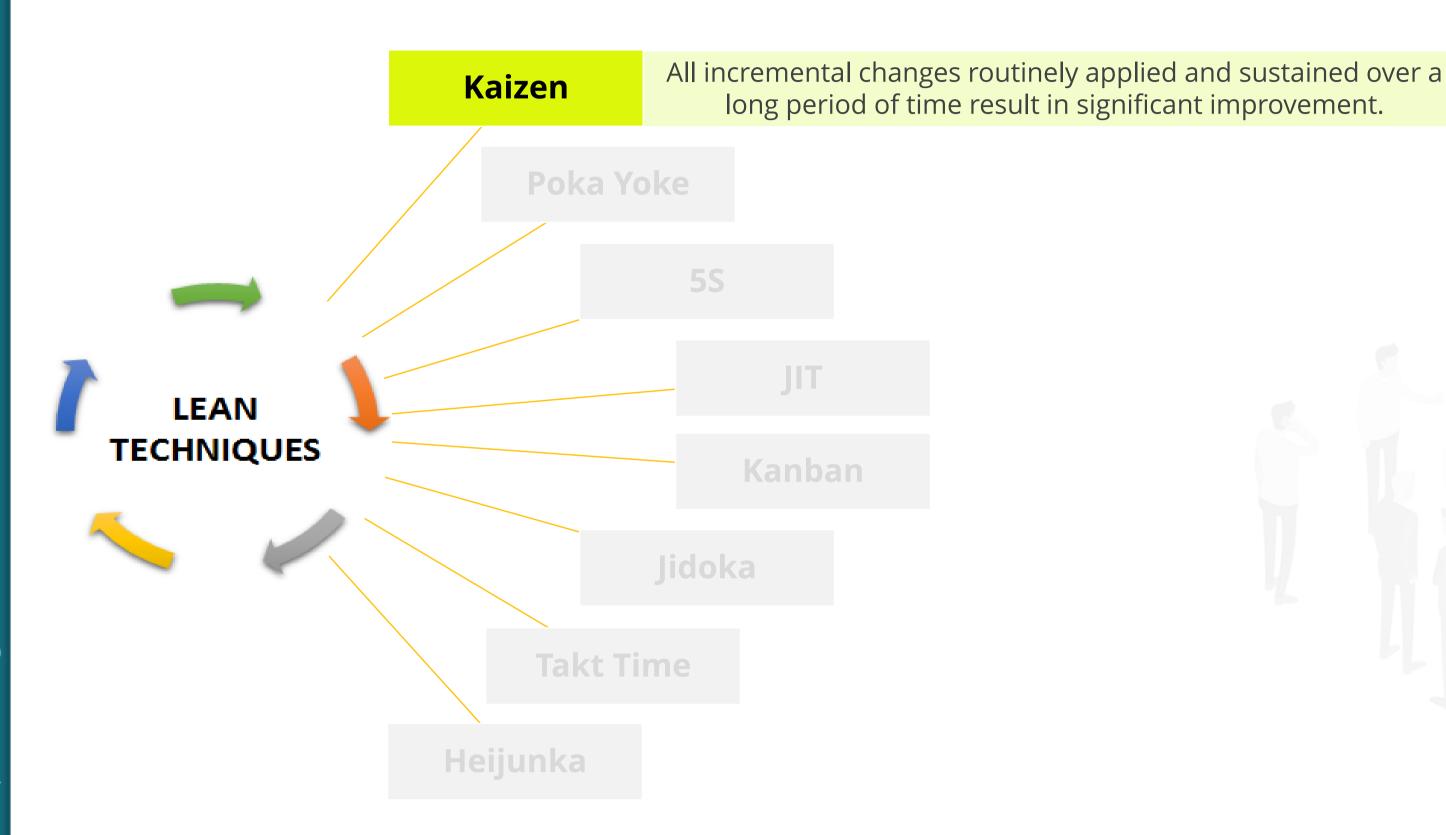
Lean tools can be implemented for solutions or countermeasures.

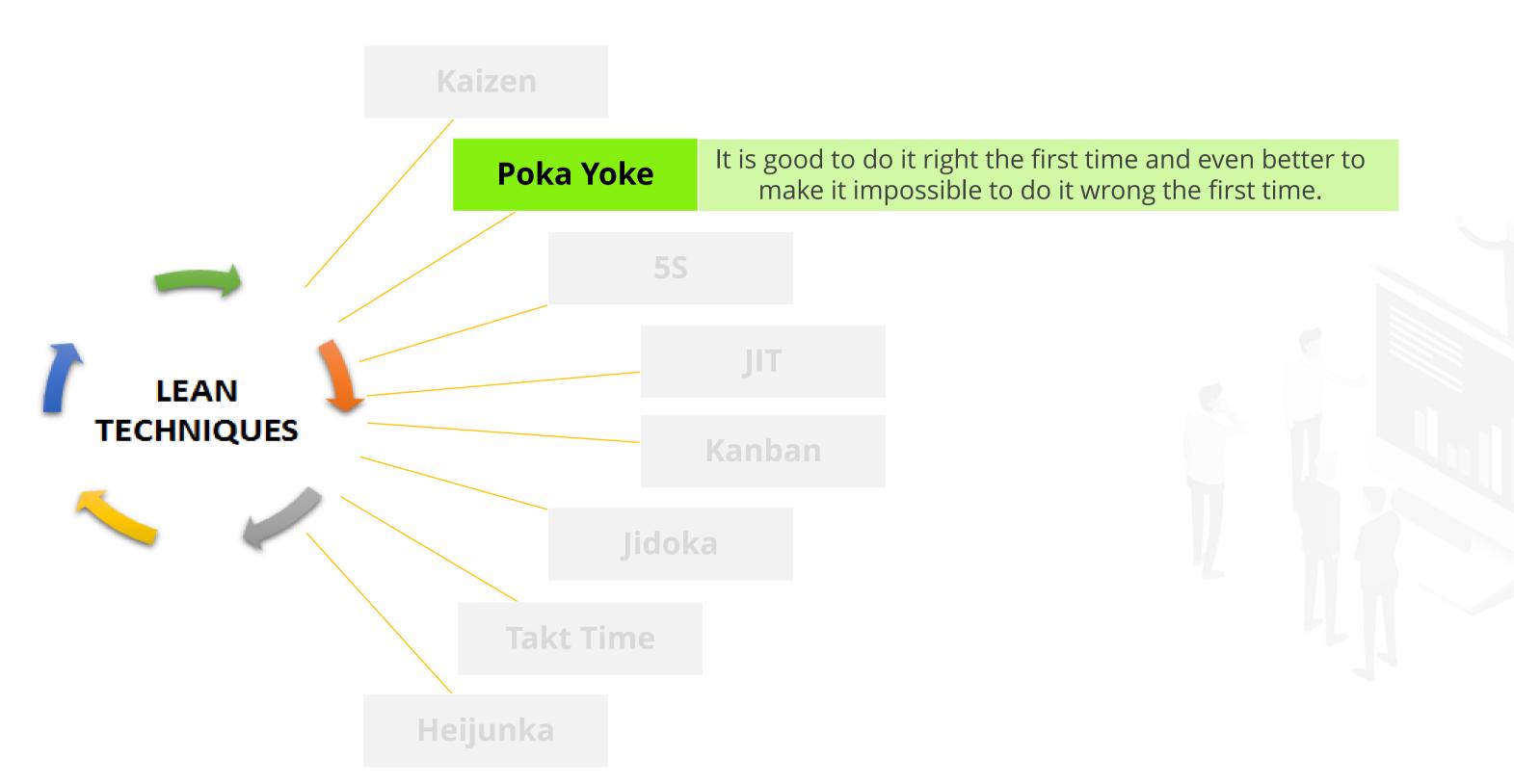


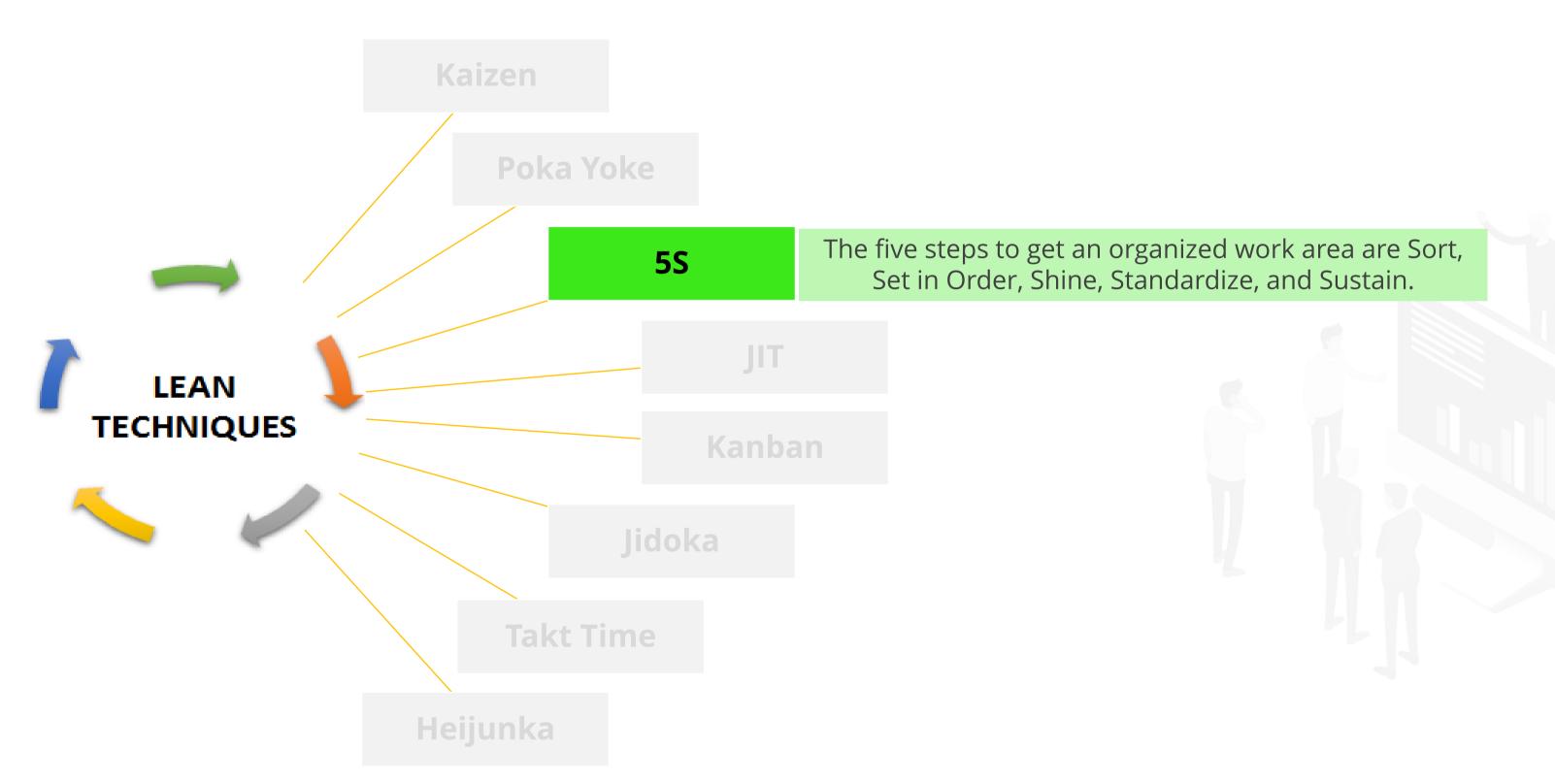
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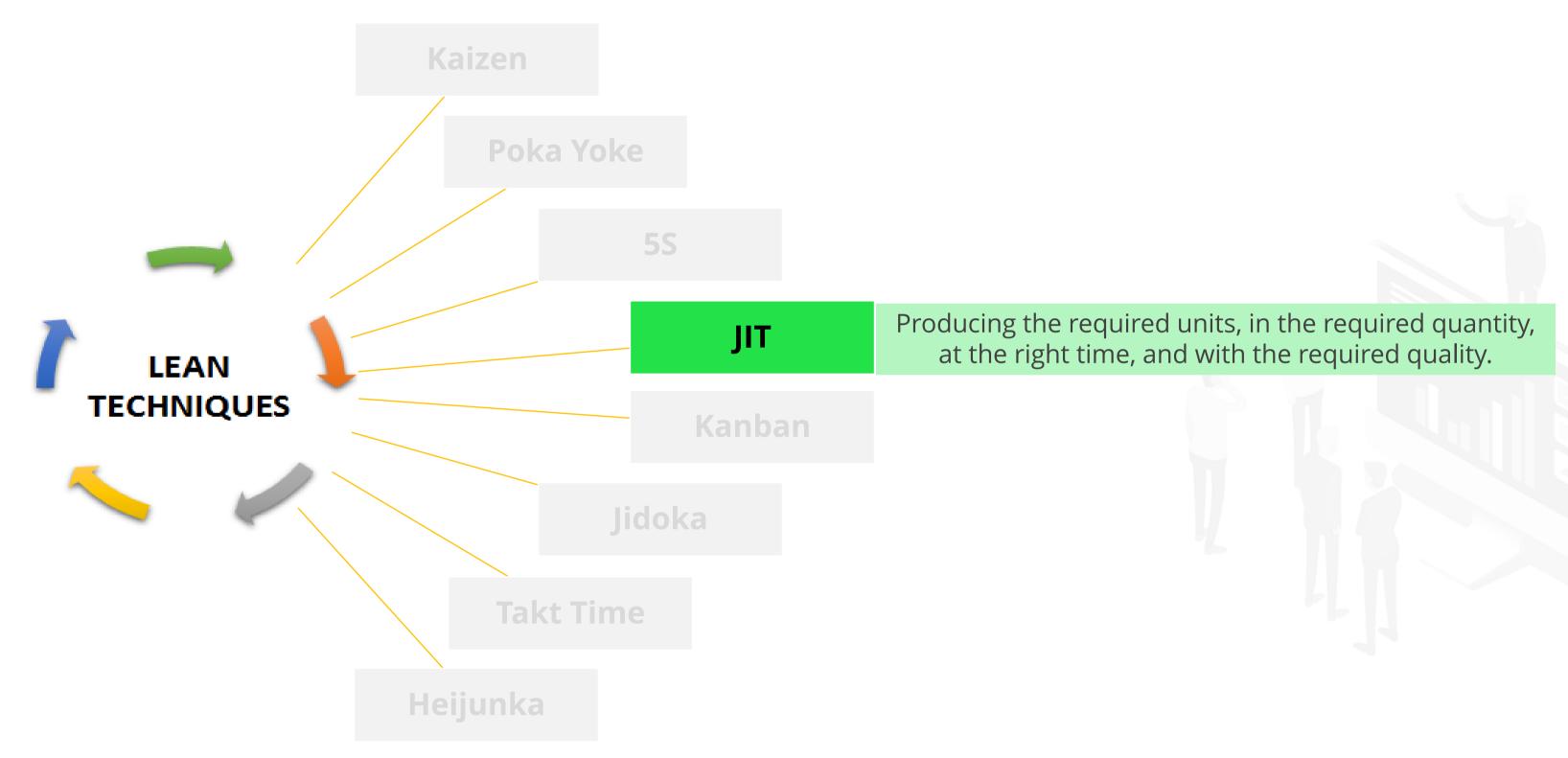
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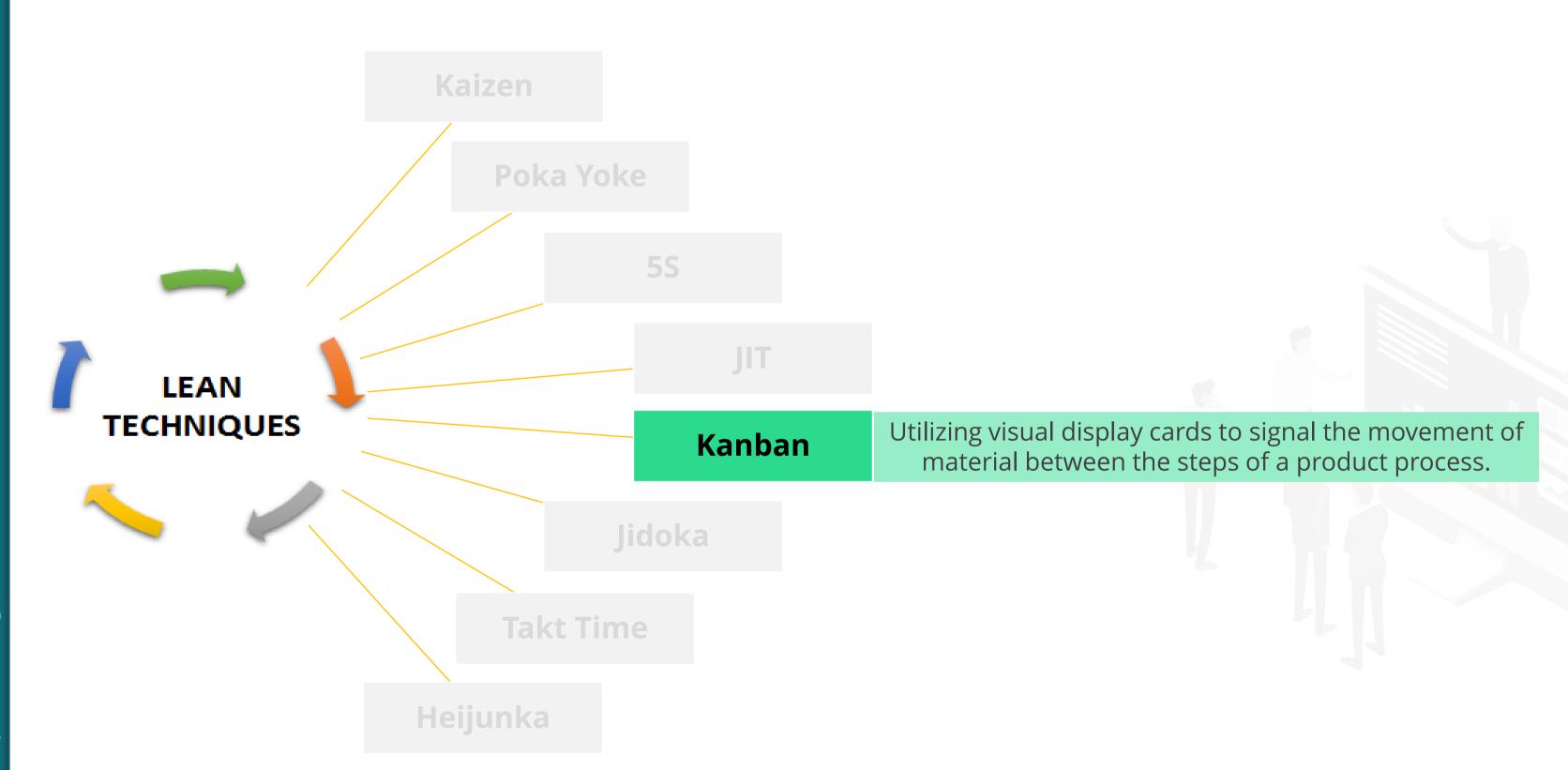


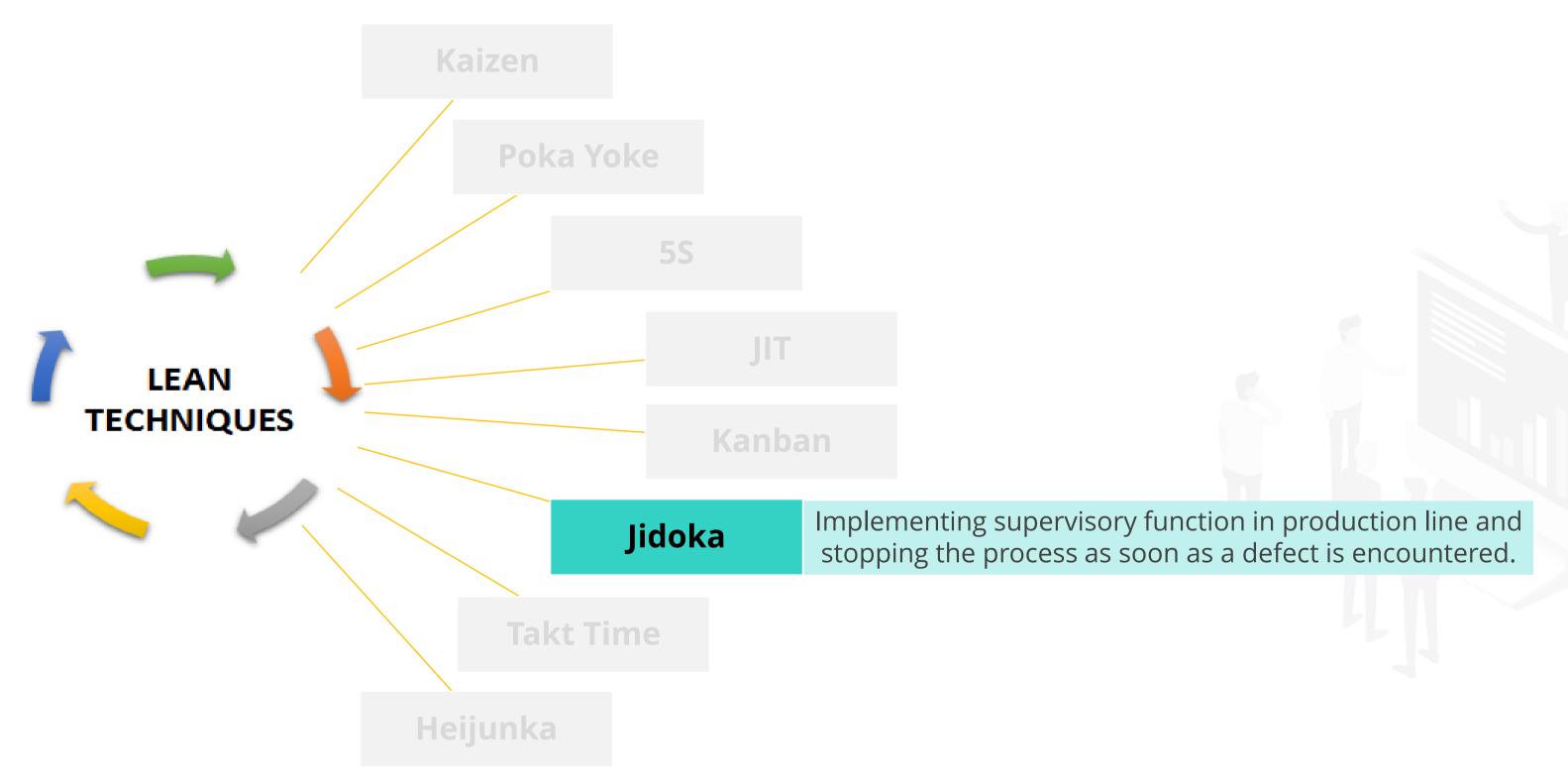


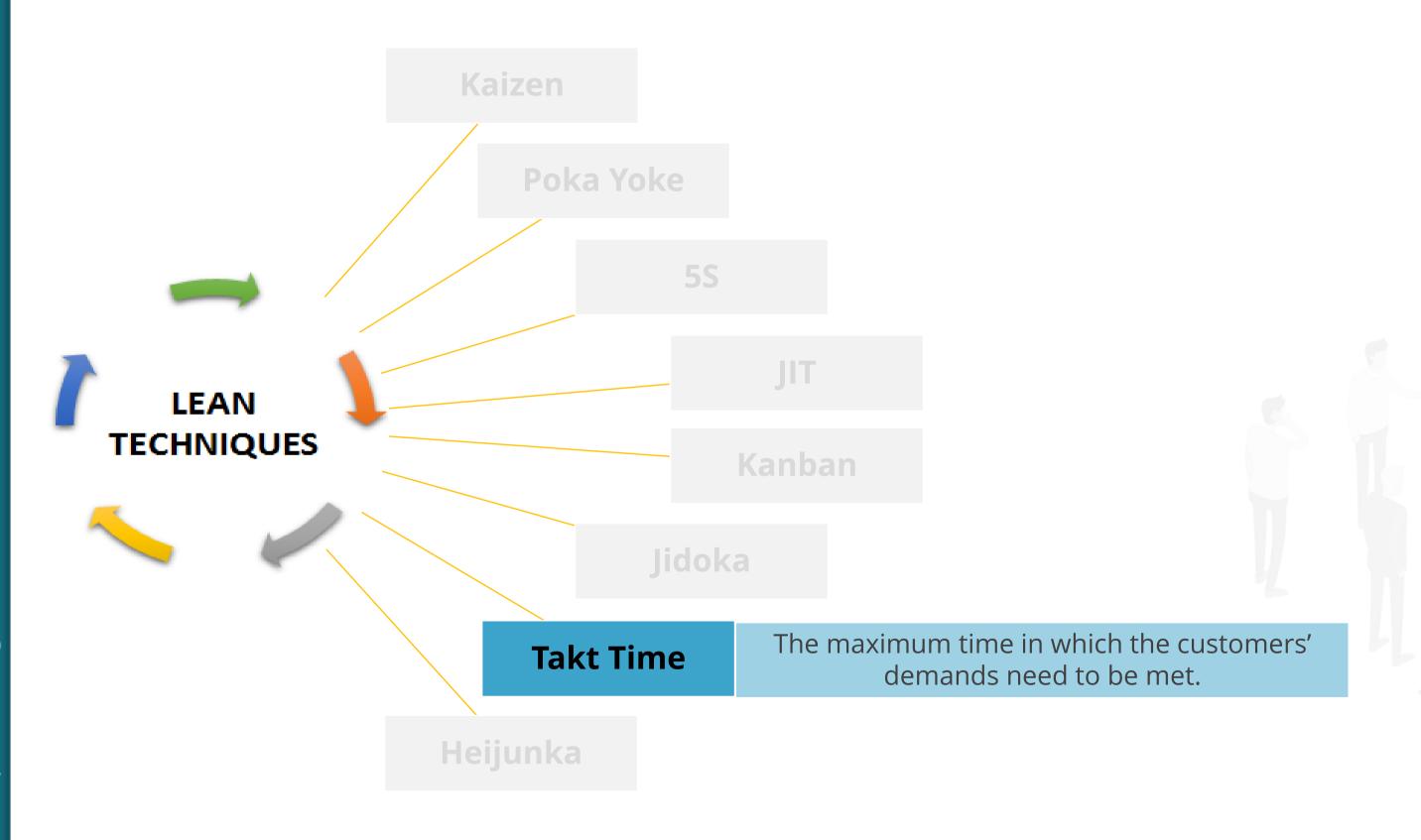


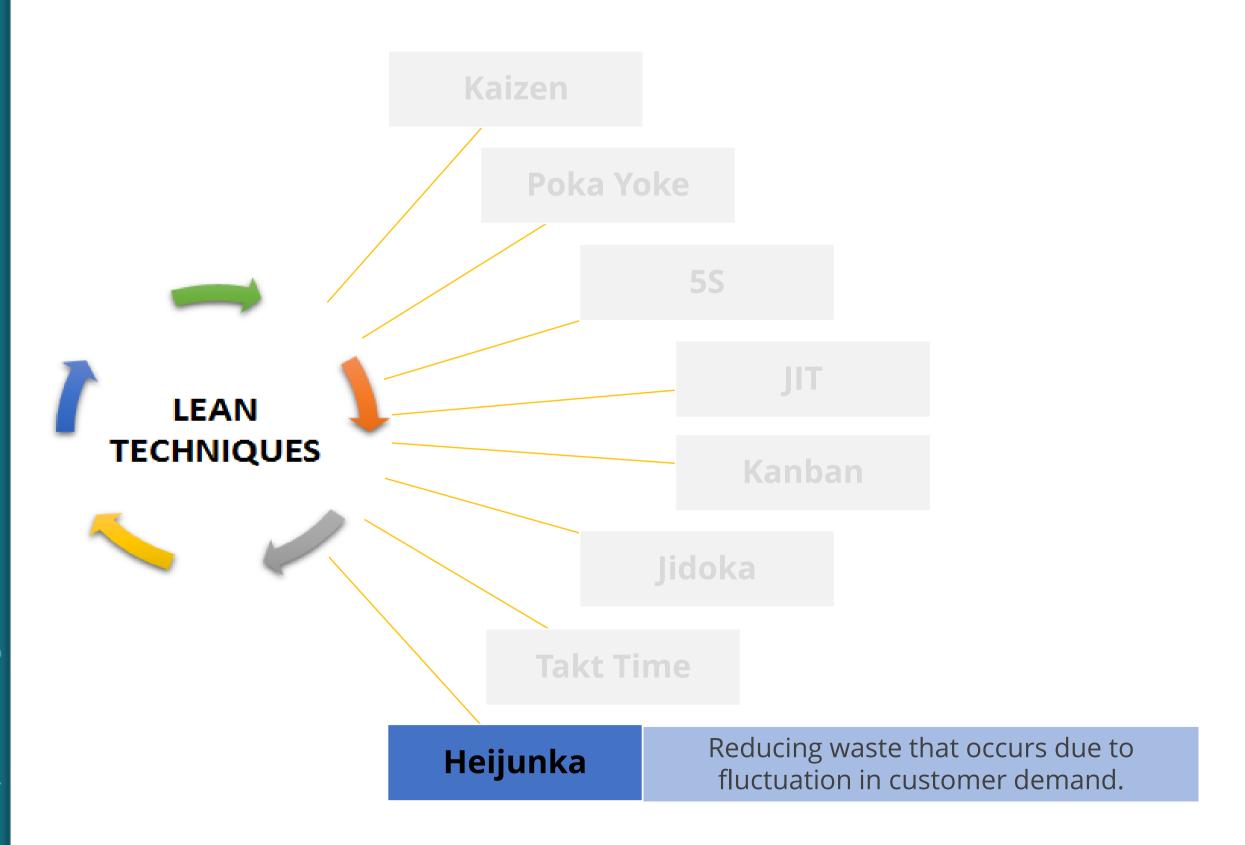














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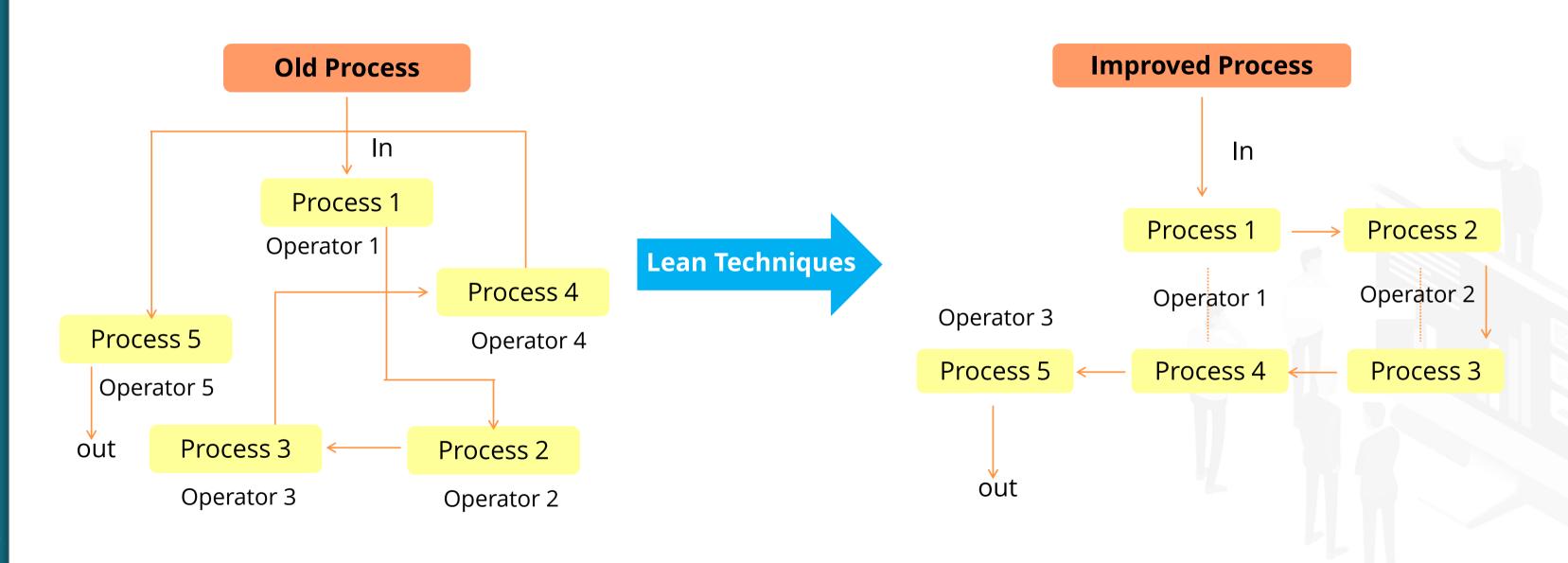
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Cycle time reduction is the reduction in the time taken to complete a process.



Cycle Time Reduction



Kaizen and Kaizen Blitz

Kaizen is a continuous improvement method to improve the functions of an organization.

The improvements could be in:

- Process
- Productivity
- Quality
- Technology
- Safety

Kaizen Blitz is known as Kaizen event or Kaizen workshop.

If the event is tightly defined and the scope is evident for implementation, processes can be easily changed and improved.

Teams improve processes through structured workshops.



Kaizen and Kaizen Blitz

Is a method

Brings in incremental change

Standardizes, measures, and compares the process

Is lead by the management and the team

Relatively delays the process of decision making

Is a continuous improvement process

Is a workshop or an event

Brings rapid solutions when required

Plans, executes the event, decides a solution, and follows it through

Is lead by the management

Accelerates the process of decision making

Is a part of improving the process



Kaizen and Kaizen Blitz

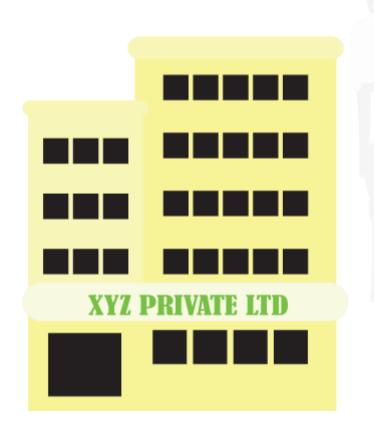
Kaizen

In Toyota, the production cycle is resumed after the problem is identified and solved.



Kaizen Blitz

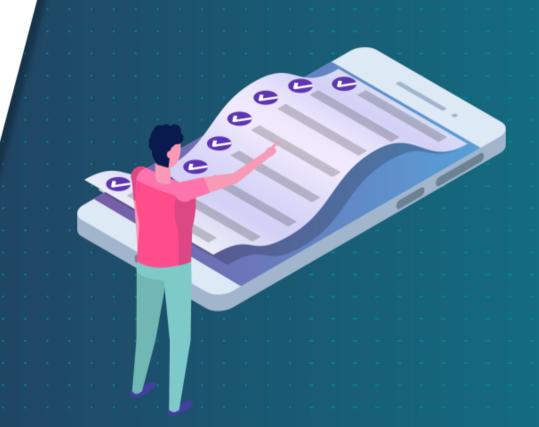
In Wood Infinity Private
Limited, scraps are eliminated,
work areas are reorganized,
and inventory is reduced.





Key Takeaways

- The 8 Lean techniques are Kaizen, Poka Yoke, 5S, JIT, Kanban, Jidoka, Takt time, and Heijunka.
- O Cycle time reduction refers to the reduction in the time taken to complete a process.
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Knowledge Check

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The correct answer is **B**

Heinjunka is a Lean technique that focuses on reducing waste caused by fluctuating customer demand.



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The correct answer is A

Kaizen and Kaizen events are different in many aspects but both focus on improving performance



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The correct answer is **D**

Poka Yoke is a Lean technique that focuses on preventing errors from occurring in a process.

